

# Investor Report

31 October 2023

## **CQS Natural Resources Growth and Income Fund**

## Key Fund Facts<sup>1</sup>

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Fund Managers	lan 'Franco' Francis Keith Watson Robert Crayfourd
Launch Date	August 2003
Total Gross Assets	£148.14m
Reference Currency	GBP
Ordinary Shares	Net Asset Value: 200.54p Mid-Market Price: 166.50p
Dividend Yield (estimated)	3.4%
Net gearing <sup>4</sup>	10.3%
Discount	(16.98%)
Ordinary Shares in Issu	e 66,888,509
Annual Management Fee	1.2% on adjusted net assets
Bloomberg	CYN LN
Reuters	CYN.L
Sedol	0035392
Year End	30 June
Contact Information	contactncim@cqsm.com
Company Broker	FinnCap
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AGM	December
Dividend Information 2023/24	1.26p interim payable 27 November 2023
Fiscal Year-End	30 June
Previous Dividend Information	2012/13 Total 5.50p 2013/14 Total 5.60p 2014/15 Total 5.60p 2015/16 Total 5.60p 2016/17 Total 5.60p 2017/18 Total 5.60p 2018/19 Total 5.60p 2019/20 Total 5.60p 2020/21 Total 5.60p 2021/22 Total 5.60p 2021/22 Total 5.60p
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## **Portfolio Managers**

Ian Francis, Keith Watson and Robert Crayfourd

#### **Fund Description**

The Fund aims to generate capital growth and income, predominantly from a portfolio of mining and resource equities, and from mining, resource and industrial fixed interest securities.

## **Key Advantages for the Investor**

- Access to under-researched, mid and smaller-cap companies in the Natural Resources sector
- Quarterly dividend paid to shareholders
- Potential inflation hedge

## Ordinary Share and NAV Performance<sup>2</sup>

	1 Month (%)	3 Months (%)	6 Months (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)	5 Year (%)	Since Inception (%)
NAV	-4.2	-4.6	1.6	-9.4	104.6	111.7	596.3
Share Price	-6.3	-5.8	-2.9	-14.8	109.0	113.1	541.1

## Commentary<sup>3</sup>

## Market

The Fund NAV declined 4.2% in October, versus respective declines of 2.6% and 2.9% for the MSCI World Energy and MSCI World Mining in sterling terms.

We continue to monitor the tragic events in Israel and Gaza closely. Middle Eastern tensions have wider implications for commodities, especially if Iran are drawn into the conflict either directly or through one of their proxies like Hezbollah in Lebanon. Sanctions on Iranian crude or any threats to crude exports through the Straits of Hormuz would lift oil prices.

Commodities were generally weaker over the month with base metals, oil and gas lower. Oil is showing little "war premium" at this stage, as broader demand concerns weigh and higher rates begin to show slowing effects on the global economy.

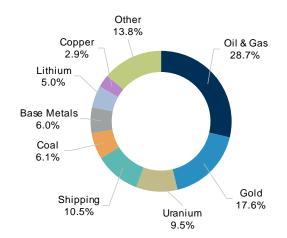
Gold was stronger, up 7.3% over the month, trading close to all-time highs and at the highest level in most currencies other than the US dollar. Part of this was due to the Middle Eastern tensions, with physical ETF's switching from sellers to buyers in the middle of the month. The main demand driver remains central banks, with the World Gold Council reporting further strong additions through the third quarter, with 337 tonnes added. The WGC also revised up their estimates for old purchases in the second quarter of the year from 103 tonnes to 175 tonnes.

The Fund saw gains from oil and gas shippers BWLPG and Frontline, as well as Australian gold producers Ora Banda and Calidus Resources. Oil and gas drillers Transocean and Precision Drilling were detractors as the oil price pulled back.

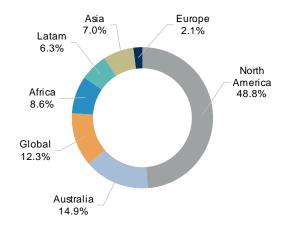


## Portfolio Analysis<sup>1</sup>

#### Sector



## Region



## Top 20 Holdings (% of MV) 1,7

Name	(% of MV)
Nexgen Energy NPV	6.6
BW LPG USD0.01	6.5
Transocean USD0.01	4.8
Precision Drilling Com NPV	4.6
Emerald Resources NPV	4.4
Diamondback Energy USD0.01	4.2
Vermilion Energy COM NPV	3.7
Frontline USD1.0000	3.1
EOG Resources USD0.01	3.0
Diversified Energy Gbp0.01	3.0
Top 10 Holdings Represent	43.9

Name	(% of MV)
REA HIdgs 9% CUM PREF GBP	2.5
LEO Lithium NPV	2.4
Foran Mining Corp NPV	2.3
West African Resources NPV	2.1
Thungela Resources NPV	2.0
Lynas Rare Earths NPV	1.9
Peabody Energy Corp NPV	1.7
Talon Metals Corp NPV	1.5
UR Energy NPV	1.5
Karora Resources NPV	1.5
Top 20 Holdings Represent	63.3

## AIFMD Leverage Limit Report (% of NAV)

	Gross Leverage (%) <sup>5</sup>	Commitment Leverage (%) <sup>6</sup>
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