

Investor Report

31 October 2025

CQS Natural Resources Growth and Income PLC (the “Company”)

Key Facts¹

Portfolio Managers	Keith Watson Robert Crayfourd
Launch Date	August 2003
Total Gross Assets	£117.7m
Reference Currency	GBP
Ordinary Shares	Net Asset Value: 302.63p Mid-Market Price: 288.00p
Dividend Yield (est.)	8.0%
Net gearing ⁴	7.2%
Discount	(4.8%)
Ordinary Shares in Issue	34,823,779
Ongoing Charge Ratio	2.00%
Annual Management Fee	Annual Management Fee 1.0% p.a. on net assets.
Bloomberg	CYN LN
Reuters	CYN.L
Sedol	0035392
Year End	30 June
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AGM	December
Dividend Information 2025/26	6.02p interim payable On 28 November 2025
Fiscal Year-End	30 June
Previous Dividend Information	2012/13 Total 5.50p 2013/14 Total 5.60p 2014/15 Total 5.60p 2015/16 Total 5.60p 2016/17 Total 5.60p 2017/18 Total 5.60p 2018/19 Total 5.60p 2019/20 Total 5.60p 2020/21 Total 5.60p 2021/22 Total 5.60p 2022/23 Total 8.60p 2023/24 Total 6.60p 2024/25 Total 8.03p
Investor Report	Monthly Factsheet
Annual Report & Accounts	Published: October
Results Announced	Finals: October Interims: March



Portfolio Managers

Keith Watson and Robert Crayfourd

Description

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

Key Advantages for the Investor

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

Ordinary Share and NAV Performance²

	1 Month (%)	3 Months (%)	6 Months (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)	5 Year (%)	Since Inception (%)
NAV	2.97	45.48	57.76	48.69	48.69	235.74	1052.46
Share Price	(2.93)	39.07	57.31	56.95	61.33	295.35	1138.69
MSCI World Energy Sector Index ³	2.13	4.25	15.55	6.13	4.38	231.92	556.64
MSCI World Metals & Mining Index ³	2.57	24.53	33.28	24.18	49.20	111.72	651.07

Commentary⁴

After gold's impressive year-to-date rally to a peak of \$4,381/oz on the 20th of October, the metal experienced a healthy correction, stabilising to end the month around 3% higher. Gold displayed unusually low volatility during its earlier gains, and this pull-back likely helped temper speculative excess.

The retracement was driven by easing safe-haven demand amid tentative progress in US-China trade talks and a firmer US dollar. These factors outweighed the potential impact of the Fed's early completion of its \$2 trillion quantitative tightening phase; a move that would typically spur speculative activity to address signs of market stress.

Gold closed October at \$4,003/oz, still an attractive level for mining equities, which generally assume lower metal prices in their valuations. Precious metal equities saw a sharp correction, with the Fund's 20% NAV gain unwinding to finish the month flat, compared to a 3% decline in sterling terms for the GDXJ ETF. Despite this, underlying drivers for gold remain intact, and valuations continue to support the Fund's high weighting in precious metals.

The World Gold Council (WGC) updated their demand data for Q3, with total demand by weight up 3% to 1,313t and by value up 44% to US\$146bn. Investors are the current main driver behind this, with physically backed ETF buying accounting for 222t of demand, and bar and coin demand accounting for 316t. Central bank demand remains elevated but not the primary driver at 220t, tracking at a run-rate lower than the last 3 years which has averaged over 1000t pa. Jewellery markets were unsurprisingly softer in reaction to the high prices, but 13% higher in dollar terms, at US\$41bn.

The trust continues to have a low oil weighting as OPEC's focus on market share remains an overhang to oil prices and related equities in the near-term, with current excess production tracking around 2M bbls/d higher than global demand of around 100M bbls/d. Despite longer-term supportive factors from declining sector capital investment together with disruption risks resulting from a reduced global spare capacity post OPEC's quota unwinds and continued emerging market demand growth, equity valuations nevertheless remain relatively high. We continue to monitor this closely and look for better entry points over coming months to start to add back in to the sector, especially should sanctions succeed in reducing Russian output.

The trust reduced its position in Lynas Rare Earths following the strong rerating prompted by US investment into the sector. Valuations looked particularly stretched. This proved timely as subsequent US/China trade talks resulted in a 12 month extension to Chinese rare earth export ban being imposed which caused a considerable sell-off across the critical minerals sector.

Sources:

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² Total return performance net of fees and expenses as at the last business day of the month indicated at the top of this investor report.

³ Source: MSCI is total return.

⁴ All market data sourced from Bloomberg unless otherwise stated. All returns quoted in local currency unless otherwise stated.

⁵ Estimated using MSCI value of global assets as at 2023.

The Company may since have exited some or all of the positions detailed in the commentary.

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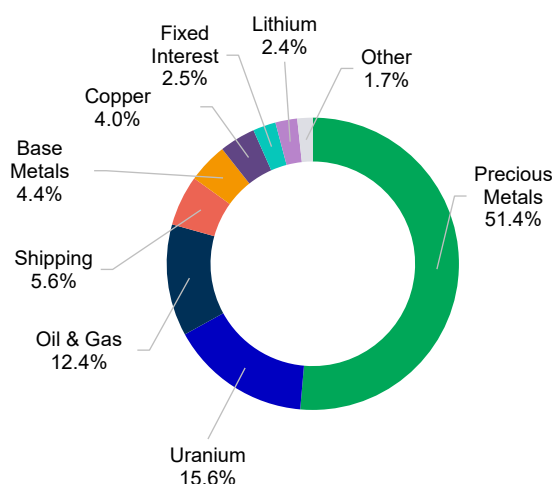
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Combined with trade optimism from some easing in US-China tensions, supply side mine disruption supported recent copper price momentum with the LME benchmark price gaining over 6% during the month, reaching a new high of over \$11,180/t. While commodities have gained traction recently coppers trajectory continues to lag that of safe haven precious metals given the more muted backdrop for industrial commodities. As with E&P equities, copper mining equity valuations also appear comparatively less attractive than precious metal sector.

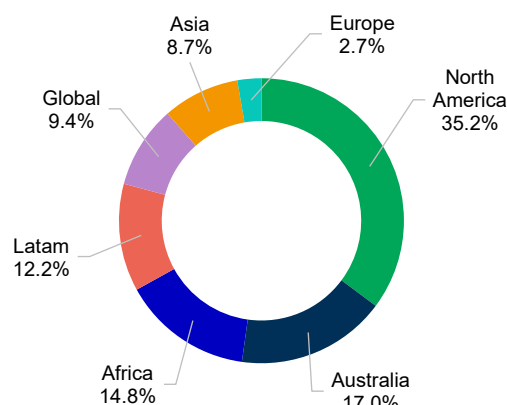
Despite a correction in precious metal equities the Company's NAV return was 3%, helped by sterling slipping around 2% versus the US dollar during October. Trading focussed on some switching with positions in Westgold reduced throughout the month and proceeds from the sale reinvested into gold explorer Goliath Minerals a placing by Tolu Minerals.

Portfolio Analysis^{1,2}

Sector



Region



Top 20 Holdings (% of MV) ^{1,2}

Name	(% of MV)
NEXGEN ENERGY NPV	8.3
EMERALD RESOURCES NPV	5.8
ROBEX RESOURCES NPV	4.1
ORA BANDA MINING NPV	4.0
EQUINOX GOLD CORP NPV	3.5
WEST AFRICAN RESOURCES NPV	3.5
UR ENERGY NPV	3.4
GREATLAND RESOURCES NPV	3.3
FRONTLINE USD1.0000	3.3
SOUTHERN CROSS GOLD CONS-CDI NPV	3.0
Top 10 Holdings Represent	42.2

Name	(% of MV)
TAMBORAN RESOURCES CORP CDI NPV	2.4
POLYMETALS RESOURCES NPV	2.4
TRANSOCEAN USD0.01	2.4
REA HLDGS 9% CUM PREF GBP1	2.3
WESDOME GOLD MINES NPV	2.2
BW LPG LTD USD 0.0100	2.1
TALON METALS CORP NPV	2.1
SIGMA LITHIUM CORP NPV	2.0
SPARTAN DELTA CORP NPV	1.9
G MINING VENTURE CORP 0.000001	1.8
Top 20 Holdings Represent	63.8

AIFMD Leverage Limit Report (% of NAV)

	Gross Leverage (%) ³	Commitment Leverage (%) ³
CQS Natural Resources Growth and Income	108	108

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² All holdings data are rounded to one decimal place. Totals may therefore differ to sum of constituents.

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