

Charity registration number 1112867

**MEJAAI CHARITABLE TRUST**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

# MEJAAI CHARITABLE TRUST

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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# MEJAAI CHARITABLE TRUST

## TRUSTEES REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the trust's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 2019)".

#### Objectives and activities

The trust's objectives are the advancement and furtherance of the Jewish religion and Jewish religious education and the alleviation of poverty among the Jewish community throughout the world and there has been no change in these during the year. In addition, the trust may provide more general donations in support of other charitable activities in compliance with English law.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the trust should undertake.

#### Achievements and performance

During the year the trust supported various charitable objectives and the amount of donations made during the year amounted to £45,996 (2022 : £75,866).

#### Financial review

The statement of financial activities shows a net surplus of £98,194 (2022 : £15,770 deficit) for the year. The trustees expect better results in the coming year.

It is the policy of the trust that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the trust's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the trust is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

#### Structure, governance and management

The trust was established by a charitable trust deed on 14 December 2005.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Michael Laurent van Messel

Mrs Elizabeth van Messel

Mr Phillip Ullmann

Appointment of trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the charity.

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr Michael Laurent van Messel  
Trustee

11 October 2024

# MEJAAI CHARITABLE TRUST

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF MEJAAI CHARITABLE TRUST

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Mejaai Charitable Trust (the trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the trust you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the trust's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts 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.

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 financial statements to be reached.



**Anthony Epstein FCA**

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Dated: 11 October 2024

# MEJAAI CHARITABLE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
	Notes		
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	3	83,610	100,804
Investments	4	28,679	19,172
<b>Total income</b>		<u>112,289</u>	<u>119,976</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	5	<u>46,584</u>	<u>76,307</u>
<b>Net gains/(losses) on investments</b>	8	<u>32,489</u>	<u>(59,439)</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		98,194	(15,770)
<b>Fund balances at 1 January 2023</b>		<u>549,875</u>	<u>565,645</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2023</b>		<u><u>648,069</u></u>	<u><u>549,875</u></u>

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# MEJAAI CHARITABLE TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	10		538,941		432,361
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		109,128		117,514	
<b>Net current assets</b>			109,128		117,514
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			648,069		549,875
<b>Net assets excluding pension liability</b>			648,069		549,875
<b>The funds of the trust</b>					
Unrestricted funds			648,069		549,875
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The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 11 October 2024

  
Mr Michael Laurent van Messel  
Trustee

# MEJAAI CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

Mejaai Charitable Trust is an incorporated Charity established by a charitable trust deed on 14 December 2005.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the trust's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 2019). The trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trust has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investments and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Resources expended are included in the financial statements as they become due.

#### 1.6 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

#### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.



# MEJAAI CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

#### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

#### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the trust's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the trust's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Donations and gifts	83,610	100,804

### 4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Interest and dividends receivable	28,679	19,172

# MEJAAI CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Donations	45,996	75,866
Sundry expenses	588	441
	<u>46,584</u>	<u>76,307</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>46,584</u>	<u>76,307</u>

### 6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

### 7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 8 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
Revaluation of investments	<u>32,489</u>	<u>(59,439)</u>

### 9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

# MEJAAI CHARITABLE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### 10 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2023	432,361
Additions	77,100
Valuation changes	32,489
Disposals	(3,009)
	<u>538,941</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>538,941</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 December 2023	<u>538,941</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>432,361</u>

#### 11 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	<u>549,875</u>	<u>112,289</u>	<u>(46,584)</u>	<u>32,489</u>	<u>648,069</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 January 2022 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Gains and losses £</b>	<b>At 31 December 2022 £</b>
General funds	<u>565,645</u>	<u>119,976</u>	<u>(76,307)</u>	<u>(59,439)</u>	<u>549,875</u>

#### 12 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 : none).