

UNDERWRITERS TIER 3 MASTER TRUST PENSION SCHEME

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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for the year ended 31 December 2024

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PARTICULARS OF SERVICE PROVIDERS/ADVISORS

Chairman of Board of Trustees	Mr. Charles Akun Egan 25 Ashbread Road SCC New Weija, Accra.
Administrator	Enterprise Trustees LTD Advantage Place Mayor Road Ridge West PMB, GPO Accra
Fund Managers	SDC Capital LTD No F30/6 Orphan Crescent North Labone Estate Accra IC Asset Managers (Ghana) LTD 2 Johnson Sirleaf Road North Ridge Accra
Independent auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers Chartered Accountants PwC Tower A4 Rangoon Lane Cantonment City PMB CT 42, Cantonments Accra
Custodian	Ecobank Ghana PLC 2 Morocco Lane, Off Independence Avenue, Ministerial Area, Accra.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report together with the audited financial statements of Underwriters Tier 3 Master Trust Pension Scheme (the "Scheme") for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Establishment, nature and the status of the scheme

The Scheme is a defined Contribution Scheme which provides Lump Sum benefits on Retirement and such other ancillary benefits to members who meet the qualifying conditions stipulated under the National Pensions Act, 2008 (Act 766) as amended.

The Scheme is a tax exempt pension fund under the National Pensions Act, 2008 (Act 766) and any amendments made to it thereafter. The Scheme's activities are bound by provisions of the National Pensions Act, 2008, (Act 766) as amended, Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (General) Regulations, 2011 (L.I.1990), guidelines formulated and published and any Board directives that may be issued from time to time as well as the Governing Rules of the Scheme.

The trustees of the Scheme are ultimately responsible for administration of the Scheme and their responsibility to the Scheme is established by a Trust Deed and Scheme Governing Rules approved on 1 November 2012.

Scheme Governing Rules and the Trust Deed both of which are subject to the National Pensions Act, 2008, (Act 766) as amended, form the basis of establishing the Scheme.

Scheme membership statistics	Members
At 1 January 2024	14,868
Withdrawals during the year	(644)
Joiners during the year	<u>2,117</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>16,341</u>

Summary statistics of withdrawals

Complete withdrawals	563
Transfers-out	7
Statutory retirement	67
Early Retirement	-
Permanent emigration	1
Death	<u>6</u>
	<u>644</u>

During the year, there were 1,414 partial withdrawals, no deferred contributors, no incapacitated member and no Transfer-ins.

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Retirement benefits

Members of the Scheme are entitled to lump sum payments from balances standing to the credit of their accrued benefits or personal savings upon retirement.

Termination terms

In the event of winding up of the Scheme:

- i. Contributions made by the employer on behalf of each member before the vesting period shall not be available to the liquidator of the Scheme.
- ii. Unpaid contributions of the employer and payroll deductions made from the contributor's salary which have been remitted to a trustee at the time of liquidation shall have priority over any other debt.

Where the Scheme is being liquidated:

- i. The trustees shall not receive any contribution from the date of commencement of the winding-up.
- ii. Any other schemes operated by the trustees may be merged with a scheme operated by another trustee with the approval of members of the Scheme and with directions from the Board of the National Pensions Regulatory Authority.
- iii. The merger shall be conducted by the other trustee through the transfer of assets and liabilities of the Scheme by the trustee to that trustee.

Where the registration of a custodian is being withdrawn, the Trustees shall appoint another custodian approved by the governing Board of the National Pensions Regulatory Authority with the approval of members.

Access to information

Online Platform:

As part of the service offering, members have access to an online self-service platform called 'the Stable'. The Stable allows members to check on payments made on their behalf, view and print statements, upload beneficiary details, make enquiries online, make amendment request, download benefit payment forms and download and print Membership Certificates. The online self-service platform can be accessed at <https://thestable.etportal.app/portal/index?faces-redirect=true>

Call Centre:

Members have access to a Call Centre service. Individual members are able to reach the Scheme administrator with their concerns for prompt feedback by call to +233 302 634704 or email to complaints.trustees@myenterprisegroup.com.io.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

Access to information (continued)

Electronic Newsletter:

Periodically, the administrator, Enterprise Trustees LTD circulates relevant pension information to all members of the Scheme via its Newsletter dubbed "The Trustees". Monthly member summary statements are also sent via email to members.

SMS Notification:

SMS notifications are sent to members alerting them of their monthly contributions and any other relevant information.

Enterprise Market and branches:

The Scheme's Administrator, Enterprise Trustees LTD, operates a network of branches across the country to provide members with convenient access to information and in-person transaction support. Currently, there are seven (7) branches nationwide, located as follows: three (3) in Accra, and one (1) each in Tema, Kumasi, Tamale, and Takoradi.

Stakeholder Forums:

As part of the process of increasing the interaction with our members, Enterprise Trustees LTD instituted the Members Stakeholder Forum. The objective of the stakeholder forum is to brief members on the stewardship of the Trustees and the performance of the scheme. It also affords members the opportunity to interact with senior management of the scheme and the Trustees including the Independent Trustee.

Annual General Meeting:

The Scheme organized its maiden Annual General Meeting (AGM) in 2024 with the aim of promoting transparency and accountability. The meeting offered a platform for member feedback and questions, while also outlining the strategic direction and future plans for the Scheme.

Social Media platforms:

Enterprise Trustees LTD maintains active social media presence on X, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram to engage members.

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Investment report

Statement of Investment Principles:

We the Board of Trustees attest that Scheme funds have been invested with the objective of obtaining safe and fair returns in accordance with National Pensions Act, 2008 (Act 766) and any amendments thereafter and Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (General) Regulations, 2011 (L.I.1990). We confirm that there has been full compliance with prohibitions on investments which include but are not limited to, use of Pension Fund assets as collateral, investing outside Maximum Allowable limits (except in the case of Government bonds due to the impact of the Domestic Debt Exchange Program (DDEP) which consolidated Local government bonds with government bonds and the addition of 15% patrimonial value on the face value exchanged), investing outside the scope of Assets stipulated by the Investment Guidelines and investing in securities issued by any issuer for which there exists a conflict of interest.

Particulars of Investment Policy:

1.1 General Investment Principles

The Scheme seeks to provide for the payment of lump sum benefits to Members when they retire or should any unforeseen event occur in relation to the Members. To achieve this broad objective, the Scheme seeks to achieve a total rate of return sufficient to provide generous current distributions to the Members and to allow for the growth necessary to increase future distributions. The Scheme shall be managed on a going-concern basis with the primary objective of providing high rates of return, consistent with prevailing market conditions, a high quality standard of investment, and moderate levels of risk.

1.1.1 Investments shall be made solely in the interest of the Members.

1.1.2 The Scheme's funds shall be invested with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a man acting in like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the investment of a fund of like character and with like aims.

1.1.3 Investment of the Scheme's funds shall be so diversified as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so.

1.2 Investment Objectives

The investment objective is to achieve net return 1.5% above the average 182-day treasury bill rate per annum. The primary objective in the investment management for the Scheme's assets shall be to emphasize long-term growth of the principal within reasonable and prudent levels of risk. Short-Term volatility will be tolerated in as much as it is consistent with the volatility of a comparable market index.

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Investment report (continued)

Particulars of Investment Policy (continued)

The Minimum expected yield from the portfolio of investments are:

Cash and cash equivalents	:	Call Rate
Government Bonds & Bills	:	Treasury Bill Rate
Municipal Bond & Bills	:	As Agreed
Fixed Income Fund	:	Average 182-day Treasury bill rate plus
Corporate Bonds	:	As Agreed
Equity	:	GSE/Databank Index
Collective Investments	:	Average of 182-Day Treasury bill rate %
Alternative Investments	:	As Agreed

This serves as the Fund Manager's benchmarks in terms of yields or returns on their portfolio.

This Investment Policy until revised remains to be the duly approved Investment Policy governing the Underwriters Tier 3 Master Trust Pension Scheme.

Investment Allocation

The table below shows the Scheme's asset mix as set out in the Statement of Investment Policy and the actual asset mix at 31 December 2024.

Asset Type	Maximum	Actual	Investment Income	Gross Amount	Gross Amount
	%	%	2024 GHS'000	2024 GHS'000	2023 GHS'000
Government of Ghana securities	75	83.35	128,929	612,185	577,687
Local government securities	25	0.15	140	1,076	1,132
Corporate debt securities	35	-	-	-	-
Money market securities	35	10.22	9,602	75,089	16,701
Listed equities instruments	20	5.44	2,747	39,968	13,500
Collective investments	25	0.84	-	6,142	2,216
TOTAL		<u>100.00</u>	<u>141,418</u>	<u>734,460</u>	<u>611,236</u>

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Net assets available for benefits

Net assets available for benefit of members as at 31 December 2024 is GHS 774,664,000. The movement in the Scheme's net asset is set out on page 17 of the financial statements.

EXPENSES

All expenses of the Scheme are charged against the Scheme. We confirm that expenses charged and deducted from the Scheme funds are those allowable under the National Pensions Act, 2008 (Act 766) as amended, guidelines on fees and charges and any other directives issued by the Authority from time to time. The applicable fee rate per service provider is accrued on daily basis and charged out for payment on monthly basis.

Set out below is a summary of expenses incurred by the Scheme during the year as well as actual rates applied compared to the maximum allowable rate set by the Regulator.

Asset Type	Maximum Rate % p.a.	2024	2024	2023
		Actual Rate % p.a.	Current Year Amount GHS'000	Previous Year Amount GHS'000
NPRA Fees	0.33	0.33	2,240	1,799
Trustee Fees	1.33	1.32	8,959	7,198
Custodian Fees	0.28	0.20	1,297	1,038
Fund Manager Fees	0.56	0.33	2,231	1,987
Audit Fees	N/A	N/A	<u>79</u>	<u>51</u>
			<u>14,806</u>	<u>12,073</u>

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TRUSTEES

The membership of the Board of trustees are as follows:

Name	NPRA license number	Position	Date of appointment
Mr. Charles Egan	NPRA15156	Independent Trustee /Chairman	3 December 2018
Mr. Joseph Ampofo	NPRA 15010	Member	16 April 2012
Mr. Michael Tyson	NPRA16115	Member	25 July 2016
Mrs. Awuraa Abena Asafo-Boakye	NPRA15266	Member	15 February 2019
Mr. Joseph Zilare Amuna	NPRA 24043	Member	25 April 2024

Statutory requirements

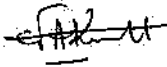
The Trustees have complied with the requirements of the National Pensions Act, 2008 (Act 766) as amended, Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (General) Regulations 2011 (L.I.1990), Guidelines and Board Directives that have been issued.

Auditor

The Scheme's auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers, have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditor of the Scheme.

On behalf of the board of trustees

Name of Independent Trustee: Charles A. Egan

Signature: 

Name of Trustee: Michael Tyson

Signature: 

29th April 2025

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The National Pensions Act, 2008 (Act 766) as amended and the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (General) Regulations, 2011(L.I.1990) require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Scheme for the year and of the disposition at year end of its assets and liabilities. It also requires the Trustees to ensure that the Scheme keeps proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Scheme. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Scheme.

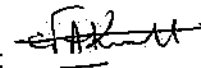
The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards including the IAS 29 hyperinflation directive issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants Ghana (ICAG) and the requirements of the National Pensions Act, 2008 (Act 766) as amended and the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (General) Regulations, 2011 (L.I. 1990). The Trustees have instituted appropriate internal controls to avert cases of fraud or error from which material misstatements may arise.

The Trustees accept responsibility for the Annual financial statements, which have been prepared using appropriate accounting policies supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standard including the IAS 29 hyperinflation directive issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants Ghana (ICAG) and in the manner required by the National Pensions Act, 2008 (Act 766) as amended and the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (General) Regulations, 2011 (L.I. 1990). The Trustees assert that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the financial affairs of Underwriters Tier 3 Master Trust Pension Scheme.

For the Trustees:

Name of Independent Trustee: Charles A. Egan

Signature:



Name of Trustee: Michael Tyson

Signature:



29th April 2025

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF UNDERWRITERS TIER 3 MASTER TRUST PENSION SCHEME**

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Underwriters Tier 3 Master Trust Pension Scheme (the "Scheme") as at 31 December 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards with the IAS 29 directive issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Ghana (ICAG) and in the manner required by the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (General) Regulations, 2011.

What we have audited

We have audited the financial statements of Underwriters Tier 3 Master Trust Pension Scheme for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements comprise:

- the statement of net assets available for benefits as at 31 December 2024;
- the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended;
- the statement of movement in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, comprising a summary of material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

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

Independence

We are independent of the Scheme in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (the Code) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
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Key audit matters (continued)

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter									
<p>Derecognition loss on investment in debt securities</p> <p>The gross Eurobond investment securities balance and derecognition loss as at 31 December 2024 were as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="268 571 938 779"> <thead> <tr> <th>Financial statement line item</th> <th>Gross amount</th> <th>Derecognition loss</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>GH¢'000</td> <td>GH¢'000</td> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Investment securities-Eurobond</td> <td>20,053</td> <td>9,422</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Derecognition loss for investment securities is material to the financial statements in terms of magnitude and level of subjective judgment applied by management.</p> <p>The Government of the Republic of Ghana reached an agreement in principle with the Eurobond holders regarding the treatment of the Eurobonds. Outstanding Bonds were exchanged for new ones based on two options known as the Disco Option or the Par Option.</p> <p>A derecognition loss GH¢9,422,000 was recognised as a result of the exchange of eligible bonds.</p> <p>The fair values of the new instruments on the date of exchange and the associated derecognition gain or loss was determined using discounted cash flow (DCF) models. The DCF models estimated the discount factors for the categories of bonds exchanged.</p> <p>The determination of the discount rate was an area of significant judgement:</p> <p>The accounting policies, critical estimates and judgements and impairment charge are set out in notes 2g, 3, 5, 18 to the financial statements.</p>	Financial statement line item	Gross amount	Derecognition loss		GH¢'000	GH¢'000	Investment securities-Eurobond	20,053	9,422	<p>We obtained an understanding of the Eurobond based on the Exchange Memorandum issued by the Government of Ghana.</p> <p>We obtained an understanding for the option chosen by the Scheme based on the approval of the Board.</p> <p>We assessed the reasonableness of the discount rate used for determining the present value of cash flows expected from new bonds by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reviewing the methodology adopted in determining the discount rate; • agreeing the inputs used in the calculation of the market prices; and • reviewing the accuracy of the computation of the discount rate. <p>We assessed the appropriateness of the related disclosures in the financial statements in accordance with IFRS 9.</p>
Financial statement line item	Gross amount	Derecognition loss								
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000								
Investment securities-Eurobond	20,053	9,422								

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
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Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises Particulars of service providers/advisors, Report of the Trustees and Statement of Trustees' responsibilities but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards with the IAS 29 directive issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Ghana (ICAG) and in the manner required by Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (General) Regulations, 2011, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Scheme or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The trustees are responsible for overseeing the Scheme's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Scheme's internal control.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF UNDERWRITERS TIER 3 MASTER TRUST PENSION SCHEME(continued)**

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Scheme to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the trustees with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and have communicated with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

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REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (General) Regulations, 2011 requires that in carrying out our audit we consider and report on the following matters. We confirm that:

- i) we have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit;
- ii) in our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Scheme, so far as appears from our examination of those books; and
- iii) the Scheme's balance sheet (statement of net assets available for benefits) and profit and loss account (statement of changes in net assets available for benefits) are in agreement with the books of account; and
- iv) the Scheme in all material respects complied with the requirements of Section 35 of the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (General) Regulations, 2011.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Destiny Selorm Attatsitsey (ICAG/P/1619).



PricewaterhouseCoopers (ICAG/F/2024/028)
Chartered Accountants
Accra, Ghana
30 April 2025



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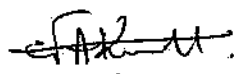
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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

(All amounts are in thousands of Ghana cedis)

		At 31 December	
	Note	2024	2023
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	6,582	2,249
Financial assets at amortised cost	5	687,492	579,842
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	46,110	15,716
Accounts receivable	7	<u>39,536</u>	<u>27,740</u>
		<u>779,720</u>	<u>625,547</u>
Liabilities			
Benefits payable	8	839	1,030
Administrative expenses payable	9	1,414	1,236
Other payables	10	<u>2,803</u>	<u>2,462</u>
		<u>5,056</u>	<u>4,728</u>
Total assets less liabilities		<u>774,664</u>	<u>620,819</u>
Represented by:			
Net assets available for benefits		<u>774,664</u>	<u>620,819</u>

The financial statements on pages 15 to 36 were approved for issue by the Board of Trustees on29th.....April 2025 and were signed on their behalf by:



.....
Charles Akun Egan
Independent Trustee



.....
Michael Tyson
Trustee

The notes on pages 19 to 36 form an integral part of the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
(All amounts are in thousands of Ghana cedis)

	Note	At 31 December	
		2024	2023
Dealings with members			
Contributions	11	112,436	99,981
Benefits	12	(98,185)	(76,218)
Net additions from dealings with members		<u>14,251</u>	<u>23,763</u>
Returns on investments			
Investment income	13	141,418	190,414
Brokerage fees/levies/commissions	14	(139)	(130)
Net investment income		<u>141,279</u>	<u>190,284</u>
Gains on investment securities measured at fair value			
Impairment release/(expense)	5	3,962	1,616
Derecognition/modification loss	5	(9,422)	(17,796)
Administrative expenses	16	(14,806)	(12,073)
Increase in net assets for the year		<u>153,845</u>	<u>158,201</u>

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STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
(All amounts are in thousands of Ghana cedis)

	Note	Year ended 31 December	
		2024	2023
Net assets available for benefits			
At start of year		620,819	462,618
Increase in net assets for the year		<u>153,845</u>	<u>158,201</u>
At end of year	17	<u>774,664</u>	<u>620,819</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(All amounts are in thousands of Ghana cedis)

	Note	Year ended 31 December	
		2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities			
Increase in net assets for the year		153,845	158,201
Adjusted for:			
Accrued investment income	5	(37,049)	(45,996)
Net valuation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	(18,590)	(1,619)
Impairment expense	5	(3,962)	17,796
Derecognition/modification loss	5	9,422	27,593
Working capital adjustments:			
(Decrease)/increase in benefits payable	8	(191)	427
Increase in administrative expense payable	9	178	294
Increase in other payables	10	341	2,458
Increase in receivables	7	<u>(11,796)</u>	<u>(20,146)</u>
Net cash generated from operating activities		<u>92,198</u>	<u>139,008</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of debt securities	5	(452,887)	(658,153)
Purchase of equity instruments	6	(13,157)	(5,295)
Proceeds from disposal or maturities of debt securities less derecognised impairment	5	376,826	518,810
Proceeds from disposal equity instruments	6	<u>1,353</u>	<u>147</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(87,865)</u>	<u>(144,491)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		4,333	(5,483)
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	4	<u>2,249</u>	<u>7,732</u>
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December	4	<u>6,582</u>	<u>2,249</u>

The notes on pages 19 to 36 form an integral part of the financial statements.

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1. Scheme information

The Scheme is a defined Contribution Scheme which provides lump sum benefits and such other ancillary benefits to members who meet the qualifying conditions stipulated under the National Pensions Act, 2008 (Act 766) as amended. The scheme is a master trust with membership opened to companies and their employees.

As at the date of reporting, the number of participating companies and employees of the Underwriters Tier 3 Master Trust Pension Scheme is 181 and 16,341 respectively.

2. Summary of material accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Scheme have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards with the IAS 29 directive issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Ghana (ICAG) and presented in compliance with the National Pensions Act, 2008 (Act 766) as amended, the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (General) Regulations, 2011 (L.I.1990) and relevant guidelines.

The ICAG issued a directive in January 2025 to accountants in business and accountants in practice on the application of IAS 29 in Ghana. The ICAG asserts in the directive that based on its analysis of the quantitative and qualitative indicators referred to in IAS 29, Ghana was not a hyperinflationary economy as of December 2024, therefore, IAS 29 will not be applicable for December 2024 financial reporting period. In compliance with the directive, the financial statements of the Company, including the comparative figures, have not been stated in terms of the measuring unit current at the end of the reporting period.

The financial statements summarise the transactions of the Scheme and deal with the net assets available to the members. They do not take account of obligations to pay benefits that fall due after the end of the year.

Basis of measurement and use of estimates and judgements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except as modified by the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires the Board of Trustees to exercise judgement in the process of applying the Scheme's accounting policies. Areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 3.

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2. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(b) Changes in accounting policies and disclosures

(i) New and amended standards adopted by the Scheme

The Company has applied the following standards and interpretations for the first time to financial reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2024:

- Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current — Amendments to IAS 1.
- Lease Liability in a Sale and/ Leaseback — Amendments to IFRS 16.
- Supplier Finance Arrangements - Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7.

The amendments listed above did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

(ii) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 31 December 2024 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the Scheme. These standards are not expected to have a material impact on the scheme in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

(c) Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Ghana Cedis (GHS), which is the Scheme's functional and presentation currency.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency rate of exchange ruling at the end of the reporting period. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

(d) Contributions

Contributions are recognized in the period in which they fall due. The Contributions are in compliance with rates as per the National Pensions Act, 2008 (Act 766) as amended and the Scheme's Governing Rules.

(e) Benefits

Benefits are recognized in the period in which they fall due. Benefits represent all valid benefit claims paid/payable during the year in compliance with the National Pensions Act, 2008 (Act 766) as amended and the Scheme Governing Rules.

Benefits payable to seceding members are recognised as liabilities in the period in which they fall due.

NOTES (continued)

2. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(f) Investment Income

Dividend Income from investments is recognised when the shareholders' right to receive payment has been established.

Interest income is recognised for all interest-bearing instruments using the effective interest method. Interest income includes coupons earned on fixed income investments and accrued discount and premium on treasury bills and other discounted instruments.

(g) Financial assets and liabilities

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Scheme becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Scheme commits to purchase or sell the asset.

At initial recognition, the Scheme measures a financial asset or financial liability at its fair value plus or minus transaction costs that are incremental and directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability.

When the fair value of financial assets and liabilities differs from the transaction price on initial recognition, the Scheme recognises the difference as follows:

- (i) When the fair value is evidenced by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability (i.e. a Level 1 input) or based on a valuation technique that uses only data from observable markets, the difference is recognised as a gain or loss.
- (ii) In all other cases, the differences are deferred and the timing of recognition of deferred day one profit or loss is determined individually. It is either amortised over the life of the instrument, deferred until the instrument's fair value can be determined using market observable inputs, or realised through settlement.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial assets

The Scheme applies IFRS 9 and classified its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- At fair value through profit or loss (FVPL); and
- At amortised cost.

The classification depends on the Scheme's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows. For assets measured at fair value, gains and losses will either be recorded in profit or loss.

For investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading, this will depend on whether the Scheme has made an irrevocable election at the time of initial recognition to account for the equity investment at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI).

NOTES (continued)

2. Summary of material accounting policies (continued) (g)

Financial assets and liabilities (continued) *Classification and subsequent measurement (continued)*

The Scheme classifies its financial assets at amortised cost only if the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cash flows, and the contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

The business model reflects how the Scheme manages the assets in order to generate cash flows. Factors considered by the Scheme in determining the business model for a group of assets include past experience on how the cash flows for these assets were collected, how the asset's performance is evaluated and reported to the Board of Trustees, how risks are assessed and managed and how the Fund managers are compensated. The business model reflects how the Scheme manages the assets in order to generate cash flows. Factors considered by the Scheme in determining the business model for a group of assets include past experience on how the cash flows for these assets were collected, how the asset's performance is evaluated and reported to the Board of Trustees, how risks are assessed and managed and how the Fund managers are compensated.

Where the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows or to collect contractual cash flows and sell, the Scheme assesses whether the financial instruments' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest (the 'SPPI test').

Impairment

The loss allowances for financial assets are based on assumptions about risk of default and expected loss rates. The Scheme uses judgement in making these assumptions and selecting the inputs to the impairment calculation, based on the Scheme's past history, existing market conditions as well as forward looking estimates at the end of each reporting period.

Modification of financial assets

If the Scheme renegotiates the terms of financial assets which are substantially different, it derecognises the original financial asset and recognises a 'new' asset at fair value and recalculates a new effective interest rate for the asset. The date of renegotiation is consequently considered to be the date of initial recognition for impairment calculation purposes, including for the purpose of determining whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred.

However, the Scheme also assesses whether the new financial asset recognised is deemed to be credit-impaired at initial recognition, especially in circumstances where the renegotiation was driven by the debtor being unable to make the originally agreed payments. Differences in the carrying amount are also recognised in profit or loss as a gain or loss on derecognition.

If the renegotiated terms are not substantially different, the renegotiation or modification does not result in derecognition, and the Scheme recalculates the gross carrying amount based on the revised cash flows of the financial asset and recognises a modification gain or loss in profit or loss. The new gross carrying amount is recalculated by discounting the modified cash flows at the original effective interest rate (or credit-adjusted effective interest rate for purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets).

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NOTES (continued)

2. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(g) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

Derecognition

The Scheme derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from these asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows on the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or which the Scheme neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset. Any interest in transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Scheme is recognised as a separate asset or liability.

Financial liabilities

The Scheme's holding in financial liabilities represents mainly benefits payable and administrative expenses payable to members and service providers respectively. Such financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

The Scheme derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expired.

Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are set off and the net amount presented in the net assets available for benefits when, and only when, the Scheme has a legal right to set off the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Fair value measurement

The determination of fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities is based on quoted market prices or dealer price quotations for financial instruments traded in active markets. For all other financial instruments fair value is determined using valuation techniques.

Write-offs

The Scheme writes off financial assets as bad debt when the following have occurred; either upon liquidation, inability to locate issuer for over 6 months. Such events provide an indication that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. It is the Scheme's policy to follow up on all defaulters and to use reasonable means to recover bad debt after write off.

(h) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Scheme has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated. Where the obligation is expected to be settled over a period of years, the provision is discounted using a discount rate appropriate to the nature of the provision.

NOTES (continued)

2. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

NOTES (continued)

(i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts.

(j) Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses are recognised in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits when incurred.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. In particular, critical estimates are made by the Trustees in determining the fair value of investments that are not traded in an active market.

3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Determining fair values

The determination of fair values for financial assets for which there is no observable market price requires the use of valuation models. The fair value hierarchy of the financial assets of the Scheme is set out in note 20.

Measurement of the expected credit loss allowance

The measurement of the expected credit loss allowance for financial assets measured at amortised cost is an area that requires the use of models and significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behaviour (e.g. the likelihood of customers defaulting and the resulting losses).

The method applied in the determination of impairment charge on the Scheme's financial assets measured at amortised cost is set out under note 18 of these financial statements.

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4. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
Cash at bank	<u>6,582</u>	<u>2,249</u>

5. Financial assets at amortised cost

<u>Year ended 31 December 2024</u>	Government securities	Fixed deposits	Corporate debt	Total
<i>Gross financial assets:</i>				
At start of year	578,819	14,452	-	593,271
Settlement on exchange/additions	201,477	251,410	-	452,887
Exchange bonds/matured securities	(193,279)	(192,156)	-	(385,435)
Accrued interest	35,666	1,383	-	37,049
Derecognition loss	<u>(9,422)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,422)</u>
At end of year	<u>613,261</u>	<u>75,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>688,350</u>
<i>Impairment provision:</i>				
At start of year	(13,413)	(16)	-	(13,429)
(Charge)/release for the year	3,975	(13)	-	3,962
Derecognition of impairment	<u>8,609</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,609</u>
At end of year	<u>(829)</u>	<u>(29)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(858)</u>
Net financial assets	<u>612,432</u>	<u>75,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>687,492</u>
<u>Year ended 31 December 2023</u>				
<i>Gross financial assets:</i>				
At start of year	450,455	5,280	16,578	472,313
Settlement on exchange/additions	579,357	42,008	-	621,365
Exchange bonds/matured securities	(468,931)	(33,237)	(16,642)	(518,810)
Accrued interest	45,531	401	64	45,996
Modification loss	<u>(27,593)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(27,593)</u>
At end of year	<u>578,819</u>	<u>14,452</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>593,271</u>
<i>Impairment provision:</i>				
At start of year	(31,426)	-	(995)	(32,421)
(Charge)/release for the year	(18,775)	(16)	995	(17,796)
Derecognition of impairment	<u>36,788</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,788</u>
At end of year	<u>(13,413)</u>	<u>(16)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,429)</u>
Net financial assets	<u>565,406</u>	<u>14,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>579,842</u>

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6. Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

<u>Year ended 31 December 2024</u>	Equity investments	Collective Investments	Total
At start of year	13,500	2,216	15,716
Additions	10,857	2,300	13,157
Disposals	(1,353)	-	(1,353)
Change in fair value	<u>16,964</u>	<u>1,626</u>	<u>18,590</u>
At end of year	<u>39,968</u>	<u>6,142</u>	<u>46,110</u>
<u>Year ended 31 December 2023</u>			
At start of year	6,762	2,187	8,949
Additions	5,295	-	5,295
Disposals	(147)	-	(147)
Change in fair value	<u>1,590</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>1,619</u>
At end of year	<u>13,500</u>	<u>2,216</u>	<u>15,716</u>

Equity investments consists of shareholdings in the following entities:

	2024	2023
MTN Ghana	34,711	8,807
GCB Bank PLC	3,359	1,793
Standard Chartered Bank Ghana PLC	973	607
Societe Generale Ghana PLC	427	447
CalBank PLC	259	355
Unilever Ghana PLC	137	57
Total Petroleum Ghana PLC	66	45
Tullow Ghana Limited	36	36
GOIL Company PLC	-	1,353
	<u>39,968</u>	<u>13,500</u>

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6. Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

Collective investments consist of holdings in the following funds:

	2024	2023
New Gold	3,003	1,680
Enhanced equity Beta	2,524	-
SAS Fortune Fund	306	273
HFC ET	223	187
Databank Balanced Fund	56	45
HFC Reit	30	29
Stanbic Cash Trust	1	1
Stanlib Income Fund Trust	<u>0.2</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>6,143</u>	<u>2,216</u>

7. Accounts receivable

Contributions outstanding	39,536	27,658
Matured investments receivable	2,797	2,797
Other receivables	<u>-</u>	<u>82</u>
Gross accounts receivable	42,333	30,537
Allowance for impairment	<u>(2,797)</u>	<u>(2,797)</u>
	<u>39,536</u>	<u>27,740</u>

8. Benefits payable

Lump sum benefit payable	<u>839</u>	<u>1,030</u>
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9. Administrative expenses payable

NPRA fees	205	174
Trustee fees payable	822	698
Fund manager fees payable	205	210
Custodian fees payable	125	106
Audit fees payable	<u>57</u>	<u>48</u>
Total administrative expenses payable	<u>1,414</u>	<u>1,236</u>

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	2024	2023
10. Other payables		
Outstanding Trustee Fee on unallocated funds	3	3
DDEP Excess Coupon Received	2,800	2,454
Contribution Refund	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>2,803</u>	<u>2,462</u>
11. Contributions		
	2024	2023
Contributions received	100,640	79,916
Contributions outstanding	<u>11,796</u>	<u>20,065</u>
	<u>112,436</u>	<u>99,981</u>
Potential surcharge for late receipt of contribution for the year ended 31 December 2024 was GH¢ 11,478,428 (2023: GH¢ 12,290,506). None of the surcharged amount for the year was received (2023: Nil).		
12. Benefits		
	2024	2023
Lump sum benefit paid	97,346	75,188
Lump sum benefit payable	<u>839</u>	<u>1,030</u>
	<u>98,185</u>	<u>76,218</u>
13. Investment income		
Interest on treasury bonds	119,910	181,960
Interest on money market securities	9,602	1,279
Interest on corporate bonds	-	2,263
Dividend income	2,747	690
Other income	<u>9,159</u>	<u>4,222</u>
	<u>141,418</u>	<u>190,414</u>
14. Brokerage fees/levies/commissions		
Brokerage fees	<u>139</u>	<u>130</u>

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15. Gains on investment securities measured at fair value

	2024	2023
Loss in disposal of ordinary shares holdings	(9)	(4)
Gains from valuation of collective investments	1,626	30
Gains from valuation of ordinary share holdings	<u>16,964</u>	<u>1,590</u>
	<u>18,581</u>	<u>1,616</u>

16. Administrative expenses

NPRA fees	2,240	1,799
Trustee fees	8,959	7,198
Fund manager fees	2,231	1,987
Custodian fees	1,297	1,038
Auditor's remuneration	<u>79</u>	<u>51</u>
	<u>14,806</u>	<u>12,073</u>

17. Net assets available for benefits

<u>Year ended 31 December 2024</u>	Cumulative Contribution	Cumulative Net Investment Income and expenses	Total
At start of year	233,277	387,542	620,819
Additions	112,436	159,860	272,296
Deductions	<u>(98,185)</u>	<u>(20,266)</u>	<u>(118,451)</u>
At end of year	<u>235,732</u>	<u>527,136</u>	<u>774,664</u>
<u>Year ended 31 December 2023</u>			
At start of year	209,514	253,104	462,618
Additions	99,981	191,900	291,881
Deductions	<u>(76,218)</u>	<u>(57,462)</u>	<u>(133,680)</u>
At end of year	<u>233,277</u>	<u>387,542</u>	<u>620,819</u>

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18. Financial risk management, objectives and policies

Risk management framework

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Scheme's Risk Management framework. The Scheme's Risk Management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Scheme, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits.

The Trustees, through the standards and procedures aims to develop a disciplined and constructive control environment, in which all Trustees understand their roles and obligations.

The Trustees are responsible for monitoring compliance with risk management policies and procedures, and for reviewing the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to risks faced by the Scheme.

Credit risk

An Investment Asset Allocation Policy which is aimed at ensuring that the Trustees positions the Scheme's portfolio to amass optimal returns within the changing market environment and expectations while ensuring that the corpus, risk and performance of the investment portfolio remains relatively safe and sound, is reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

The Scheme's policy over credit risk is to minimise its exposure to counterparties with perceived higher risk of default by dealing only with counterparties that meets the standards set out in the NPRA guidelines and the Scheme's investment policy statement.

The Scheme adopts a three-stage approach for impairment assessment based on changes in credit quality from initial recognition.

- Stage 1 – Where there has not been a significant increase in credit risk (SICR) since initial recognition of a financial instrument, an amount equal to 12 months expected credit loss is recorded. The expected credit loss is computed using a probability of default occurring over the next 12 months. For those instruments with a remaining maturity of less than 12 months, a probability of default corresponding to remaining term to maturity is used.
- Stage 2 – When a financial instrument experiences a SICR subsequent to origination but is not considered to be in default, it is included in Stage 2. This requires the computation of expected credit loss based on the probability of default over the remaining estimated life of the financial instrument.
- Stage 3 – Financial instruments that are considered to be in default are included in this stage. Similar to Stage 2, the allowance for credit losses captures the lifetime expected credit losses.
- POCI: Purchased or originated credit impaired (POCI) assets are financial assets that are credit impaired on initial recognition. POCI assets are recorded at fair value at original recognition and interest income is subsequently recognised based on a credit-adjusted EIR. The ECL allowance is only recognised or released to the extent that there is a subsequent change in the expected credit losses.

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18. Financial risk management, objectives and policies (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

For financial assets for which the Scheme has no reasonable expectations of recovering either the entire outstanding amount, or a proportion thereof, the gross carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced. This is considered a (partial) derecognition of the financial asset.

The Scheme has defined credit impaired financial assets as when the issuer becomes 90 days past due on its contractual payments or when there is qualitative information of the issuer being in significant financial difficulty.

The expected loss model is developed using statistical techniques based on actual historical data. The expected loss is calculated using parameter estimates including the probability of default ('PD'), exposure at default ('EAD') and loss given default ('LGD'). The Scheme utilised the 30-days past due definition to determine a significant increase in credit risk.

Investment securities

The scheme's investments comprise investments in Government of Ghana bonds and Cocoa Board bonds. Impact of Ghana's Domestic Debt Exchange Programme (DDEP) on investment securities.

Impact of Ghana's Domestic Debt Exchange Programme (DDEP) on investment securities

On 31 July 2023, the Government of Ghana announced the pensions' Domestic Debt Programme (DDEP). The Programme invited eligible bondholders to voluntarily exchange eligible local currency bonds issued by the Government of Ghana, ESLA and Daakye bonds for a new series of bonds to be issued by the Government.

The Programme sought to extend the tenures of the eligible securities and reduce their coupons to an effective rate of about 22.35%. The Government also explained that the holders of the old bills will receive two (2) new bonds that matures in 2027 and 2028 in the rate of 58% and 57% for each year respectively. Also include as part of the exchange is an interest only bond ending in 2027 and 2028 in the ratio of 50% and 50% for both years.

The Scheme assessed the bonds eligible for exchange under the DDEP as credit-impaired. As a result, the carrying amounts of the existing bonds were reduced to the fair value of the new bonds calculated as the present value of the cash flows using discount rates of 22.5354% representative of the sovereign risk of the country.

The difference between the fair value of the new instruments and the carrying amount of the original assets was recognised as modification gain or losses in the statement of comprehensive income.

There was no impairment charge recognized on these instruments for the year ended 31 December 2024 (2023: nil).

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18. Financial risk management, objectives and policies (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Impact of Ghana's Domestic Debt Exchange Programme (DDEP) on investment securities (continued)

	2023
Carrying amount on date of exchange	466,643
Fair value on date of exchange	<u>439,050</u>
Modification loss	<u>27,593</u>

Modification Assessment of Government of Ghana Eurobonds

The Scheme used the principles of IFRS 9 to assess for modification. Where the contract terms of debt instruments are modified, an assessment is performed to ascertain if the new terms are "substantially different" from the old terms. This is to determine if the modification is significant or not. Where the modification is deemed to be significant, the old instrument is derecognized and the new instrument recognized as a new asset in line with the standard.

On June 24, 2024, the Government of Ghana (GoG) reached an Agreement in Principle (AIP) with Eurobond holders, represented by the International Steering Committee and Regional Steering Committee (the "Steering Committees"), to restructure approximately \$13.1 billion of external debt. The restructuring initiative was aimed at alleviating Ghana's debt burden and fostering economic recovery, as part of an IMF-supported program.

Below is the summary of the terms of the exchanged:

- Investors had two options to choose from; Discount option and par option (capped at USD1.6 million). The bondholders agreed to a nominal haircut of 37% on the principal amount, resulting in a reduction of approximately \$4.7 billion of claims. The haircut applied to only the discount option.
- Bondholders will also provide cash flow relief amounting to approximately \$4.4 billion during the IMF program period, easing the financial pressure on the GoG.
- The restructuring involved the issue of 4 new Eurobonds with maturities extending up to 2037 to replace the old Eurobonds. This was aimed at providing the government with physical space that would ensure financial stability.

The scheme participated in the Eurobond exchange program and opted for the discount option due to its high coupon rate and relatively shorter maturity. A total of about USD 2.2 million of the old Eurobonds was exchanged with four new Eurobonds with total face value of USD 1.4 million after suffering haircut.

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18. Financial risk management, objectives and policies (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Valuation of Eurobonds

The restructure of the government of Ghana Eurobonds was considered significant modification of the financial asset. As a result, the old Eurobonds were derecognized and the new bonds received was recognized as new financial assets. In line with IFRS 9, the new bonds were recognized at fair value. A discount rate of 8% was used to determine the prices of the new bonds at on the day of the exchange. The market prices of the bonds immediately after the exchange is significantly different from our valuation prices.

	2024
Carrying amount on date of exchange	29,267
Fair value on date of exchange	<u>19,845</u>
Derecognition loss	<u>9,422</u>

Maximum exposure to credit risk

The Scheme's maximum exposure to credit risk is as follows:

	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	6,582	2,249
Financial assets at amortised cost	688,350	593,271
Accounts receivable	<u>42,333</u>	<u>30,537</u>
	<u>737,265</u>	<u>626,057</u>

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	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	6,582	-	-	-	6,582
Financial assets at amortised cost	75,089	82,784	510,424	20,053	688,350
Accounts receivable	39,536	-	2,797	-	42,333
Gross carrying amount	<u>121,207</u>	<u>82,784</u>	<u>513,221</u>	<u>20,053</u>	<u>737,265</u>
Loss allowance	(29)	(829)	(2,797)	-	(3,655)
Carrying amount	<u>121,178</u>	<u>81,955</u>	<u>510,424</u>	<u>20,053</u>	<u>733,610</u>

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18. Financial risk management, objectives and policies (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

	31 December 2023				Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	
Cash and cash equivalents	2,249	-	-	-	2,249
Financial assets at amortised cost	14,452	68,619	510,200	-	593,271
Accounts receivable	27,740	-	2,797	-	30,537
Gross carrying amount	44,441	68,619	512,997	-	626,057
Loss allowance	(16)	(7,602)	(8,608)	-	(16,226)
Carrying amount	44,425	61,017	504,389	-	609,831

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk associated with a situation where a Scheme does not have sufficient financial resources available to meet all of its obligations and commitments when they fall due, or can access them at an excessive cost. A threshold amount has been set based on historical accrued benefits paid to ensure that this risk is mitigated wholly.

Market risk

Market Risk is the risk associated with changes in market prices, such as interest rate, equity prices and foreign exchange rates that will affect the Scheme's income or the value of its portfolio of financial instruments. This Systematic risk cannot be mitigated through diversification. The scheme hedges this risk by have active currency allocations.

Price risk

Listed equity securities are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainties about future values of the investment securities. Keen attention is paid to the equity market to realize capital gains on equity securities. At 31 December 2024, if the prices of all Equity Securities and Collective instruments had increased/decreased by 1% with all other variables held constant, the 'increase in net assets available for benefits' for the year would have been GH¢ 371,000 higher/lower (2023: GH¢ 314,321).

Interest Rate risk

Interest risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The schemes investment horizon has moved towards the shorter tenor investments as they offer less interest rate risk. For some of the bonds with issuers other than the Government of Ghana, investments are placed with a floating rate to hedge against this risk.

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18. Financial risk management, objectives and policies (continued)

Interest Rate risk (continued)

At 31 December 2024, a change of 1% in interest rates with all other variables held constant would have resulted in an increase/decrease in the Net Assets Available for Benefits' of GH¢ 1,551,000 (2023:GH¢ 620,819) arising substantially from the change in market values of debt securities.

19. Tax status of the Scheme

The Underwriters Tier 3 Master Trust Pension Scheme has been approved by the National Pensions Regulatory Authority and is exempt from income tax on its investment income in accordance with Section 94 (2) of the Income Tax Act 2015 (Act 896) as amended.

20. Fair value measurements

Fair value hierarchy

IFRS 7 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources; unobservable inputs reflect the Scheme's market assumptions. These two types of inputs have created the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. This level includes equity securities listed on the Ghana Stock Exchange.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices). This level includes collective investments and alternative investments.

Level 3 – inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). This level includes equity investments and debt instruments with significant unobservable components.

The hierarchy of the financial assets of the Scheme at the end of the year is as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Total
At 31 December 2024			
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	<u>39,968</u>	<u>6,142</u>	<u>46,110</u>
At 31 December 2023			
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	<u>13,500</u>	<u>2,216</u>	<u>15,716</u>

No financial assets are measured at level 3 in the fair value hierarchy as at 31 December 2024 (2023: Nil).

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21. Related parties

Related party transactions and balances

Related party transactions during the year relates to fees paid or payable to the Board of Trustees and advance payments by members of the Scheme.

Related party balances and transactions are set out in notes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16 to the financial statements.

22. Commitments and contingencies

As at the date of reporting, there were no outstanding commitments or contingencies (2023: nil).

23. Events after the reporting period

There were no material events after the reporting date that require disclosure in or adjustment to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.