

Fund Data

Investment Policy

The investment objective is to achieve capital appreciation in the medium to long term by investing in a portfolio of Sharia observant equity and equity related securities, of companies engaged in activities related to gold, silver, platinum or other precious metals or minerals. The Fund will invest globally.

Fund Information

Bloomberg USD LC: DWPMSLU ID
USD IC: DWPMSIU ID
SGD LC: DWPMSLS ID

ISIN Code USD LC : IE00BMF77083
USD IC : IE00BMF77190
SGD LC : IE00BMF77208

Management Fee 1.5% p.a.
Initial Charge Up to 5%
Minimum Initial Investment USD 1,000
Fund Denomination USD
Dealing Currency USD / SGD
Subscription Type Cash
Total Fund Size USD 38.80 m
Morningstar Rating Overall -
(As at 29/11/2024)

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Performance

Fund Performance A (USD)



■ Fund

		Cumulative Return					Annualised Return			Calendar Years Return			
		1 m	YTD	1 y	3 y	5y	S. Launch	3y	5y	S. Launch	2023	2022	2021
LC (USD)	NAV to NAV*	-9.60	19.90	21.90	4.49	0.00	-14.36	1.47	0.00	-4.32	-1.61	-10.14	0.00
IC (USD)	NAV to NAV*	-9.55	21.01	24.47	7.57	0.00	-11.96	2.46	0.00	-3.57	-1.37	-8.75	0.00
LC (SGD)	NAV to NAV*	-7.94	20.76	23.27	3.81	0.00	-13.09	1.25	0.00	-3.92	-2.00	-10.71	0.00

* Performance is based on NAV to NAV (taking into account the front end load). Past performance is not indicative of future returns. Calculation of performance is based on the time-weighted return and excludes front-end fees. Individual costs such as fees, commissions and other charges have not been included in this presentation and would have an adverse impact on returns if they were included.

Portfolio Analysis

Breakdown by Country (in % of fundvolume)		Principal Holdings (in % of fundvolume)	
Canada	51.52	Franco-Nevada Corp.	9.31
United States	15.85	Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.	9.19
Australia	10.14	Newmont Corp.	8.46
South Africa	7.71	Barrick Gold Corp.	8.08
United Kingdom	7.36	Gold Fields Ltd.	4.64
Mexico	3.50	Royal Gold Inc.	4.29
Ghana	3.08	Northern Star Resources Ltd.	4.28
Jersey	2.14	B2Gold Corp.	4.16
Russia	0.00	Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.	4.01
Cash & Other Assets	-1.29	Endeavour Mining PLC	3.98
Total	100.00	Total	60.40

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Portfolio Analysis
Classification of Stocks by Commodity
 (in % of fundvolume)

Gold	90.41
Silver	7.81
Precious Metals & Minerals	3.07
Cash & Other Assets	-1.29
Total	100.00

Investment Ratio
 (in % of fundvolume)

Equities total	101.29
Cash & Other Assets	-1.29
Total	100.00

Portfolio Management's Commentary
Market Review

- During the month of November, Palladium, Silver, Platinum, and Gold each had negative returns of -12.21%, -6.24%, -4.49%, and -3.67%, respectively.
- Gold and precious metals equities, as measured by the S&P BMI Gold and Precious Metals Index (non-Sharia compliant), lost -7.04% during the period.
- Gold ETFs had net outflows of -0.86mm oz, or about -1.0% of total known gold ETFs.

Current Gold & Precious Metals Themes

Precious Metals declined in November, with Palladium falling the furthest, followed by Silver, Platinum, and Gold. During the month, hedge funds boosted their net bearish Palladium bets to a six-week high in part on higher Russian production. Silver remained in physical supply deficit during the month, but performance was negative as its price trades sensitive to the price of gold. The U.S. dollar strengthened and the recent U.S. rhetoric regarding tariffs for Canadian and Mexican imports raised concerns over the potential impact on inflation. The U.S. dollar (per the DXY Index) strengthened, rising 1.7%, to end the month at 105.7. Gold prices retraced down by -\$101 to \$2,643, falling -3.7%, suggesting the market is not as worried about U.S. credit risk stemming from fiscal deficits and diminishing central bank independence. Strong U.S. economic data may also lead to slower than expected rate cuts from the Fed. With low probability of new Chinese fiscal policy going into year-end, the market has turned its attention to the potential impact on the U.S. dollar exchange rate and U.S. treasury yields. Precious metal prices will likely remain range bound as market participants adjust to potential policy changes in the upcoming Trump administration. Despite weakness in Europe, car sales volume remained robust for both China and U.S. markets, which provided fundamental support for PGM demand.

Physical demand moderated for gold; since the end of October, ETF holdings of gold have declined by over 400,000 oz. Year to date central bank purchases have fallen to 500 tons vs. 700 tons in 2022 and 2023. The big difference has been the PBOC stopping their purchases since May of this year. Total purchases from central banks remain supportive for the gold price floor. Same period purchase for 2021 was 50 tons vs 700 and 500 tons since then. Global gold trading volumes rose for the past three months in a row, averaging US\$290bn in November, based on higher ETF activities, while over-the-counter gold trading saw a fall of 8% for the month. Near-term, the perception of the new U.S. administration favoring cryptocurrencies could favor them over gold. However, longer-term this is expected to be a marginal consideration and not a full replacement for physical gold.

In central bank activity, the U.S. Federal Reserve's FOMC cut its target rate by 25bps to 4.75% to ease monetary conditions in support of a softening labor market while inflation remained subdued. The Bank of England also cut by 25bps, to ease monetary conditions, in their last meeting on November 7th.

With the U.S. presidential election behind us, markets began to focus on potential policy impacts, political turmoil in Europe, and continued regional conflicts, which have the potential to spread. Policy implications can affect growth dynamics, interest rates, and currency strength, all of which filter through corporate balance sheets and cash statements. Corporate profit growth, and cash flow discount rates (derived risk-free rates and risk spreads), impact stock prices and market valuations.

What does the future hold for gold?

Gold has had a strong run since finding a floor last October, buoyed by central bank buying, path Fed rate cuts, and a de-dollarization wave. We expect central bank gold buying to continue at higher prices, albeit at a slower pace. Retail purchases of gold have also been strong in the Asia Pacific region, both for jewelry purposes and as a store of wealth, especially with declining property values in China. The U.S. dollar has strengthened year-to-date, taking short breathers in May and July as investors considered a second potential cut by the Fed this year. We expect the future direction of the price of gold to be tied to the pace of the Fed easing along with the corresponding movement in the U.S. dollar. A weaker dollar, often a consequence of easing monetary policy, historically acts as a tailwind for gold, boosting its haven appeal and attracting capital away from the greenback. This dollar depreciation, coupled with anticipated Fed cuts later in the year, could propel gold prices to sustained levels above \$2,600, with silver also likely to benefit from its industrial applications.

Gold continues to be an attractive safe-haven and should see support due to geopolitical risks in Ukraine and the Middle East. We still see interest from central banks to hold gold as an alternative currency reserve, which should limit the downside for gold. Medium-term fundamentals for Silver remain constructive, with expected deficits in 2024 and 2025. While we remain bullish on both gold and silver, strong U.S. economic data and potential increase in U.S. budget deficit may limit upside potential for gold.

The PGMs remain tight in the physical markets. We also expect to see some production curtailments due to low metal basket prices. Electric vehicle (EV) adoption has slowed globally, while PGM-using plug-in hybrids and extended-range vehicles have gained traction. We also see incentives for EVs being removed (or new tariffs added), which should lead to greater production of internal combustion engine vehicles or hybrid models, which has led to automakers slowly beginning to review their approach and return to the Palladium forward markets.

Consolidation Fever: Why M&A Could Be Mid-Cap Gold

Despite historical concerns about high debt levels among gold miners, many now have improved balance sheets and exceptionally strong margins thanks to soaring metal prices. However, many haven't invested adequately in finding new gold deposits, potentially jeopardizing future production growth. This opens the door for potential consolidation. With valuations, particularly in mid- and small-cap equities, still lagging their larger counterparts, the stage is set for potential mergers and acquisitions, and we are already seeing the announcement of some deals. Larger miners, flush with cash and facing limited organic growth opportunities, may look to acquire exploration-focused mid-cap companies or consolidate existing assets, propelling a wave of deals across the sector. This presents savvy investors with the chance to unlock significant value, especially in undervalued mid-cap equities poised to be absorbed by bigger players. In a gold market poised for both growth and consolidation, we meticulously select established producers who, unlike many peers, have already invested in securing future production. They now enjoy falling capital expenditures as cash flow and production steadily climb, all while demonstrating exemplary cost control and consistent target-beating. These companies, boasting ample reserves and long mine lives, are prime targets in the predicted mid-cap M&A wave. As larger players seek established growth, these producers stand to be acquired at a premium, unlocking significant value for our investors. While the market might bask in the general upward trend, our focus on proven winners, operational efficiency, and future-proofed reserves positions us to deliver alpha as the gold story unfolds.

The outlook for gold miners has risen alongside gold spot price over the past year. While share prices have risen, they haven't maintained pace with gold price. Gold miners faced pressure from rapid cost expansion in the past 2 years, keeping margins subdued and valuations low. Cost inflation, however, has stabilized while gross margins and free cash flow yields have risen on account of rising gold and silver prices. Current spot prices imply high upside for gold miners at today's valuations, creating a very favorable outlook for the sector. The gold mining sector is still lacking in names that can boast a strong growth profile past the one- to two-year time horizon. A lack of recent investment in growth and discovery may cause companies to face shrinking production as large miners continue to seek growth through M&A of smaller names instead of discovery.

Fund Performance and Contributors

- During the month of November, the fund lost -9.07% in USD.
- The top 3 individual contributors to the fund were OceanaGold Corporation, Coeur Mining, Inc., and Royal Gold, Inc.
- The top 3 detractors were Franco-Nevada Corporation, Barrick Gold Corporation, and Gold Fields Limited.

Past performance is not indicative of future returns. Forecasts are based on assumptions, estimates, views and hypothetical models or analyses, which might prove inaccurate or incorrect.

Key Risks

The value of the Sub-Fund and the income from the Shares may rise or fall. You should consider the risks of investing in the Sub-Fund, including risks associated with equity markets, exchange rates, rates of return, credit and volatility, or political risks, and other risks. You may lose some or all of your investment.

Market and Credit Risks

- **You are exposed to the risks of investing in global markets.**
 - The Sub-Fund is subject to market risks. Some of the exchanges on which the Sub-Fund invests may be illiquid or highly volatile. The Sub-Fund may have exposure to securities of small capitalisation companies. Where securities are listed or traded on exchanges on a global basis, there may be discrepancies between the trading frequencies of different markets. A decline in the performance of an individual issuer cannot be entirely eliminated.
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 - The value of your Shares may fluctuate more strongly on a day-to-day basis compared to funds investing in fixed income securities.

Liquidity Risks

- **The Sub-Fund is not listed and you can redeem only on Dealing Days.**
 - There is no secondary market for the Sub-Fund. All redemption requests should be made to the Singapore authorised distributors.
 - Unlisted securities may involve a high degree of business and financial risks, and tend to be less liquid.

Product-Specific Risks

- **You are exposed to volatility risks.**
 - The Sub-Fund is subject to markedly increased volatility and the share prices may be subject to substantial fluctuation, even within short periods of time.
- **You are exposed to risks of investing in the precious metals sector.**
 - The Sub-Fund does not hold physical gold or other commodities. Gold mining and precious metal-related shares tend to be volatile and are particularly suitable for diversification in a larger portfolio. There are special risks inherent in concentration of investments on particular sectors. In a particularly concentrated portfolio, if a particular investment declines or is otherwise adversely affected, it may have a more pronounced effect.
 - This industry could be affected by sharp price volatility caused by global economic, financial, and political factors. Resources availability, government regulation and economic cycles could also adversely affect the industries.
- **You are exposed to currency risks.**
 - The Sub-Fund is denominated in USD but may have non-USD investments and will be subject to exchange rate risks, and currencies and exchange control regulations. For share classes not denominated in USD, you will be subject to the exchange risks between the USD and the currency of those share classes.
 - The Main Investment Manager and Investment Manager does not intend to hedge the foreign currency exposure.
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 - The Sub-Fund may perform less well than other funds with comparable investment objectives that do not seek to adhere to Islamic investment criteria. This may include disadvantageous divestments at the instruction of the advising Sharia scholar.
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- **You are exposed to other risks.**
 - Actions of institutional investors substantially invested in the Sub-Fund may adversely affect the return of other investors.
 - The Sub-Fund may enter into transactions with counterparties and engage the services of brokers. There is a risk of default by such counterparties and/or brokers (due to financial or other reasons) which may result in financial loss to the Sub-Fund or the impairment of the Sub-Fund's operational capabilities.
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