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Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2014

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#### MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION



#### **Directors**

Graham J Tuckwell – Chairman Graeme D Ross Mark K Weeks Joseph L Roxburgh

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## **Commodity Contract Counterparty**

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**



The directors of ETFS Commodity Securities Limited ("CSL" or the "Company") submit herewith the annual report and financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2014.

#### **Directors**

The names and particulars of the directors of the Company during and since the end of the financial year are:

Graham J Tuckwell - Chairman Graeme D Ross Joseph L Roxburgh Mark K Weeks

#### **Directors' Interests**

The following table sets out the only director's interests in Ordinary Shares as at the date of this report:

#### **Director**

**Ordinary Shares of Nil Par Value** 

Graham J Tuckwell
(as ultimate controlling party of ETF Securities Limited ("ETFSL"), the ultimate parent company)

#### **Principal Activities**

The Company's principal activity is the issue and listing of commodity securities ("Commodity Securities"). The Company's portfolio of Commodity Securities includes Classic, Longer Dated, Short and Leveraged Commodity Securities. The Company earns a Management Fee and a Licence Allowance based upon the number of Commodity Securities in issue. These fees are expressed as an annual percentage, calculated on a daily basis and reflected in the Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the Securities on a daily basis, and paid monthly in arrears.

Commodity Securities are financial instruments designed to track the price of commodity futures, and give investors an exposure similar to that which could be achieved by managing a fully cash-collateralised position in near-term futures contracts. However, unlike managing a futures position, Commodity Securities involve no need to roll from one futures contract to another, no margin calls, and no other brokerage or other costs in holding or rolling futures contracts (although Security Holders incur costs in holding Commodity Securities). No trading or management of futures contracts is required by the Company.

Commodity Securities are backed by commodity contracts ("Commodity Contracts") with terms corresponding to the terms of Commodity Securities. Each time Commodity Securities are issued or redeemed, matching Commodity Contracts between the Company and a Commodity Contract counterparty are created or cancelled by the Company. The Company has entered into two Facility Agreements, one with UBS Securities AG, London Branch ("UBS"), and one with Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc ("Merrill Lynch"), its Commodity Contract counterparties, enabling the Company to create and cancel Commodity Contracts on an ongoing basis.

The Company has entered into a service agreement with ETFS Management Company (Jersey) Limited ("ManJer"), whereby ManJer is responsible for supplying or procuring the supply of all management and administration services required by the Company, (including marketing) as well as the payment of costs relating to the listing and issuance of Securities. In return for these services, the Company pays ManJer an amount equal to the Management Fee, Licence Allowance and the Creation and Redemption Fees earned. As a result, amounts in respect of the Management Fee and Creation and Redemption Fees are transferred directly to ManJer and there are no cash flows through the Company.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**



#### **Review of Operations**

The most recent rollover prospectus' were issued on 24 June 2014. During the year, the Company had the following number of classes, in aggregate, of Commodity Securities in issue and admitted to trading on the following exchanges:

Security	London Stock Exchange	Borsa Italiana	Deutsche Börse	NYSE- Euronext Paris	Tokyo Stock Exchange
Classic & Longer Dated Commodity Securities	55	37	42	9	14
Short & Leveraged Commodity Securities	68	67	56	4	-
Total Commodity Securities	123	104	98	13	14

As at 31 December 2014, the fair value of assets under management amounted to USD 3,244.9 million (2013: USD 3,389.7 million). The Company recognises its financial assets (Commodity Contracts) and financial liabilities (Commodity Securities) at fair value in the Statement of Financial Position.

During the year, the Company generated income from Creation and Redemption Fees, Management Fees and Licence Allowance as follows:

	2014	2013
	USD	USD
Creation and Redemption Fees	423,835	373,092
Management Fees and Licence Allowance	23,625,618	26,683,394
Total Fee Income	24,049,453	27,056,486

Under the terms of the service agreement with ManJer, the Company accrued expenses equal to the Management Fee and Licence Allowance and Creation and Redemptions Fees, which, after taking into account other operating income and expenses, resulted in an operating result for the year of USD Nil (2013: USD Nil).

The gain or loss on Commodity Securities and Commodity Contracts is recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income in line with the Company's accounting policy.

The Company has entered into contractual obligations to trade Commodity Securities at set prices on each trading day. These prices are based on an agreed formula published in the prospectus, and are equal to the published net asset value ("NAV") of each class of Commodity Security.

IFRS 13 requires the Company to utilise the available market price for the Commodity Securities as quoted on the open market. As a result of the difference in valuation methodology between Commodity Contracts and Commodity Securities there is a mis-match between accounting values, and the results of the Company reflect a gain or loss on the difference between the agreed formula price of the Commodity Contracts and the market price of Commodity Securities. This gain or loss would be reversed on a subsequent redemption of the Commodity Securities and cancellation of the corresponding Commodity Contracts. This is presented in more details in note 8 to these financial statements.

## **Going Concern**

The nature of the Company's business dictates that the outstanding Commodity Securities may be redeemed at any time by the holder and in certain circumstances may be compulsorily redeemed by the Company. As the redemption of Commodity Securities will always coincide with the redemption of an equal amount of Commodity Contracts, no liquidity risk is considered to arise. All other liabilities of the Company are met by ManJer; therefore the directors consider the Company to be a going concern.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**



#### **Future Developments**

The board of directors (the "board") are not aware of any developments that might have a significant effect on the operations of the Company in subsequent financial periods not already disclosed in this report or the attached financial statements.

#### **Risk Management**

Each Commodity Security is a debt instrument whose redemption price is linked directly to the performance of the underlying commodity index. The Commodity Securities are issued under limited recourse arrangements whereby the holders have recourse only to the value of the Commodity Contracts and not to the Company. In addition, since any such price movements are wholly attributable to the Commodity Security holders, the Company has no residual exposure to price movements of the Commodity Contracts. From a commercial perspective the gains or losses on the liability represented by the Commodity Securities are matched economically by corresponding losses or gains attributable to the Commodity Contracts (see detail above regarding the accounting mis-match). The Company does not retain any net gains or losses or net risk exposures. Further details surrounding the value of Commodity Securities and the Commodity Contracts are disclosed in note 12.

Movements in the price of the underlying commodity, and thus the value of the Commodity Securities, may vary widely which could have an impact on the demand for the Commodity Securities issued by the Company. These movements are shown in notes 7 and 8.

The Company's exposure to risk is discussed in note 12 to the financial statements.

#### **Dividends**

There were no dividends declared or paid in the year (2013: USD Nil). It is the Company's policy that dividends will only be declared when the directors are of the opinion that there are sufficient distributable reserves.

#### **Employees**

The Company does not have any employees. It is the Company's policy to use the services of specialist subcontractors or consultants as far as possible.

#### **Directors' Remuneration**

No director has a service contract with the Company and details of the directors' remuneration which has been paid by ManJer on behalf of the Company for the year is disclosed below.

	2014 Fees	2013 Fees	
	GBP	GBP	
Graham J Tuckwell	Nil	Nil	
Graeme D Ross	7,500	7,500	
Craig A Stewart <sup>1</sup>	Nil	3,750	
Joseph L Roxburgh	Nil	Nil	
Mark K Weeks <sup>1</sup>	Nil	Nil	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Craig A Stewart resigned and Mark K Weeks was appointed on 21 June 2013.

#### Auditor

A resolution to reappoint Deloitte LLP as the auditor of the Company will be proposed at the next meeting of the directors.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**



#### **Corporate Governance**

There is no standard code of corporate governance in Jersey. The operations, as previously described in the directors' report, are such that the directors do not consider the Company is required to voluntarily apply the UK Corporate Governance Code.

As the board of directors (the "board") is small there is no nomination committee and appointments of new directors are considered by the board as a whole. The board does not consider it appropriate that directors should be appointed for a specific term. Furthermore the structure of the board is such that it is considered unnecessary to identify a senior non-executive director.

The constitution of the board is disclosed above. The directors are either members of the board of the ultimate parent company, ETFSL, employees within the ETFSL group or members of the board of the Company's Administrator, R&H Fund Services (Jersey) Limited, and will continue to have such a composition of directors beyond the next meeting of the directors.

The board of directors meets regularly to consider matters specifically reserved for its review. Further meetings will be held as required by the operations of the Company.

#### **Internal Control**

During the year the Company did not have any employees or subsidiaries, and there is no intention that this will change. The Company, being a special purpose company established for the purpose of issuing Commodity Securities, has not undertaken any business, save for issuing and redeeming Commodity Securities, entering into the documents and performing the obligations and exercising its rights in relation thereto, since its incorporation. The Company does not intend to undertake any business other than issuing and redeeming Commodity Securities and performing the obligations and exercising its rights in relation thereto.

The Company is dependent upon ManJer to provide management and administration services to it. ManJer is licensed under the Financial Services (Jersey) Law 1998 to conduct classes U, V and Z of Fund Services Business. ManJer outsources the administration services in respect of the Company to R&H Fund Services (Jersey) Limited ("R&H"). Documented contractual arrangements are in place with the Administrator which define the areas where the authority is delegated to them. The performance of the Manager and Administrator are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the board, through their review of periodic reports.

ManJer provides management and other services to both the Company and other companies issuing commodity based and index tracking securities. The board having reviewed the effectiveness of the internal control systems of the Manager and R&H, and having a regard to the role of its external auditor, does not consider that there is a need for the Company to establish its own internal audit function.

#### **Audit Committee**

The board has not established a separate audit committee; instead the board meets to consider the financial reporting by the Company, the internal controls, and relations with the external auditor. In addition the board reviews the independence and objectivity of the auditors.

Joseph L Roxburgh

Director Jersey 1 April 2015

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES



The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

International Accounting Standard 1 requires that financial statements present fairly for each financial year the Company's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. This requires the faithful representation of the effects of transactions, other events and conditions in accordance with the definitions and recognition criteria for assets, liabilities, income and expenses set out in the International Accounting Standards Board's 'Framework for the preparation and presentation of financial statements'. In virtually all circumstances, a fair presentation will be achieved by compliance with all applicable IFRSs. However, directors are also required to:

- Properly select and apply accounting policies;
- Present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information;
- Provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRSs are insufficient to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the entity's financial position and financial performance; and
- Make an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the board

Joseph L Roxburgh

Director 1 April 2015

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



We have audited the financial statements of ETFS Commodity Securities Limited for the year ended 31 December 2014 which comprise the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 13. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Article 113A of the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2014 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991.

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Andrew Isham, BA, FCA

For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP Chartered Accountants and Recognized Auditor St. Helier, Jersey





		Year ended 31 December		
		2014	2013	
	Note	USD	USD	
Revenue	3	24,049,453	27,056,486	
Expenses	3	(24,049,453)	(27,056,486)	
Operating Result	3	<u> </u>		
Net Loss Arising on Contractual and Fair Value of Commodity Contracts	7	(605,694,302)	(571,848,919)	
Net Gain Arising on Fair Value of Commodity Securities	8	597,234,599	547,694,471	
Result and Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	7	(8,459,703)	(24,154,448)	
<sup>1</sup> Adjustment from Market Value to Contractual Formula Price (as set out in the prospectus) of Commodity				
Securities	2	8,459,703	24,154,448	
Adjusted Result and Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	8	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	

The directors consider the Company's activities as continuing.

The notes on pages 12 to 23 form part of these financial statements

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The definition of non-statutory adjustments is set out on page 14. This represents the movement in the difference between the agreed formula price of the Commodity Contracts and the market price of Commodity Securities.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION



		As at 31 December		
		2014	2013	
	Note	USD	USD	
Current Assets				
Trade and Other Receivables	6	2,300,571	2,241,550	
Commodity Contracts	7	3,244,864,050	3,389,700,130	
Amounts Receivable on Commodity Contracts Awaiting Settlement	7	20,473,411	14,211,084	
Amounts Receivable on Commodity Securities Awaiting Settlement	8	4,159,320	35,616,361	
Total Assets		3,271,797,352	3,441,769,125	
Current Liabilities				
Commodity Securities	8	3,277,478,201	3,413,854,578	
Amounts Payable on Commodity Securities Awaiting Settlement	8	20,473,411	14,211,084	
Amounts Payable on Commodity Contracts Awaiting Settlement	7	4,159,320	35,616,361	
Trade and Other Payables	9	2,300,569	2,241,548	
Total Liabilities		3,304,411,501	3,465,923,571	
Equity				
Stated Capital	10	2	2	
Revaluation Reserve		(32,614,151)	(24,154,448)	
Total Equity		(32,614,149)	(24,154,446)	
Total Equity and Liabilities		3,271,797,352	3,441,769,125	

The financial statements on pages 8 to 23 were approved by the board of directors and signed on its behalf on 1 April 2015.

Joseph L Roxburgh

Director

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS



	Year ended 31 December		
	2014	2013	
	USD	USD	
Operating Result for the Year	-	-	
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities			
Increase in Receivables	(59,021)	(289,667)	
Increase in Payables	59,021	289,667	
Cash Generated from Operations	-	-	
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Dividends Paid	-	-	
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities		-	
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		-	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year	-	-	
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	-	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year		-	

Commodity Securities are issued or redeemed by receipt/transfer of Commodity Contracts and have been netted off in the Statement of Cash Flows.





	Note	Stated Capital USD	Retained Earnings USD	Revaluation Reserve <sup>2</sup> USD	Total Equity USD	Adjusted Total Equity USD
Opening Balance at 1 January 2013		2	-	-	2	2
Result and Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		-	(24,154,448)	-	(24,154,448)	(24,154,448)
Transfer to Revaluation Reserve	8	-	24,154,448	(24,154,448)	-	-
<sup>3</sup> Adjustment from Market Value to Contractual Formula Price (as set out in the prospectus) of Commodity Securities	8	-	-	-	-	24,154,448
Balance at 31 December 2013		2		(24,154,448)	(24,154,446)	2
Opening Balance at 1 January 2014		2	-	(24,154,448)	(24,154,446)	2
Result and Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		-	(8,459,703)	-	(8,459,703)	(8,459,703)
Transfer to Revaluation Reserve	8	-	8,459,703	(8,459,703)	-	-
<sup>3</sup> Adjustment from Market Value to Contractual Formula Price (as set out in the prospectus) of Commodity Securities	8	-	-	-	-	8,459,703
Balance at 31 December 2014		2	-	(32,614,151)	(32,614,149)	2

The notes on pages 12 to 23 form part of these financial statements

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This represents the difference between the agreed formula price of the Commodity Contracts and the market price of Commodity Securities.

<sup>3</sup> The definition of non-statutory adjustments is set out on page 14.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



#### 1. General Information

ETFS Commodity Securities Limited (the "Company") is a company incorporated in Jersey. The address of the registered office is Ordnance House, 31 Pier Road, St. Helier, Jersey JE4 8PW.

The ETF Securities Group, of which the Company is a part, specialises in the development and issuance of Exchange Traded Products ("ETPs"). ETPs are transparent Securities designed to track the value (before fees and expenses) of the underlying commodity, index or currency while providing market liquidity for the investor.

The purpose of the Company is to provide a vehicle that permits trading of the Commodity Securities, not to make gains from trading in the underlying Commodity Contracts themselves. The Securities are issued under limited recourse arrangements whereby the Company has no residual exposure to price movements of the underlying assets, therefore from a commercial perspective gains and losses in respect of Commodity Contracts will always be offset by a corresponding loss or gain on the Commodity Securities. Further details regarding the risks of the Company are disclosed in note 12.

ETPs typically are not actively managed, are significantly lower in cost when compared to actively managed mutual funds and are easily accessible to investors. No trading or management of futures contracts is required of the Company because the Company has entered into arrangements to acquire an equivalent asset exposure to the underlying assets from third parties which fully hedges the exposure of the Company.

The Company is entitled to:

- (1) a Management Fee and a Licence Allowance which are calculated by applying a fixed percentage to the contractual value of Securities in issue on a daily basis; and
- (2) Creation and Redemption Fees on the issue and redemption of the Securities.

No Creation or Redemption Fees are payable when investors trade in the Securities on a listed market such as the London Stock Exchange.

The Company has entered into a service agreement with ETFS Management Company (Jersey) Limited ("ManJer"), whereby ManJer is responsible for supplying or procuring the supply of all management and administration services required by the Company, (including marketing) as well as the payment of costs relating to the listing and issuance of Securities. In return for these services, the Company pays ManJer an amount equal to the Management Fee, Licence Allowance and the Creation and Redemption Fees earned. As a result there are no operating profits or losses recognised through the Company.

### 2. Accounting Policies

The main accounting policies of the Company are described below.

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"), and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee of the IASB. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss.

#### **Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)



#### 2. Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements (continued)**

The Company makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial period. Estimates are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The only key accounting judgement required to prepare these financial statements is in respect of the valuation of Commodity Contracts and Commodity Securities held at fair value through profit or loss as disclosed in notes 7 and 8. Actual results could vary from these estimates.

#### **Accounting Standards**

(a) Standards, amendments and interpretations effective on 1 January 2014:

There are no new and revised Standards and Interpretations relevant to the Company that have been adopted in the current year to affect these financial statements. Details of other Standards and Interpretations adopted that have had no effect on these financial statements are set out in section (b).

- (b) Standards, amendments and interpretations effective on 1 January 2014 but not relevant to the Company during the period:
  - Amendments to IAS 36 Impairment of Assets
  - IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
  - IFRIC 21 Levies
- (c) Standards, amendments and interpretations that are in issue but not yet effective:

The Company has not adopted the following new and revised IFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective:

- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (as amended in 2009)
- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (as amended in 2010)
- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (as amended in 2013) (hedge Accounting and amendments to IFRS 9, IFRS 7 and IAS 39)
- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (as amended in 2014) (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018)
- IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements and IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (2011) (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, and applicable only to prospective sale or contribution of assets)
- IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, and applicable only to prospective acquisitions in which the activities of the joint operations constitute businesses, as defined in IFRS 3)
- IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017)
- IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment and IAS 38 Intangible Assets (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016)
- IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment and IAS 41 Agriculture (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016)
- IAS 19 Employee Benefits (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2014
- IAS 27 Separate Financial Statements (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016)
- Annual Improvements to IFRS (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2014)
- Annual Improvements to IFRS (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2016)

The directors intend to adopt IFRS 9 for the annual period beginning on 1 January 2018, and whilst the directors anticipate that these amendments may affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and result in more extensive disclosures in the financial statements, a detailed analysis has not been undertaken.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)



#### 2. Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Accounting Standards (continued)**

The directors do not expect the adoption of the remaining standards, amendments and interpretations that are in issue but not yet effective listed above will have a material impact on the financial statements of the Company in future periods.

The directors have considered other standards and interpretations in issue but not effective and concluded that they would not have a material impact on the future financial periods when they become available.

#### **Going Concern**

The nature of the Company's business dictates that the outstanding Commodity Securities may be redeemed at any time by the holder and in certain circumstances may be compulsorily redeemed by the Company. As the redemption of Commodity Securities will always coincide with the redemption of an equal amount of Commodity Contracts, no liquidity risk is considered to arise. All other liabilities of the Company are met by ManJer; therefore the directors consider the Company to be a going concern for the foreseeable future and have prepared the financial statements on this basis.

#### **Commodity Securities and Commodity Contracts**

### i) Issuance and Redemption

The Company has entered into facility agreements with UBS Securities AG, London Branch ("UBS") and Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc ("Merrill Lynch") to permit the Company to purchase and redeem Commodity Contracts at prices equivalent to Commodity Securities issued or redeemed on the same day. Each time a Commodity Security is issued or redeemed by the Company a corresponding number and value of Commodity Contracts are purchased or redeemed from UBS or Merrill Lynch.

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised and de-recognised on the trade date.

## ii) Pricing

The Commodity Contracts are priced by reference to the value of the commodity indices calculated and published by Bloomberg L.P. or Bloomberg Finance L.P. (together "Bloomberg") and a multiplier calculated by the Company and agreed with UBS and Merrill Lynch. The multiplier takes into account the daily accrual of the Management Fee and Licence Allowance as well as the incremental capital enhancement component of the Commodity Security, and is the same across all Securities within the same class (i.e. all Classic Commodity Securities use the same multiplier).

IFRS 13 requires the Company to utilise the available market price of the Commodity Securities as those Commodity Securities are quoted on the open market. The Commodity Securities are priced using the mid-market price on the statement of financial position date taken just before the final close of the market.

Consequently a difference arises between the value of Commodity Transactions (based on the agreed formula price) and Commodity Securities (at market value) presented in the Statement of Financial Position. This difference is reversed on a subsequent redemption of the Commodity Securities and cancellation of the corresponding Commodity Contracts.

#### iii) Designation at fair value through Profit or Loss

Each Commodity Security and Commodity Contract comprises a financial instrument whose redemption price is linked to the performance of the relevant Commodity index.

These instruments are designated at fair value through the profit or loss upon initial recognition. This is in order to enable gains or losses on both the Commodity Securities and Commodity Contracts to be recorded in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)



#### 2. Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Commodity Securities and Commodity Contracts (continued)**

iii) Designation at fair value through Profit or Loss (continued)

Through the mis-matched accounting values, the results of the Company reflect a gain or loss which represents the movement in the cumulative difference between the agreed formula value of the Commodity Contracts and the market price of Commodity Securities. This gain or loss is transferred to a Revaluation Reserve which is non-distributable. The results of the Company are adjusted through the presentation of a non-statutory movement entitled 'Adjustment from Market Value to Contractual Formula Price (as set out in the prospectus) of Commodity Securities'.

#### **Commodity Contracts and Securities Awaiting Settlement**

The issue or redemption of Commodity Securities, and the purchase or sale of Commodity Contracts, is accounted for on the trade date ("T"). Where settlement pricing is applied, the trade will not settle until T+2 (changed from T+3 on 6 October 2014) (2013: T+3). Where trades are awaiting settlement at the year end, the monetary amount due to be settled is separately disclosed within the relevant assets and liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is recognised to the extent that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received, excluding discounts, rebates, and other sales taxes or duty.

Fees received for the issue and redemption of Securities are recognised at the date on which the transaction becomes legally binding. All other income and expenses are recognised on an accruals basis.

### **Loans and Receivables**

The loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with a fixed payment amount and are not quoted in an active market. After initial measurement the loans and receivables are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any allowance for impairment. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of an instrument and of allocating interest over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash flows (including all fees paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition. Gains and losses on loans and receivables which are impaired are recognised immediately through profit or loss.

#### **Foreign Currency Translation**

The financial statements of the Company are presented in the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (its functional currency). For the purpose of the financial statements, the results and financial position of the Company are expressed in United States Dollars, which is the functional currency of the Company, and the presentational currency of the financial statements.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the year end date are translated at rates ruling at that date. Creation and Redemption Fees are translated at the average rate for the quarter in which they are incurred. The resulting differences are accounted for through profit or loss.

#### Segmental Reporting

A segment is a distinguishable component of the Company that is engaged either in providing products or services (business segment), or in providing products and services within a particular economic environment (geographical segment), which is subject to risks and rewards that are different from those of other segments. The Company reports information on its operations for each of the Company's business segments only, as the Company only has one geographic segment which is the UK and Europe. The directors believe that there are two segments comprising Classic & Longer Dated and Short & Leveraged – results of each are disclosed separately in note 5.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)



#### 3. Operating Result

Operating result for the year comprised:

	Year ended 31 December		
	2014	2013	
	USD	USD	
Management Fees	21,808,977	24,642,601	
Licence Allowance	1,816,641	2,040,793	
Creation and Redemption Fees	423,835	373,092	
Total Revenue	24,049,453	27,056,486	
Management Fees to ManJer	(24,049,453)	(27,056,486)	
Total Operating Expenses	(24,049,453)	(27,056,486)	
Operating Result	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	

Audit Fees for the year of GBP 24,700 will be met by ManJer (2013: GBP 24,000).

#### 4. Taxation

The Company is subject to Jersey Income Tax. The Jersey Income Tax rate for the foreseeable future is zero percent.

#### 5. Segmental Reporting

The Company has two operating segments; Classic & Longer Dated and Short & Leveraged Commodity Securities in issue. The Company earns revenues from each of these sources.

Previously, the Company reported segmental information for the four separate types of Commodity Securities in issue – Classic, Longer Dated, Short and Leveraged Securities. Comparative balances have been restated to present information for the two operating segments reviewed by the Chief Operating Decision Maker.

For the year ended 31 December 2014:

	Classic & Longer Dated	Short & Leveraged	Central	Total
Management Fees	13,797,197	8,011,780	-	21,808,977
Licence Allowance	1,407,877	408,764	-	1,816,641
Creation and Redemption Fees Total Revenue	219,611 15,424,685	204,224 6,040,328		423,835 24,049,453
Total Operating Expenses Segmental Profit/(Loss)	(15,424,685)	(6,040,328)	<u>-</u>	(24,049,453)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)



## 5. Segmental Reporting (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2013 (restated):

	Classic & Longer Dated	Short & Leveraged	Central	Total
Management Fees	15,356,936	9,285,665	-	24,642,601
Licence Allowance	1,567,034	473,758	-	2,040,793
Creation and Redemption Fees	212,748	160,344	<u> </u>	373,092
Total Revenue	17,136,718	9,919,767		27,056,486
Total Operating Expenses	(17,136,718)	(9,919,767)	-	(27,056,486)
Segmental (Loss)/Profit		_	-	

Additional information relating to the assets and liabilities associated with these Securities is disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

#### 6. Trade and Other Receivables

	As at 31 December		
	2014	2013	
	USD_		
Management Fees and Licence Allowance	2,030,050	2,115,675	
Creation and Redemption Fees	270,521	125,875	
	2,300,571	2,241,550	

The fair value of these receivables is equal to the carrying value.

## 7. Commodity Contracts

	Change in Fair Value at 31 December 2014 USD	Fair Value at 31 December 2014 USD
Classic & Longer Dated Commodity Contracts	(484,645,193)	2,522,436,592
Short & Leveraged Commodity Contracts	(121,049,109)	722,427,458
Total Commodity Contracts	(605,694,302)	3,244,864,050
	Change in Fair Value at 31 December 2013 USD	Fair Value at 31 December 2013 USD
Classic & Longer Dated Commodity Contracts	(441,548,847)	2,584,411,465
Short & Leveraged Commodity Contracts	(130,300,072)	805,288,665
Total Commodity Contracts	571,848,919	3,389,700,130

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)



#### 7. Commodity Contracts (continued)

As at 31 December 2014, there were certain Commodity Contracts awaiting the creation or redemption of Securities with trade dates before the year end and settlement dates in the following year:

- The amount receivable as a result of unsettled creations of Commodity Contracts is USD 20,473,411 (2013: USD 14,211,084); and
- The amount payable as a result of unsettled redemptions of Commodity Contracts is USD 4,159,320 (2013: USD 35,616,361).

## 8. Commodity Securities

Whilst the Commodity Securities are quoted on the open market, the Company's liability relates to its contractual obligations to trade at set prices on each trading day. These prices are based on an agreed formula, and are equal to the published net asset values ("NAV") of each class of Commodity Security. Therefore, the actual contractual issue and redemption of Commodity Securities occur at a price that corresponds to gains or losses on the Commodity Contracts. As a result the Company has no net exposure to gains or losses on the Commodity Securities and Commodity Contracts.

The Company measures the Commodity Securities at their transferable value in accordance with IFRS 13 rather than their settlement value as described in the prospectus. The transferable value is deemed to be the prices quoted on stock exchanges or other markets where the Commodity Securities are listed or traded. However Commodity Contracts are valued based on the agreed formula (which corresponds to the published NAVs of each class of Commodity Security).

The fair values and changes thereof during the year based on prices available on the open market as recognised in the financial statements are:

	Change in Fair Value at 31 December 2014 USD	Fair Value at 31 December 2014 USD
Classic & Longer Dated Commodity Contracts	480,090,631	2,543,264,686
Short & Leveraged Commodity Contracts	117,143,968	734,213,515
Total Commodity Securities	597,234,599	3,277,478,201

The contractual redemption values and changes thereof during the year based on the contractual settlement values are:

	Change in Contractual Redemption Value at 31 December 2014 USD	Contractual Redemption Value at 31 December 2014 USD
Classic & Longer Dated Commodity Contracts	484,645,193	2,522,436,591
Short & Leveraged Commodity Contracts	121,049,109	722,427,458
Total Commodity Securities	605,694,302	3,244,864,050

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)



### 8. Commodity Securities (continued)

The gain or loss on the difference between the agreed formula price of the Commodity Contracts and the market price of Commodity Securities would be reversed on a subsequent redemption of the Commodity Securities and cancellation of the corresponding Commodity Contracts.

The mismatched accounting values are as shown below and represent the non-statutory adjustment presented in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income:

<u>-</u>	Year ended 31 December	
	2014 USD	2013 USD
Net Loss Arising on Contractual and Fair Value of Commodity Contracts  Net Gain Arising on Fair Value of Commodity	(605,694,302)	(571,848,919)
Securities Securities	597,234,599	547,694,471
	(8,459,703)	(24,154,448)

As at 31 December 2014, there were certain Commodity Securities awaiting creation or redemption with trade dates before the year end and settlement dates in the following year:

- The amount receivable as a result of unsettled redemptions of Commodity Securities is USD 4,159,320 (2013: USD 35,616,361); and
- The amount payable as a result of unsettled creations of Commodity Securities is USD 20,473,411 (2013: USD 14,211,084).

	Change in Fair Value at 31 December 2013 USD	Fair Value at 31 December 2013 USD
Classic & Longer Dated Commodity Contracts	425,275,315	2,600,684,998
Short & Leveraged Commodity Contracts	122,419,156	813,169,580
Total Commodity Securities	547,694,471	3,413,854,578
	Change in Contractual Redemption Value at 31 December 2013 USD	Contractual Redemption Value at 31 December 2013 USD
Classic & Longer Dated Commodity Contracts	441,548,847	2,584,411,465
Short & Leveraged Commodity Contracts	130,300,072	805,288,665
Total Commodity Securities	571,848,919	3,389,700,130

## 9. Trade and Other Payables

	As at 31 December	
	2014	2013
	USD	USD
Management Fees Payable to ManJer	2,300,569	2,241,548

The fair value of these payables is equal to the carrying value.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)



#### 10. Stated Capital

	As at 31 December	
	2014	2013
	USD	USD
2 Shares of Nil Par Value, Issued at GBP 1 Each	2	2

The Company can issue an unlimited capital of nil par value shares in accordance with its Memorandum of Association.

All shares issued by the Company carry one vote per share without restriction and carry the right to dividends. All shares are held by ETFS Holdings (Jersey) Limited ("HoldCo").

#### 11. Related Party Disclosures

Entities and individuals which have a significant influence over the Company, either through the ownership of HoldCo shares, or by virtue of being a director of the Company, are related parties.

Management Fees paid to ManJer during the year:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2014	2013
_	USD	USD
Management Fees	24,049,452	27,056,486
The following balances were due to ManJer at year end:		
	As at 31 December	
	2014	2013
_	USD	USD
Management Fees Payable	2,300,569	2,241,548

As disclosed in the Directors' Report, ManJer paid Directors' Fees in respect of the Company of GBP 7,500 (2013: GBP 11,250).

Graeme D Ross and Craig A Stewart are directors of R&H Fund Services (Jersey) Limited ("R&H"), the administrator. During the year, R&H charged ManJer Secretarial and Administration Fees in respect of the Company of GBP 196,544 (2013: GBP 185,810), of which GBP 49,136 (2013: GBP 46,490) was outstanding at the year end.

Craig A Stewart and Joseph L Roxburgh are directors of ManJer.

Graham J Tuckwell is also a director of ETFSL, ManJer and HoldCo.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)



#### 12. Financial Risk Management

The Securities are subject to normal market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities and other financial instruments. There can be no assurance that any appreciation in the value of securities will occur, and the capital value of an investor's original investment is not guaranteed. The value of investments may go down as well as up, and an investor may not get back the original amount invested.

The Company is exposed to a number of risks arising from its activities. The information provided below is not intended to be a comprehensive summary of all the risks associated with the Securities and investors should refer to the prospectus (as amended) for a detailed summary of the risks inherent in investing in the Securities. Any data provided should not be used or interpreted as a basis for future forecast or investment performance.

The risk management policies employed by the Company to manage these are discussed below.

#### (a) Credit Risk

The value of Commodity Securities and the ability of the Company to repay the redemption price is dependent on the receipt of such amount from UBS and Merrill Lynch and may be affected by the credit rating attached to UBS and Merrill Lynch.

The obligation of UBS and Merrill Lynch under the Commodity Contracts ranks only as an unsecured claim against UBS and Merrill Lynch. To cover the credit risk under the Commodity Contracts, UBS and Merrill Lynch are obliged to place an equivalent amount of collateral into a pledge account with the Bank of New York Mellon based on the total outstanding value of the Commodity Contracts at the end of the previous trading day. In the event of default by UBS or Merrill Lynch, the Company has rights which it can exercise over the amounts placed in this pledge account.

#### (b) Liquidity Risk

Generally, there is no liquidity risk to the Company because the maturity profile of the Commodity Securities and Commodity Contracts are matched, therefore the Company does not have to wait for a longer-term contract to mature in order to pay its debts to ex-security holders.

#### (c) Settlement Risk

The directors believe that settlement risk would only be caused by the risk of the Company's trading counterparty not delivering cash or Securities on the settlement date. The directors feel that this risk is mitigated as a result of the cash or Securities settling through the CREST system. The system ensures that the transaction does not settle until both parties have fulfilled their sides of the bargain.

Amounts outstanding in respect of positions yet to settle are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

#### (d) Capital Management

The Company's principal activity is the listing and issue of Commodity Securities. These Securities are issued as demand requires. The Company holds a corresponding amount of Commodity Contracts which matches the total Securities issued. ManJer supplies or arranges for the supply of all management and administration services to the Company and pays all management and administration costs of the Company. In return for these services the Company pays ManJer a fee, which under the terms of the service agreement is equal to the Management Fee, Licence Allowance and Creation and Redemption Fees earned. The Company is not subject to any capital requirements imposed by a regulator and there were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the year.

As all Commodity Securities in issue are supported by an equivalent amount of Commodity Contracts held by UBS and Merrill Lynch and the running costs of the Company were paid by ManJer, the directors of the Company consider the capital management and its current capital resources are adequate to maintain the ongoing listing and issue of Commodity Securities.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)



#### 12. Financial Risk Management (continued)

#### (e) Market Risk

#### i) Price Risk

The Company's liability in respect of the Commodity Securities is related to the commodity price by reference to the futures market as quoted on the relevant futures Exchanges and is managed by the Company by entering into Commodity Contracts with UBS and Merrill Lynch which match the liability created by the issue of Commodity Securities. The Company therefore bears no financial risk from a change in the price of commodity by reference to the futures price. Refer to note 8 for the further details regarding fair values.

However there is an inherent risk from the point of view of investors as the price of commodities, and thus the value of the Commodity Securities, may vary widely due to, amongst other things, changing supply or demand, government and monetary policy or intervention and global or regional political, economic or financial events.

The market price of Commodity Securities is a function of supply and demand amongst investors wishing to buy and sell Commodity Securities and the bid-offer spread that the market makers are willing to quote. This is highlighted in note 7, and below under the Fair Value Hierarchy.

#### ii) Interest Rate Risk

The Company does not have significant exposure to interest rate risk as neither the Commodity Contracts or the Commodity Securities bear any interest.

#### iii) Currency Risk

The directors do not consider the Company to have a significant exposure to currency risk arising from the current economic uncertainties facing a number of countries around the world as the gains or losses on the liability represented by the Commodity Securities are matched economically by corresponding losses or gains attributable to the Commodity Contracts.

#### (f) Sensitivity Analysis

IFRS 7 requires disclosure of a sensitivity analysis for each type of market risk to which the entity is exposed to at the reporting date, showing how profit or loss and equity would have been affected by a reasonably possible change to the relevant risk variable.

The Company's rights and liability in respect of Commodity Contracts and Commodity Securities, respectively, relates to its contractual obligations to trade at set prices on each trading day. As a result the Company's contractual and economic liability in connection with the issue of Commodity Securities is matched by movements in corresponding Commodity Contracts. Consequently, the Company does not have any net exposure to market price risk. Therefore, in the directors' opinion, no sensitivity analysis is required to be disclosed.

#### (g) Fair Value Hierarchy

The levels in the hierarchy are defined as follows:

- Level 1 fair value based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.
- Level 2 fair values based on valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1.
- Level 3 fair values based on valuation techniques using inputs that are not based on observable market data.

Categorisation within the hierarchy is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of each relevant asset/liability.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)



#### 12. Financial Risk Management (continued)

## (g) Fair Value Hierarchy (continued)

The Company is required to utilise the available market price as the Commodity Securities are quoted on the open market. Therefore Commodity Securities are classified as Level 1 financial liabilities.

The Company's rights in respect of Commodity Contracts relates to its contractual obligations to trade at set prices on each trading day. These prices are based on an agreed formula, and are equal to the published NAV's of each class of Commodity Security. Therefore, Commodity Contracts are classified as level 2 financial assets, as the Company's asset is calculated using third party pricing sources supported by observable, verifiable inputs.

The categorisation of the Company's assets and (liabilities) are as shown below:

	Fair Value	
	2014	2013
Level 1	USD	USD
Commodity Securities	(3,277,478,201)	(3,413,854,578)
Level 2		
Commodity Contracts	3,244,864,050	3,389,700,130

There are no assets or liabilities classified in level 3. There were no reclassifications during the year.

#### 13. Ultimate Controlling Party

The immediate parent company is HoldCo, a Jersey registered company. The ultimate controlling party is Graham J Tuckwell through his majority shareholding in ETFSL. ETFSL is the parent company of HoldCo.

