# Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

Firebird Republics Fund, Ltd.

Year Ended December 31, 2014

With Report of Independent Auditors



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## Report of Independent Auditors

The Board of Directors Firebird Republics Fund, Ltd.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Firebird Republics Fund, Ltd. (the Fund), which comprise the consolidated statement of assets and liabilities, including the consolidated condensed schedule of investments, as of December 31, 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

#### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.



We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

# **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Firebird Republics Fund, Ltd. at December 31, 2014, and the consolidated results of its operations, changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Ernst + Young Ltd.

March 27, 2015

# Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities

(Stated in United States Dollars)

# December 31, 2014

Assets Cash and cash equivalents Investments in securities, at fair value (cost \$121,664,323) (of which investments in securities with a cost of \$17,158,934 and fair value of \$73,483,032 are held for Firebird Republics SPV Ltd. under	\$ 7,580,030
participation note)	214,222,279
Investment in other investment funds, at fair value (cost \$237,433)	688,112
Dividends receivable	4,236,515
Due from brokers	69,584
Other assets	 9,474
Total assets	226,805,994
Liabilities	
Due to Firebird Republics SPV Ltd. under participation note (see Note 4)	65,225,760
Class A redemptions payable	768,834
Class A Allocation Shares dividends payable	500,000
Subscriptions received in advance	300,000
Unrealized capital gains tax reserve (of which unrealized capital gains tax reserve of \$11,961,314 relates to investments in securities held for	
Firebird Republics SPV Ltd. under participation note)	12,803,721
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	208,748
Total liabilities	 79,807,063
Net assets	\$ 146,998,931
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Net asset value per share	
Class A (based on 102,031.52 shares outstanding)	\$ 891.86
Class M (based on 66,198.71 shares outstanding)	\$ 102.07
Class A Allocation shares (based on 4,600.43 shares outstanding)	\$ 10,703.52
Class B Allocation shares (based on 400.00 shares outstanding)	\$ 8.08

# Consolidated Condensed Schedule of Investments

(Stated in United States Dollars)

# December 31, 2014

Quantity	Fair Value	Percent of Net Assets
Investments in securities		
Equities:		
Common stock:		
Bulgaria:		
Banking	\$ 1,455,013	0.99%
Chemicals	24,376	0.02
Consumer products	3,580,733	2.43
Insurance	2,308,649	1.57
Manufacturing	611,131	0.41
Miscellaneous	214,294	0.15
Pharmaceutical	3,905,175	2.66
Tourism	1,671,182	1.14
Total Bulgaria (cost \$8,959,377)	13,770,553	9.37
Estonia:		
Construction	3,412,345	2.32
Consumer products	1,099,390	0.75
Food	968,845	0.66
Gambling	2,858,342	1.94
Real Estate	1,004,514	0.68
Retail	3,342,914	2.27
Transportation	5,488,558	3.74
Total Estonia (cost \$13,741,386)	18,174,908	12.36
Georgia: Banking:		
538,999 Bank of Georgia PLC	17,431,189	11.86
Consumer Products	1,065,125	0.72
Utilities	125,769	0.09
Total Georgia (cost \$4,415,835)	18,622,083	12.67

Quantity		Fair Value	Percent of Net Assets
I	nvestments in securities (continued)		
E	Equities (continued):		
	Common stock (continued):		
	Kazakhstan:		
	Banking:		
2,298,747	Kazkommertsbank GDR	\$ 8,735,239	5.94%
	Other	6,566,837	4.47
	Total Banking	15,302,076	10.41
	Cement	1,770,751	1.20
	Metallurgy & Mining	1,167,308	0.79
	Oil & Gas	5,105,482	3.48
	Telecommunications	3,090,024	2.10
	Total Kazakhstan (cost \$15,648,495)	26,435,641	17.98
	Kenya:		
	Oil & Gas (cost \$12,764)	226,184	0.15
	Kyrgyzstan:		
	Metallurgy & Mining	_	_
	Oil & Gas	_	_
	Telecommunications	38,565	0.03
	Utilities	73,646	0.05
	Total Kyrgyzstan (cost \$300,595)	112,211	0.08
	Latvia:		
	Agriculture	64,184	0.04
	Transportation	76,841	0.05
	Total Latvia (cost \$173,820)	141,025	0.09

Quantity	Fair Value	Percent of Net Assets
<b>Investments in securities (continued)</b>		
Equities (continued):		
Common stock (continued):		
Lithuania:		
Construction	\$ 971,629	0.66%
Manufacturing	110,731	0.08
Pipelines	417,607	0.28
Retail	4,455,271	3.03
Total Lithuania (cost \$4,693,420)	5,955,238	4.05
Mongolia:		
Metallurgy & Mining (cost \$3,837,403)	2,761,451	1.88
Romania:		
Automobiles	1,312,068	0.89
Banking:		
16,266,086 Banca Transilvania	8,375,343	5.70
Chemicals	50,005	0.03
Consumer Products	59,694	0.04
Manufacturing	2,365,172	1.61
Metallurgy & Mining	224,680	0.15
Miscellaneous	3,498,608	2.38
Oil & Gas	6,225,054	4.24
Real Estate	832,148	0.57
Transportation	505,000	0.34
Utilities	3,654,568	2.49
Total Romania (cost \$20,539,799)	 27,102,340	18.44
Russia:		
Airlines	903,428	0.61
Automobiles	274,663	0.19
Banking	2,920,018	1.98
Fertilizer	320,818	0.22

Quantity		Fair Value	Percent of Net Assets
<b>Investments in securities (continued)</b>			
Equities (continued):			
Common stock (continued):			
Russia (continued):			
Fishing	\$	2,496,000	1.70%
Food		222,121	0.15
Gold		2,589,340	1.76
Manufacturing		141,323	0.10
Metallurgy & Mining		3,838,104	2.61
Nuclear		660,325	0.45
Oil & Gas		5,460,649	3.71
Pulp & Paper		2,940,830	2.00
Stock exchange		1,330,774	0.91
Technology		112,050	0.08
Telecommunications		573,787	0.39
Utilities		162,238	0.11
Total Russia (cost \$26,301,191)		24,946,468	16.97
Ukraine:			
Food		523,152	0.36
Real Estate		61,370	0.04
Total Ukraine (cost \$3,734,342)		584,522	0.40
Total common stock (cost \$102,358,4	27)	138,832,624	94.44
Preferred stock:			
Russia:			
Manufacturing		1,020,000	0.69
Oil & Gas		654,387	0.45
Utilities		11,158	0.01
Total Russia (cost \$344,047)		1,685,545	1.15
Total preferred stock (cost \$344,047)		1,685,545	1.15

Quantity			Fair Value	Percent of Net Assets
	<b>Investments in securities (continued)</b>			
	Equities (continued):			
	Restricted stock:			
	Armenia:	Φ	97.097	0.060/
	Gold Total rootrioted stock (2001 \$1,647,042)	\$	87,087 87,087	0.06%
	Total restricted stock (cost \$1,647,042)		140,605,256	95.65
	Total equities (cost \$104,349,516)		140,003,230	93.03
	Convertible bonds:			
	Kazakhstan:			
	Oil & Gas (cost \$24,411)		19,060	0.01
	Lithuania:			
	Manufacturing (cost \$131,462)		114,931	0.08
	Total convertible bonds (cost \$155,873)		133,991	0.09
	Total investments in securities			
	(cost \$104,505,389)	Ф	140,739,247	95.74%
	(COST \$104,505,507)	Ψ	140,739,247	73.14 /0
	Investments in securities held for Firebiro Republics SPV Ltd. under participation note Equities:  Common stock:  Kazakhstan:	d		
	Metallurgy & Mining	\$	1,049,512	0.72%
	Oil & Gas:	Ψ	1,010,012	0.7270
153,561	Aktobemunaigas		61,011,576	41.50
	Total Kazakhstan (cost \$4,779,095)		62,061,088	42.22
	Kyrgyzstan:			
	Cement (cost \$645,034)		6,992,228	4.76
	Russia:			
	Banking (cost \$6,684,795)		4,394,092	2.99

# Consolidated Condensed Schedule of Investments (continued) (Stated in United States Dollars)

Quantity		Fair Value	Percent of Net Assets
Investments in securities held for Republics SPV Ltd. under pa			
note (continued)	гистраноп		
Equities (continued):			
Common stock (continued):			
Ukraine:			
Real Estate (cost \$5,050,01	0)	35,624	0.02%
Total common stock (cost \$17,	158,934)	73,483,032	49.99
Total equities (cost \$17,158,934)	_	73,483,032	49.99
Total investments in securities Firebird Republics SPV Ltd. participation note (cost \$17,1	under	73,483,032	49.99%
Total investments in securities investments in securities held Republics SPV Ltd. under panote (cost \$121,664,323)	for Firebird	214,222,279	145.73%
Investments in other investments	t funds		
Miscellaneous (cost \$237,4	33) \$	688,112	0.47%
Total investments in other inve (cost \$237,433)		688,112	0.47%

# Consolidated Statement of Operations (Stated in United States Dollars)

Year Ended December 31, 2014

Investment income	
Dividend income (net of \$547,717 withholding taxes)	\$ 6,167,144
Interest income	 5,143
Total investment income	6,172,287
Expenses	
Management fees	2,226,802
Professional fees and other	826,470
Custodian fees	 422,458
Total expenses	3,475,730
Net investment income	2,696,557
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Net gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	
Net change in unrealized capital gains tax reserve (net of \$4,419,344 decrease	
in unrealized capital gains tax reserve allocated to Firebird Republics	240.604
SPV Ltd. under terms of participation note)	340,684
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions (net of	
\$1,081,717 realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	
allocated to Firebird Republics SPV Ltd. under terms of participation note)	11,294,786
Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments and foreign	
currency transactions (net of \$22,523,258 change in unrealized	
depreciation on investments and foreign currency transactions allocated to	
Firebird Republics SPV Ltd. under terms of participation note)	 (56,237,750)
Net loss on investments and foreign currency transactions	 (44,602,280)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	\$ (41,905,723)

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets (Stated in United States Dollars)

# Year Ended December 31, 2014

Decrease in net assets resulting from operations	
Net investment income	\$ 2,696,557
Net change in unrealized capital gains tax reserve (net of \$4,419,344	
decrease in unrealized capital gains tax reserve allocated to	
Firebird Republics SPV Ltd. under terms of participation note)	340,684
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions (net of	
\$1,081,717 realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	
allocated to Firebird Republics SPV Ltd. under terms of participation note)	11,294,786
Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments and foreign currency	
transactions (net of \$22,523,258 change in unrealized depreciation on	
investments and foreign currency transactions allocated to Firebird	
Republics SPV Ltd. under terms of participation note)	 (56,237,750)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	(41,905,723)
Decrease in net assets resulting from capital share transactions	
Class A shares issued with respect to the redemption of shares in Firebird	
Republics SPV Ltd. under terms of participation note (see Note 6)	1,451,754
Class M shares issued with respect to the redemption of shares in Firebird	
Republics SPV Ltd. under terms of participation note (see Note 6)	213,398
Class A shares subscribed	4,550,000
Class A Allocation shares subscribed	192,931
Class B Allocation shares subscribed	4,000
Class A shares redeemed	(2,151,784)
Dividends declared on Class A Allocation shares	 (4,750,000)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from capital share transactions	 (489,701)
Net change in net assets	(42,395,424)
Net assets at beginning of year	 189,394,355
Net assets at end of year	\$ 146,998,931

# Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(Stated in United States Dollars)

# Year Ended December 31, 2014

Operating activities	
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	\$ (41,905,723)
Adjustments to reconcile net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	,
to net cash used in operating activities:	
Net realized gain on investments	(12,756,585)
Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments	78,658,851
Purchases of investments	(29,566,164)
Proceeds from sales of investments	31,899,004
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Dividends receivable	(4,236,515)
Due from brokers	(43,311)
Other assets	419
Due to Firebird Republics SPV Ltd. under terms of participation note	(16,864,413)
Due to broker	(802,341)
Unrealized capital gains tax reserve	(4,760,028)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(29,565)
Net cash used in operating activities	(406,371)
Financing activities	
Proceeds from issuance of Class A shares	6,301,754
Proceeds from issuance of Class M shares	213,398
Proceeds from issuance of Class A Allocation shares	192,931
Proceeds from issuance of Class B Allocation shares	4,000
Payments for redemptions of Class A shares	(2,519,378)
Dividends paid on Class A Allocation shares	(5,250,000)
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,057,295)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(1,463,666)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	9,043,696
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 7,580,030

#### Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2014

#### 1. Organization

Firebird Republics Fund, Ltd. (the "Fund") was incorporated as an exempted company under the laws of the Cayman Islands on January 22, 1997, and was registered under the Cayman Islands Mutual Fund Law on April 11, 1997. The Fund commenced operations on April 25, 1997. The purpose of the Fund is to invest primarily in publicly traded securities of companies operating in Russia, the other former Soviet republics, and certain Eastern European countries. The Class A shares of the Fund are listed on the Bermuda Stock Exchange.

Clairmont Holdings Ltd. ("Clairmont") is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Fund and was incorporated as a limited liability company under the Companies Law, Cap. 113, of Cyprus on April 18, 1997. Clairmont owns shares of companies operating in Russia and various Eastern European countries.

Lexik Holdings S.a.r.L. ("Lexik") is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Fund and was incorporated as a private limited liability company (Société à responsabilité limitée or S.à r.l.) under the laws of Luxembourg on June 20, 2012. Lexik owns shares of a company operating in Mongolia.

Firebird Republics SPV Ltd. (the "SPV") is a Cayman Islands exempt company which was incorporated on March 19, 2009, in order to hold illiquid assets of the Fund under a participation note dated March 31, 2009 (see Note 4 and Note 6).

The Fund's investment advisor is Firebird Management, LLC (the "Advisor"), a New York limited liability company, which also acts as the investment advisor of the SPV. The principals of the Advisor are also directors of the Fund and of the SPV. The Advisor is a registered investment advisor with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

Trident Trust Company (Cayman) Limited (the "Administrator") provides administration services to and maintains the registered office of the Fund and the SPV. Seaward Services Limited provides administration services to Clairmont and maintains its registered office. Trident Trust Company (Luxembourg) S.A. provides administration services to Lexik while Dechert Luxembourg maintains its registered office.

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

The consolidated financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP") and are stated in United States Dollars. The Fund meets the definition of an investment company and follows the accounting and reporting guidance in ASC 946, *Financial Services – Investment Companies*. The following is a summary of the significant accounting and reporting policies used in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

#### **Basis of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the results of the Fund and its subsidiaries, Clairmont and Lexik, after the elimination of all intercompany balances and transactions.

The Fund consolidates its investment in other investment funds in which it has a controlling financial interest. Consolidation requirements typically define a controlling interest as an ownership, directly or indirectly, of over 50% of the outstanding voting interest of another investment fund unless control is temporary or does not rest with the majority owner.

The Fund does not consolidate operating companies for which there is a controlling interest, unless the entity is an operating company providing services to the investment company. For the year ended December 31, 2014, the Fund did not consolidate any investment funds or operating companies.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts due from banks on demand and deposits with original maturities of three months or less. Substantially all of the cash and cash equivalents are held at Swedbank AS and State Street Bank. All cash and cash equivalents are held at banks organized in the United States of America, Bulgaria, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Mongolia. The Fund does not expect any material losses as a result of this allocation.

#### **Participation Note**

Assets and liabilities for which all net proceeds are held by the Fund on behalf of the SPV under the terms of the participation note are disclosed in the consolidated statement of assets and liabilities, the consolidated condensed schedule of investments held for Firebird Republics SPV Ltd. under participation note, and in Note 3. Allocated changes in valuation of investments held by the Fund on behalf of the SPV under the terms of the participation note, and related allocated movements in the unrealized capital gains tax reserve on such investments, are disclosed on the consolidated statement of operations.

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Security Transactions and Related Investment Income and Expenses**

Security transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are determined using the specific identification method and are recorded in the consolidated statement of operations. Interest is recorded on the accrual basis and dividends are recorded net of withholding taxes on the ex-dividend date in the consolidated statement of operations.

#### **Foreign Exchange Transactions**

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the date of the consolidated financial statements. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the time of the transaction. Exchange gains or losses are included in the consolidated statement of operations. As at December 31, 2014, the Fund and its subsidiaries held \$1,090,979 of cash in foreign currencies.

The Fund does not isolate that portion of gains and losses on investments which is due to changes in foreign exchange rates from that which is due to changes in market prices of the investments. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and change in unrealized gains and losses on investments and foreign currency transactions.

#### **Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The fair value of the Fund's assets and liabilities which qualify as financial instruments under Accounting Standards Codification Topic 825, *Financial Instruments*, approximates the carrying amounts presented in the consolidated financial statements.

In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (ASC Topic 820), fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive to sell an investment or pay to transfer a liability under an orderly liquidation in a timely transaction with an independent buyer in the principal market or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the investment or liability.

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)**

ASC Topic 820 establishes a three-tier hierarchy to distinguish between inputs obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity that affect assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability (observable inputs) and inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions that it thinks market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances (unobservable inputs) and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. The inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 – valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to assess and in which transactions for the asset or liability occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. Valuation adjustments and block discounts are not applied to Level 1 securities. Because valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily and regularly available in an active market, valuation of these instruments does not entail a significant degree of judgment.

Level 2 – valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 – valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These inputs may include the Advisor's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. Investments may move between different levels during the course of the year and are caused by certain information becoming available to the Advisor. The Fund recognizes transfers between levels as occurring at the beginning of the reporting period. Information relating to transfers into and out of Level 3 can be found in Note 3.

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)**

In general, portfolio securities that are traded in an active market (in most cases a market where there has been at least one transaction in the last 15 business days and had at least 12 trading days in the recent month at sufficient volumes with reasonably consistent price levels taking into account the volatility of the market in question) are classified as Level 1. These securities are valued at their last reported sales price on the valuation date in the case of securities listed or quoted on a recognized securities exchange, the U.S. NASDAQ National Market List or any comparable foreign quotation system for securities that generally trade daily, or if no prices were quoted on such date, at the last reported sales price on the last prior date when a price was quoted for such securities.

If no such prices have been quoted in an active market, the investment is valued in good faith by the Advisor, in consultation with the Administrator, and approved by the Directors, according to the steps outlined in ASC Topic 820. For these Level 2 or 3 securities, the Advisor may consult with and rely upon information provided by the Fund's custodians, market makers, brokers, and outside valuation services.

Level 2 securities will normally be priced using other observable information including identical or similar securities traded on other exchanges and quotations received from the counterparty, dealers, or brokers, whenever available and considered reliable. The Fund holds certain securities which are restricted under Rule 144A. Restricted securities are generally fair valued at a discount to similar publicly traded securities.

Investments in other investment funds that meet the definition of an investment company for which its net asset value or partners' capital has been measured in accordance with, or in a manner consistent with, the principles of ASC Topic 946, *Financial Services – Investment Companies*, are valued using the reported net asset value as a practical expedient. Investments in other investment funds are classified as Level 3, but can be Level 2 if they are redeemable at net asset value within six months of the measurement date.

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)**

The Fund's investments in other investment funds are generally valued at the reported values, provided by the administrator or management of the investment fund, after discounts for any applicable redemption charges and any lock up periods, which valuations are prepared in accordance with such investment fund's governing documents. The Advisor considers this a reliable representation of fair value if the investment fund is accepting subscriptions and processing redemptions based on this reported value. However, in certain circumstances, the Advisor will estimate the value of such investment based on available relevant information as it considers material.

The strategies of the other investment funds in which the Fund has a position are to invest into investments in the Baltic region. One of these investment funds is a private equity fund and withdrawals are made in accordance with the terms of the offering memorandum. The other investment fund has a redemption notice period of 30 days.

For Level 3 securities, the Advisor will value the equity securities using either a "market approach," an "income approach," or both approaches, as appropriate. The "market approach" uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities. The "income approach" uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts (for example, cash flows or earnings) to a single present amount (discounted). In following these approaches, the types of factors that may be taken into account include, as relevant: available current market data, including relevant and applicable market trading and transaction comparables, applicable market yields and multiples, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the issuer of the security's ability to make payments, the issuer's earnings, discounted cash flows and net asset value analysis, the markets in which the issuer does business, comparisons of financial ratios of peer public companies, recent M&A transactions for comparable public or private companies, actual and imminent capital transactions in the subject investee company and the principal market for the relevant security, among other factors.

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)**

The Advisor and analysts monitor and review the valuation methodologies on a monthly basis. They use the latest available information to update the valuations each month. The Fund also engages the services of an independent valuation firm to perform quarterly or semi-annual valuations on certain Level 3 assets. A Valuation Committee oversees the process and procedures for the valuation of the Level 3 investments in accordance with the valuation policy approved by the Board of Directors. The Valuation Committee meets on a quarterly basis or more frequently as required. It is comprised of staff of the Advisor and two Directors, who are also principals of the Advisor.

Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation of securities and investment funds traded in emerging market economies (see Note 12), the estimated fair values may differ significantly from values that will eventually be realized upon an actual liquidation of the portfolio, and such differences could be material.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported and disclosed in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Investment Classification**

The industry and geographic classifications reflected in the consolidated condensed schedule of investments represent the Advisor's belief as to the most meaningful presentation of the classification of the principal business of the holdings in the portfolio.

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

#### 3. Financial Instruments

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of December 31, 2014, in valuing the Fund's investments, including the investments held by the Fund on behalf of the SPV under terms of participation note, carried at fair value, disaggregated by geographic region.

	M	Level 1 loted Prices in Active larkets for ntical Assets	(	evel 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant nobservable Inputs		air Value cember 31, 2014
Investments in securities:							
Equities:							
Africa	\$	226,184	\$	_	\$ _	\$	226,184
Baltics:							
Estonia		4,314,771		13,045,638	814,499		18,174,908
Other		971,629		5,013,903	110,731		6,096,263
Total Baltics		5,286,400		18,059,541	925,230		24,271,171
Central Asia:							
Kazakhstan		3,513,279		18,623,966	4,298,396		26,435,641
Other		_		_	112,211		112,211
Total Central Asia		3,513,279		18,623,966	4,410,607		26,547,852
Eastern Asia		1,947,944		301,510	511,997		2,761,451
Eastern Europe:							
Bulgaria		_		11,609,064	2,161,489		13,770,553
Georgia		17,431,189		_	1,190,894		18,622,083
Romania		8,940,922		17,872,965	288,453		27,102,340
Russia		14,886,709		3,172,447	8,572,857		26,632,013
Other		_		671,609	_		671,609
Total Eastern Europe		41,258,820		33,326,085	12,213,693		86,798,598
Total equities		52,232,627	\$	70,311,102	\$ 18,061,527	\$ 1	40,605,256
Convertible bonds:							
Baltics		_		114,931	_		114,931
Central Asia		_		_	19,060		19,060
Total convertible bonds	\$	<u> </u>	\$	114,931	\$ 19,060	\$	133,991

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

# **3. Financial Instruments (continued)**

	N	Level 1 uoted Prices in Active Markets for entical Assets	(	Level 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs		Level 3 Significant nobservable Inputs		Fair Value ecember 31, 2014
Investments in securities held by the Fund on behalf of the SPV under terms of participation note:								
Equities:								
Central Asia:	Φ		Φ		Φ	62 061 000	Ф	62.061.000
Kazakhstan	\$	_	\$	_	\$	62,061,088	<b>3</b>	62,061,088
Other						6,992,228		6,992,228
Total Central Asia		_		_		69,053,316		69,053,316
Eastern Europe		_		_		4,429,716		4,429,716
Total equities		_		_		73,483,032		73,483,032
Total investments in securities	\$	52,232,627	\$	70,426,033	\$	91,563,619	\$	214,222,279
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Investments in other investment funds:								
Baltics	\$	_	\$	392,336	\$	295,776	\$	688,112
Total investments in other								
investment funds	\$		\$	392,336	\$	295,776	\$	688,112

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

### **3. Financial Instruments (continued)**

The following is a reconciliation of investments in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining value:

	<b>Equities</b>							
		Baltics	Central Asia		astern Asia		Eastern Europe	Total
Balance as at December 31, 2013 Net realized loss	\$	1,404,821 \$	1,201,563	\$	_ _	\$	16,898,116 \$ (2,013,415)	19,504,500 (2,013,415)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) Purchases Sales		(479,591) - -	(1,122,166) 4,331,210		11,997 500,000 –		(3,170,392) 499,707 (323)	(4,760,152) 5,330,917 (323)
Balance as at December 31, 2014	\$	925,230 \$	4,410,607	\$	511,997	\$	12,213,693 \$	18,061,527
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments still held as of December 31, 2014	\$	(479,591) \$	(1,122,166)	\$	11,997	\$	(5,093,591) \$	(6,683,351)

	Convertible Bonds Central Asia
Balance as at December 31, 2013	\$ -
Net realized gain	_
Net change in unrealized depreciation	(5,351)
Purchases	24,411
Sales	_
Balance as at December 31, 2014	\$ 19,060
Net change in unrealized depreciation from investments still held as of December 31, 2014	\$ (5,351)

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

### **3. Financial Instruments (continued)**

Purchases

Balance as at December 31, 2014

Net change in unrealized depreciation from investments still held as of December 31, 2014

Sales

# Investments in Securities Held by the Fund on Behalf of the SPV Under Terms of Participation Note

**Equities** 

				Eastern		
	 Baltics	(	Central Asia	Europe		Total
Balance as at December 31, 2013 Net realized gain (loss) Net change in unrealized appreciation	\$ (2,885,189)	\$	91,125,316 \$ 3,944,976	8,203,014 -	\$	99,328,330 1,059,787
(depreciation) Sales	2,949,672 (64,483)		(21,685,766) (4,331,210)	(3,773,298)	1	(22,509,392) (4,395,693)
Balance as at December 31, 2014	\$ _	\$	69,053,316 \$	4,429,716	\$	73,483,032
Net change in unrealized depreciation from investments still held as of December 31, 2014	\$ -	\$	(21,685,766) \$	(3,773,298)	\$	(25,459,064)
				( - -	Othe	r Investment Funds Baltics
Balance as at December 31, 2013 Net realized gain Net change in unrealized depreciation				:	\$	348,105 67 (28,633)

(23,763)

295,776

(28,633)

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

### **3. Financial Instruments (continued)**

A quantitative disclosure of the unobservable inputs and assumptions for Level 3 securities has been provided in the table below.

Asset Class	Geographic Region	Fair Value as at December 31, 2014	Valuation Techniques	Unobservable Inputs	Ranges (Weighted Averages)
Equities	Baltics Central Asia Eastern Asia Eastern Europe	\$ 925,230 73,463,923 511,997 16,643,409	companies	Price/Book value ratio Enterprise value/EBITDA ratio Price/EBITDA ratio Price/Earnings ratio Cost of Capital Price/Reserves Last Enterprise value/Sales ratio Price/Sales Value ratio Dividend Yield	0.06-2.22 (1.50) 4.17-11.00 (8.17) 2.20 4.32-5.91 (4.45) 0.09-0.16 (0.09) 5.16 0.24-1.23 (0.84) 1.21 0.03
Convertible bonds	Central Asia	\$ 19,060	Discounted par value	Discount rate	20%
Other investment funds	Baltics	\$ 295,776	Quarterly net asset valuation	Lock up discount	10.0%

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

#### 4. Participation Note

On March 31, 2009, the Fund entered into a participation note with the SPV under which the Fund agreed to pay to the SPV the net proceeds as defined therein received by the Fund with respect to certain designated investments and other receivables of the Fund, being about 38% of the net asset value of the Fund at that date. In return for this payment, the SPV issued participating shares to each of the shareholders of the Fund pro-rata to the value of their respective shareholdings of the Fund at that date. The net proceeds are defined as the cash received from dividends, interest, sale or other realization proceeds on each such designated investment, less (a) expenses incurred by the Fund in connection with the realization or receipt of such cash, (b) management fees and performance allocation due to the Advisor with respect to such designated investments and (c) any other expenses incurred by the Fund on behalf of the SPV.

#### 5. Due From/to Brokers and Concentration of Credit Risk

Due from/to brokers generally includes amounts receivable or payable for securities transactions that have not been settled at the date of the consolidated financial statements and cash held at brokers for settled trades. The majority of publicly traded investments are held with Swedbank AS and State Street Bank. The Fund periodically monitors the credit standing of the brokers and does not expect any material losses as a result of default by brokers.

The Fund also invests in convertible bonds. Until such investments are sold or mature, the Fund is exposed to credit risk relating to whether the issuer will meet its obligation when it comes due.

#### 6. Share Capital

The Fund's authorized share capital is \$50,000 divided into 4,990,000 Class A and Class M Common shares and 10,000 Allocation shares each having a par value of \$0.01 per share. Outstanding Common and Allocation shares will participate in the assets of the Fund upon liquidation ratably in proportion to their respective redemption values. Each Common and Allocation shareholder is entitled to one vote for each share held on any matter presented to a meeting of shareholders.

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

#### 6. Share Capital (continued)

Class A shares are issued, redeemed and adjusted for equalization in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. At the end of each year, the number of shares held by each Class A shareholder is adjusted for equalization purposes so that each share has the same net asset value, and that each shareholder pays a performance allocation each year equal to 20% of the net increase in the Net Asset Value of the shares held by that shareholder (see Note 8).

The Class A Allocation shares and Class B Allocation shares are owned by the principals and key employees, respectively, of the Advisor. These Allocation shares are not subject to management fees and will receive a performance allocation each year equal to 20% of the net increase in the Net Asset Value of each outstanding Class A Share (see note 8).

Class M shares are only offered to employees of the Advisor, its affiliates and related persons, and are subject to the same rights, terms and conditions as the Class A shares except that Class M shares will not be subject to any management fee or performance allocation.

In 2014, the SPV made total distributions of \$16,307,071 to its shareholders, of which \$1,665,152 was reinvested into shares of the Fund in accordance with the terms of the participation note.

Share transactions for the year ended December 31, 2014, were as follows:

	Class A	Class M	Class A Allocation Shares	Class B Allocation Shares
Shares outstanding at December 31, 2013 Shares issued with respect to the redemption of shares in Firebird Republics SPV Ltd. under the terms of the	98,680.65	64,479.85	4,589.65	_
participation note	1,322.08	1,718.86	_	_
Shares issued	4,151.24	_	10.78	400.00
Shares redeemed	(2,128.91)	_	_	_
Equalization adjustment	6.46	_	_	_
Shares outstanding at December 31, 2014	102,031.52	66,198.71	4,600.43	400.00

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

#### 7. Management Fees

Pursuant to the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Management Agreement, the Fund pays the Advisor a management fee at an annual rate of 2.00% of the Class A net asset value calculated and payable quarterly in advance based on the Class A share of the Fund's net asset value (before accrual for performance allocation) as of the last business day of the preceding quarter. For the year ended December 31, 2014, the Fund recorded \$2,226,802 of management fees and \$2,237,802 was paid during the year.

Management fees are not charged to the Class M and Allocation Shares shareholders. The Advisor may, in its discretion, waive all or a portion of the management fee with respect to any shareholder.

#### 8. Performance Allocation

Pursuant to the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Management Agreement, Allocation shares receive a performance allocation annually equal in the aggregate to 20% of the net increase each year in the Net Asset Value of each outstanding Class A Share (including net unrealized gains and losses) subject to a loss carryforward.

However, the performance allocation for Class A shareholders who also hold Participating shares in the SPV shall only be paid to the Allocation shares to the extent that the combined net gain for each such Class A shareholder on their shares in the Fund and their Participating shares in the SPV exceeds any loss carryforward or high watermark applicable to the relevant Class A shares in the Fund prior to the date of the participation note. In making this calculation, the appreciation of the Participating shares in the SPV reflects only realized gains on the sale or disposition of investments and other assets held under the terms of the participation note that have been or are being distributed to the shareholders of the SPV, thus excluding any unrealized appreciation on unsold investments while such investments are held within the SPV.

The Advisor may waive all or part of the performance allocation for certain investors. There was no performance allocation to the Allocation shares for the year ended December 31, 2014. The performance allocation can be withdrawn at any time by the holders of the Allocation shares by way of dividend or redemption.

### Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

#### 9. Taxation

There is currently no taxation imposed on income or profits of the Fund by the Government of the Cayman Islands. If any form of taxation were to be enacted, the Fund has been granted an exemption therefrom until May 6, 2017.

The Fund is not subject to United States Federal, state or local taxation. The Fund reports tax information to its U.S. resident shareholders on the accrual basis. The Fund has elected to be treated as a partnership for U.S. Federal income tax purposes.

ASC Topic 740, *Income Taxes*, provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, presented and disclosed in the consolidated financial statements. ASC Topic 740 requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Fund's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-thannot" of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. The Fund has adopted ASC Topic 740 and its impact is reflected in these consolidated financial statements.

Unrealized capital gains tax reserve is allocated by the Fund to the SPV on specific investments under the terms of the participation note.

The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, as capital gains tax expense in the consolidated statement of operations. During the year, the Fund did not accrue any interest or penalties.

Tax accruals are calculated in local currencies. The effective rate to the Fund can exceed or be less than the above rates if the local currency has appreciated or depreciated against the US Dollar during the period of investment.

Tax legislation in all of the jurisdictions in which the Fund invests is subject to varying interpretations and changes, which can occur unexpectedly. The Advisor's interpretation of such legislation as applied to transactions and activities of the Fund and its subsidiaries since inception may be challenged by the relevant regional and federal authorities. It is not practical to determine the amount of unasserted claims that may manifest themselves, if any, or the likelihood of any unfavorable outcome thereof.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

#### 10. Derivative Financial Instruments

In the normal course of business, the Fund may enter into transactions involving derivative financial instruments in connection with its investing activities. These instruments are subject to various risks similar to non-derivative instruments, including market, credit, liquidity, and operational risks. The Fund manages these risks on an aggregate basis along with the risks associated with its investing activities as part of its overall risk management policies. The Fund does not distinguish derivative profit or loss from any other category of investments for consolidated statement of operations presentation purposes. No derivative positions were held during the year.

#### 11. Related Party Transactions

In accordance with ASC Topic 850, *Related Party Disclosures*, related parties include principal ownership (defined to include investments where the Fund combined with funds under common control hold interests greater than 10%), associated companies (defined as investments where the Fund combined with funds under common control hold interests less than 10% and have members on the Board of Directors), and Affiliates. Affiliates are defined as other investment funds managed by the Advisor and related parties of the Advisor.

Transactions with these entities during the year were as follows:

	Principal wnership	sociated mpanies	Affiliates
Purchases of investments	\$ 811,194	\$ _	\$ 5,723,011
Sales of investments	_	23,763	_
Realized gain	_	67	_

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

# 11. Related Party Transactions (continued)

Outstanding balances at year-end and transactions with the SPV under the participation note during the year ended December 31, 2014, were as follows:

	Firebird Republics SPV Ltd.
Due to Firebird Republics SPV Ltd. under participation note as at	
December 31, 2013	\$ 82,090,173
Recognition of net change in unrealized capital gains tax liability on investments in securities held by the Fund on behalf of the SPV	4,419,344
Recognition of realized gain during the year on investments in securities held by the Fund on behalf of the SPV	1,059,787
Recognition of unrealized depreciation during the year on investments	
in securities held by the Fund on behalf of the SPV	(22,509,392)
Proceeds from sale of securities held by the Fund on behalf of the SPV	(3,606,698)
Increase in receivable held by the Fund on behalf of the SPV	3,772,546
Due to Firebird Republics SPV Ltd. under participation	
note as at December 31, 2014	\$ 65,225,760

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

## 11. Related Party Transactions (continued)

Included in related parties are the following entities in which the Fund and Affiliates have a greater than 20% aggregate interest in the entity and/or a Director(s) seat is held.

	2014	2014	
	Ownership I	nvestments	
	by the Fund I	Held by the	
Name of Company	and Affiliates	Fund	Industry
Amber Trust I	0.99% \$	295,776	Miscellaneous
Caspian Energy Inc.	21.17	203,843	Oil & Gas
Global Gold Corp	53.16	87,087	Gold
Iron Wolf Partners L.P.	39.10	392,336	Miscellaneous
NBD Bank <sup>*</sup>	6.86	906,595	Banking
Premia Foods	56.97	968,845	Food
Sharyn Gol	71.43	301,510	Metallurgy & Mining
Sharyn Gol Holdings, Ltd.	88.46	511,997	Metallurgy & Mining
Tallink Grupp	5.61	5,488,558	Transportation
Teliani Valley	30.64	901,983	Consumer Products
Utenos Trikotazas	9.51	110,731	Manufacturing

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes investments in securities held by the Fund on behalf of the SPV under the participation note.

All investments in the above companies are carried at fair value, as discussed in Note 2.

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

#### 12. Investment Risks

The Fund's investments are based principally in the emerging economies of Russia, the former Soviet republics, and certain Eastern European countries. Therefore, they are subject to the risks inherent in those economies including, but not limited to:

- the ability to find a buyer in order to sell security positions owned by the Fund;
- the risk that brokers which hold shares for the Fund may become insolvent, which may result in a loss of such shares;
- uncertainties regarding existing local laws and regulations that provide protection to owners of investment securities;
- uncertainties regarding the convertibility of local currencies into U.S. dollars;
- private companies in which the Fund holds or will hold an interest will be returned to some form of state control or that the assets of such companies will be confiscated by the state without or with inadequate compensation to investors;
- the risk of an economic or political catastrophe or renationalization that could result in a substantial or total loss of the value of the investments;
- a liquidity risk associated with restructuring of companies, during which time such securities may be frozen until registration has been completed;
- the risk of restrictions being imposed by foreign governments on the repatriation of cash; and
- geopolitical and macroeconomic uncertainty involving Russia may lead to further devaluation of the ruble and weaken certain of the markets in which the Fund operates.

The above risks are not unique in the context of emerging markets investing.

The Fund could be affected, for the foreseeable future, by these risks and their consequences, and the effects could be significant. The accompanying consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that may result from the future clarification of these uncertainties. Such adjustments, if any, will be reported in the Fund's consolidated financial statements in the period when they become known and estimable.

#### 13. Indemnifications

The Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. However, the Fund has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts and expects the risk of loss to be remote.

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

## 14. Financial Highlights

Financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2014, were as follows:

	Class A
Per share operating performance	
Beginning net asset value	\$ 1,152.92
Change in net assets resulting from operations:	
Net investment income	7.99
Net loss on investments and foreign currency transactions	(269.05)
Performance allocation	
Net change in net assets resulting from operations	(261.06)
Ending net asset value	\$ 891.86
Total return Total return before and after performance allocation	(22.64)%
Ratios to average net assets Total expenses before and after performance allocation	(2.71)%
Net investment income	0.74%

Per share operating information and total return are calculated for Class A shares. Ratios to average net assets are calculated for Class A shares taken as a whole. An individual investor's per share operating performance, total return and ratios to average net assets may vary from these amounts and ratios based on the timing of capital transactions and differing management fee and performance allocation rates.

### Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

#### 15. Credit Facilities

As of December 31, 2014, the Fund had a credit agreement ("Credit Facility") with Swedbank AS, pursuant to which the Fund has granted security over its assets held at Swedbank AS in order to have access to funds on a short-term basis to fulfill redemption requests in limited circumstances, as determined by the Advisor. Pursuant to the terms of the Credit Facility, the Fund can borrow up to \$3,500,000. These lines of credit are at market rates and as at December 31, 2014, there were no outstanding amounts due.

#### 16. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated events subsequent to year-end and through March 27, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to issue. During this period, the Fund recorded Class A shares and Class B Allocation Shares subscriptions of \$494,516 and \$16, respectively, of which \$194,532 were distributions by the SPV re-invested into the Fund. The Fund also recorded Class A redemptions of \$30,000.