

Montreux Natural Resources Fund February 2021 Update

Dear Investor,

As you are aware, the Montreux Natural Resources Fund (“the Fund”) continues to be suspended. The Investment Manager (“the Investment Manager”) wishes to provide an update in order to assure investors that they will be paid out on the current indicative NAV. The previous target date for pay-out and liquidation of the Fund was the end of Q2 2021, however this is now most likely to occur by end of Q4 2021.

In order to achieve this target both projects need to continue to be funded and achieve production. Once the projects achieve production it should be possible to refinance either/both of the projects such that investors can be paid out and the Fund closed.

An update on the two projects is as follows:

Tanzania

When the Fund originally invested in the Tanzanian project it did so by purchasing 50% of the shares in a Cayman holding company, GMM Limited (“GMM”), and advanced an additional \$4.3m from 2016 to 2017, to GMM to continue financing the project.

Due to the Fund being unable to raise additional subscriptions, it disposed of its interests in GMM and the Tanzania gold project to Aurum (Holdings) IOM Ltd (“Aurum”), a company related to the Investment Manager. The amount paid by Aurum represented the market value of the shares at the time plus a premium of \$12.4m recognising that investors had carried the initial risk involved in the project.

During the interim period the project has continued to require funding to achieve production and to date an amount in excess of \$12m has been committed to the project and additional funding will be committed as necessary.

It is anticipated that commercial production will be achieved in Q2 2021 which will allow the potential refinancing of the project which will raise funds to pay off investors.

Based on current projections, the Investment Manager remains confident that Twin Oaks will be in a position to repay the full amount of \$6m due to the Fund by the end of Q4 2021.

This would see the Fund receive a total of \$18m from the project during 2021, which should allow the Fund to commence making distributions to investors.

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Guinea

As previously advised, the Fund disposed of its loan to GMM of \$4,657,000 plus interest of \$1,164,250 for a final balance of \$5,821,250. The Loan Purchase Agreement required an immediate payment of 10% immediately with remaining 90% by the end of February 2021. Due to delays in production it is unlikely that this date will be achieved and therefore the maturity date will be required to be extended to Q4 2021.

Following the completion of the above transaction the Fund's exposure to the Guinea project has been reduced to a loan of \$3.8m to GMM that falls due in 2021, which the Directors will continue to monitor and will seek early repayment if possible.

It is also possible that sufficient funding can be raised through the refinance of the Tanzanian project to pay off the debt associated with this project.

Conclusion

While the directors are disappointed in the delays in refinancing the projects they are of the view that the above actions should allow them to achieve a full realisation of all assets at current carrying values, repayment of all investors and liquidation of the Fund by the end of Q4 2021.

The primary targets are to achieve commercial production which would allow the projects to obtain external funding which in turn will allow existing loans to be repaid and investors paid out.

Ultimately the actions of the Directors have been to seek to reduce the market exposure of the Fund to the underlying projects and replacing it with pure credit exposure. This quantifies the assets available to investors with a higher level of certainty of recovery.

Assuming the Investment Manager can achieve its ambitions in both projects, the amount to be recovered by the Fund would be in the region of \$25m-\$27m, which will ensure that investors are paid out based on **indicative NAVs***, as at **31 December 2020**, of:

Class A USD	159.5872
Class G Euro	43.5110
Class G GBP	58.7079
Class G USD	67.4359

**Please note that the indicative NAVs are, for the avoidance of any doubt, indicative only and therefore non-binding on either the Fund or the Investment Manager.*

From an investor perspective, the priority of the Directors remains to protect the value of assets attributable to investors and to ensure the Fund remains in a liquid position while the Investment Manager works towards realising the value of these assets. As a result, the Directors have deemed that distributions are not appropriate at the moment, as this would impact the ongoing liquidity of the Fund.

It is also the intention of the Directors to continue to have the Fund audited to ensure investors can take comfort from an independent assessment of the assets of the Fund. The audited accounts for the year end 31 March 2020 should be approved and distributed shortly.

The Directors are committed to keeping investors apprised of the ongoing position and endeavour to commence distributions as soon as is practicable.

On behalf of the Board

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