

TRUSTEES OF SIR VICTOR BLANK CHARITABLE SETTLEMENT

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Charity Number: 1084187

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees/key management	Sir Victor Blank Lady S.H. Blank S.M. Blank
Charity number	1084187
Principal office	53 Davies Street London W1K 5JH
Bankers	Lloyds Banking Group plc 25 Gresham Street London EC2V 7HN
Independent Examiner	Azets 2 nd Floor Regis House 45 King William Street London EC4R 9AN

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2024.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The trust deed allows the trustees to exercise discretion in determining the charitable causes to be supported. The trust deed places no restrictions on the way the charity operates. For a number of years, the trustees have determined to support good causes, at the discretion of the trustees and as allowed by the unrestricted funds available. There have been no changes to these objects during the year.

Management and Grant-making Policy

The trustees meet regularly to agree the strategy for activities, investments and risk management as well as to make decisions concerning donations and grants.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives.

The Trustees considered many applications and appeals from both individuals and institutions. During the year the Settlement continued to make significant grants predominantly in the areas of education, medicine, religion and the arts. Details of grants made during the financial year are provided in note 9 to the financial statements.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Settlement's work is entirely reliant on income and investment returns from its investment portfolio. At the end of the year, the charity's assets largely comprised investments and cash deposits. At that date the charity had unrestricted funds totalling £1,635,289 (2023: £2,055,534).

Grants of £612,050 (2023: £218,650) were paid and/or committed exclusively in accordance with the charity's objects. During the year, the charity also paid £16,822 towards grant commitments outstanding from last year. Investment income received by the Trust amounted to £48,957 (2023: £49,574).

Investment Performance

The value of the investments held has increased during the year despite disposals due to an increase in share price. Disposal of investments have realised a gain of £5,864. An unrealised gain of £150,863 has been recorded in the year, thus resulting in an overall decrease of £33,636 after disposals. As at 5 April 2024 the market value of the Settlement's investments was £1,884,853 (2023: £1,918,489). The trustees consider the performance of investments to have been satisfactory during the year.

Risk management

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and controls put in place in order to mitigate these risks. The trustees consider the variability of returns on the charity's investment portfolio to be the main risk and have adopted a prudent investment policy to minimise any exposure from this risk.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The charity's objects and regulations are regulated by a trust deed dated 10 December 1979 and under that deed is constituted as an unincorporated association. It is a registered charity, number 1084187.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were:

Sir Victor Blank
Lady S H Blank
S. M. Blank

The Trustees are appointed by the remaining Board of Trustees. All trustees are considered key management and none of them receive a remuneration from the charity.
All investments adhere to the Charity's investment policy.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT **(continued)**

Reserves Policy

All the funds of the charity are unrestricted and therefore available for application in accordance with the charity's general objects. The trustees have a policy not to commit the charity to any significant long term commitments in respect of grants or other charitable expenditure.

Investment Policy

The trustees continue to invest in a mixture of equities as detailed in note 5 to these accounts and consider the mix of investments to be appropriate to the charity's requirements.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The level of unrestricted funds held by the Settlement as at the balance sheet date have put it in a satisfactory position to continue to make charitable contributions as the Trustees see fit.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees on24th September 2024.....

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Sir Victor Blank

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SIR VICTOR BLANK
CHARITABLE SETTLEMENT**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 5 April 2024 set out on pages 4 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J Howard FCA
For and on behalf of Azets
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Date:25th September 2024.....

TRUSTEES OF SIR VICTOR BLANK CHARITABLE SETTLEMENT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	
		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Income			
Income from raising funds:			
Voluntary income		-	226,000
Investment income	2	45,512	48,587
Interest receivable	2	3,445	987
Total income		<u>48,957</u>	<u>275,574</u>
Expenditure			
Charitable activities	3	625,929	229,478
Total expenditure		<u>625,929</u>	<u>229,478</u>
Net movement in funds before gains & losses on investments and transfers		(576,972)	46,096
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets	5	156,727	(80,381)
Net movement in funds		(420,245)	(34,285)
Reconciliation of funds			
Fund balances brought forward at 6 April 2023	7	2,055,534	2,089,819
Fund balances carried forward at 5 April 2024		<u>1,635,289</u>	<u>2,055,534</u>

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those shown in the Statement of Financial Activities. There were no acquisitions or discontinued operations during either of the above two financial years.

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form part of the financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Investments	5	1,884,853	1,918,489
Current assets			
Cash at bank		81,063	244,485
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>330,627</u>	<u>107,440</u>
Net current assets		<u>(249,564)</u>	<u>137,045</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,635,289</u>	<u>2,055,534</u>
Net assets		<u>1,635,289</u>	<u>2,055,534</u>
Unrestricted funds	7	<u>1,635,289</u>	<u>2,055,534</u>

Approved by the board of Trustees on24th September 2024.....and signed
on its behalf by:

Trustee: Sir Victor Blank

Trustee: Lady Sylvia Blank

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TRUSTEES OF SIR VICTOR BLANK CHARITABLE SETTLEMENT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

1.1 General information

Sir Victor Blank Charitable Settlement is a registered charity no 1084187. It meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The charity operates from 53 Davies Street, London, W1K 5JH. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are set out on page 1.

1.2 Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historic cost or transaction value, with the exception that investments are included at market value.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£). The level of round adopted in the financial statements is to the nearest £1.

1.3 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.4 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting 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.

There are no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying value of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

1.5 Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular:

- Donations income is recognised when the Trust has been notified of both the amount and settlement date.
- Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt.

1.6 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates.

- Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust. The grants are accounted for where either the trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition and the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant, or any condition attaching to the grant is outside the control of the Trust.
- Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

1.7 Realised and unrealised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and opening market value (or purchase date if later).

1.8 Investment assets

Investment assets are included in the accounts at their mid-market closing value at the balance sheet date. Where held as an ongoing investment they are included as fixed assets. If the investment is expected to be realised within twelve months it is categorised as a current asset. All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between the sale proceeds and opening market (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and opening market value (or purchase date if later).

1.9 Funds accounting

Unrestricted general funds – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

1.10 Cash in bank

Cash at bank includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Debtors

Other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

1.12 Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the Trust has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Other creditors and accruals are recognised at their settlement amount due.

1.13 Financial instruments

The trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.14 Taxation

As a charity, the Society is not liable to taxation on its income or surpluses on disposal of investments.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Dividends	45,512	48,587
Interest receivable	3,445	987
	<u>48,957</u>	<u>49,574</u>

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3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Grants to institutions	612,050	218,650
Governance costs	13,879	10,828
	<u>625,929</u>	<u>229,478</u>
4. GOVERNANCE COSTS	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Independent examiner's fees – independent examination	2,500	2,500
Accountancy fees	11,379	8,298
Other costs	-	30
	<u>13,879</u>	<u>10,828</u>

Governance costs during the year have all been allocated against charitable activities.

During the year no trustee/key management or connected person has either received any remuneration (2023: £Nil) or expenses (2023: £Nil).

5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Market value at 6 April 2023	1,918,489	2,402,971
Additions at cost	-	226,000
Disposal proceeds	(190,363)	(630,101)
At 5 April 2024	1,728,126	1,998,870
Gains/(Losses) on investments	156,727	(80,381)
Market value at 5 April 2024	<u>1,884,853</u>	<u>1,918,489</u>
Historical cost at 5 April 2024	<u>1,534,119</u>	<u>1,684,162</u>

All investments are UK equities.

The charity's investment in each of the following represented more than 5% of the managed portfolio at the year end:

	Percentage of Portfolio
Burberry Group plc, ordinary 5p shares	7.63%
Intertek Group plc, ordinary 1p shares	31.47%
Experian Group Ltd, ordinary \$0.10 shares	60.26%

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6. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Accruals	11,691	8,432
Grants committed	318,936	99,008
	<u>330,627</u>	<u>107,440</u>

7. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

All the funds of the charity are unrestricted.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During a year the charity paid grants totalling to £16,322 (2023: £65,493) to Wellbeing of Women, a charity in which Sir Victor Blank is a Trustee.

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the current or prior period.

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9. GRANTS	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
During the year the Charity made the following grants to institutions:		
Alliance for Middle East Peace	20,000	-
Andrew Strauss Foundation	2,500	-
Beit Halochem UK	-	1,000
Best Beginnings	-	10,000
Bishnat	1,500	-
Blind Veterans UK	1,000	-
Camp Simcha	5,000	11,000
Cancer Research UK	-	-
Chai Cancer Care	-	2,500
Community Security Trust (CST)	30,000	-
Crisis UK	10,000	5,000
Dallaglio RugbyWorks	-	1,000
Deafblind UK	-	1,000
Elizabeth's Smith UK Foundation Ltd	30,000	-
Food Bank Aid	2,000	2,500
Forward Thinking	10,000	-
Friends of the Earth	7,000	-
GLF	24,000	-
Henry Jackson Society	-	15,000
Highgate Synagogue	6,000	-
Hospice UK	2,000	-
Jewish Care	28,000	25,000
Jewish Deaf Association	5,000	5,000
JLC	-	3,000
Jewish Lads' and Girls' Brigade	10,000	35,000
Jewish Literary Foundation	2,500	-
Jewish Women's Aid	1,500	-
Kisharon Langdon	12,500	-
Limmud	5,000	5,000
Listening Books	1,500	1,000
Maccabi GB	3,000	3,000
Magen David Adom UK	5,000	-
Mitzvah Day UK	2,500	2,500

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9. GRANTS (CONTINUED)	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
During the year the Charity made the following grants to institutions - continued:		
National Holocaust Centre	5,000	10,000
Only a Pavement Away	-	1,000
Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment	10,000	13,500
ORT UK	-	1,000
Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra	6,000	5,000
Proms at St Jude's	-	4,000
RNIB Talking Books	-	1,000
Salvation Army	1,000	-
Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue	15,000	-
Strongbones Children's Charitable Trust	1,000	
Technion UK	5,000	10,000
The Abraham Effect	10,000	-
The Jacob Foundation	5,000	-
The FED	(2,000)	2,000
The Gurka Welfare Trust	1,500	1,500
The Bike Project	-	2,500
The London Orphan Asylum (Reed's School)	-	1,000
The Sir Martin Gilbert Learning Centre	5,000	10,000
UCLH	2,000	-
United Jewish Israel Appeal	10,000	
UJS	45,000	-
United Synagogue donation	1,000	-
Walking with the Wounded	1,000	2,000
Women's Interfaith Network	10,000	10,000
Work Avenue Foundation	-	10,000
Yad Vashem UK Foundation	2,500	-
 Other Grants (less than £1,000)	 550	 5,650
 Grants committed but not yet paid:		
The British Academy	250,000	-
	<hr/> 612,050	<hr/> 218,650

Out of the £73,757 grants committed but not yet paid in 2023, £16,822 was paid during the year as follows:

	£
Wellbeing of Women	16,822
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