

Charity registration number 1132781

HERBERT AND STEFANIE STRAUS MEMORIAL TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

HERBERT AND STEFANIE STRAUS MEMORIAL TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Charity number	1132781
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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust's deed of trust, 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust's objects as set out in the charity's Trust deed are to provide grants to individuals and organisations for Jewish and non-Jewish causes for people in need. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are the charity's grant making policies and investment policies. There have been no changes in these policies during the year.

The trustees have had due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust should undertake.

The charity's main activity is to issue grants in accordance with its Trust deed and to invest in its listed investment portfolio to secure an income stream for the charity. The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit throughout the period.

The charity has established its grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit. The charity aims to provide grants to individuals and organisations for Jewish and non-Jewish causes for people in need. The grant making policy is reviewed annually to ensure that it reflects the charity's objects and thereby advances public benefit.

Achievements and performance

During the year, the charity invested £1,397,143 (2020 - £2,015,101) in its listed investment portfolios and will continue to invest in this way for the foreseeable future so as to provide a secure and long-term income stream that will enable the charity to continue to contribute to various good causes as intended.

During the year, the charity made donations to good causes in the sum of £90,000 (2020 - £45,000) in accordance with the charity's objectives.

During the year, income of £56,461 (2020 - £26,803) was received from the charity's listed investment portfolio and the future income stream can be seen to be encouraging.

Financial review

The charity's income in the year included £56,461 (2020 - £26,803) from listed investments, £nil (2020 - £nil) of other interest receivable, £nil (2020 - £625,000) from donations, £nil (2020 - £nil) of other income and an overall gain of £574,578 (2020 - £51,005 loss) from the revaluations and gains/losses on investments. Total outgoing resources amounted to £116,919 (2020 - £54,882) resulting in a net surplus for the year of £514,120 (2020 - £545,916).

As at 31 October 2021, net current assets amounted to £629,558 (2020 - £1,146,080) and net assets amounted to £4,957,402 (2020 - £4,443,282). The balance of unrestricted funds at 31 October 2021 amounted to £4,957,402 (2020 - £4,443,282). The trustees consider this fund to be primarily an investment fund held to generate income to further the charity's objectives.

The trustees acknowledge that there has been minimal impact on the charity during the Covid-19 pandemic as it is not reliant on public donations.

The charity requires its substantial level of reserves to maintain its investment fund and income levels going forward. The cash funds will be used to purchase further investments in due course when the timing is considered to be appropriate to minimise the risk of loss due to potential downward movements in stock markets. It is intended that the charity will hold a minimum of 2% of total unrestricted funds or the equivalent of one year's expected donations, whichever is greater, as cash to meet the day to day expenses of the charity.

The charity's listed investment portfolio is handled by investment managers who seek to maximise the total return on the funds within the constraints of a medium to low risk investment portfolio.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

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The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The trustees consider variability of investment returns on the investment portfolio to constitute the charity's major financial risk. This is mitigated by retaining expert investment managers and having a diversified investment portfolio.

Plans for the future

The Charity plans to invest the funds held so as to provide a secure and long-term income from which charitable contributions shall be made to Jewish and non-Jewish causes for people in need.

Structure, governance and management

The Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust is a registered charity, number 1132781, and is constituted under a Trust deed dated 14 August 2009 and updated on 28 October 2009. The principal address is Unit 10, Delta Court, Manor Way, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 1FJ. The Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust was established by an initial gift of £5,000 from the late Mr Peter F. Straus. The Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust does not actively fundraise and seeks to continue the charitable work desired by the donor through the careful stewardship of its existing resources.

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

D.R. Straus

C.J.S. Straus

J. Stone

New trustees may be appointed by the existing trustees at any time either by way of replacement or addition.

The board of trustees administers the charity, makes all the decisions and meets regularly.

New trustees are provided with guidance both in writing and orally to brief them on their legal obligations under charity law.

All trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts as necessary. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and in accordance with the Trust's policy, withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises. Neither the Trust nor any of the trustees have any conflicting interests but any such interests would be disclosed.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



D.R. Straus

Trustee

Dated: 31 August 2022

HERBERT AND STEFANIE STRAUS MEMORIAL TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HERBERT AND STEFANIE STRAUS MEMORIAL TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust (the Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust) for the year ended 31 October 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial 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 Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust's accounts 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

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 Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial 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.



Marti Stenton ACA
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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
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Dated: 31 August 2022

HERBERT AND STEFANIE STRAUS MEMORIAL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations and legacies	3	-	625,000
Investments	4	56,461	26,803
Total income		56,461	651,803
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Raising funds	5	24,644	6,632
Charitable activities	6	92,275	48,250
Total resources expended		116,919	54,882
Net (losses)/gains on investments	10	574,578	(51,005)
Net movement in funds		514,120	545,916
Fund balances at 1 November 2020		4,443,282	3,897,366
Fund balances at 31 October 2021		4,957,402	4,443,282

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities and are in relation to unrestricted funds.

HERBERT AND STEFANIE STRAUS MEMORIAL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	12		4,327,844		3,297,202
Current assets					
Debtors	14	125,000		125,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		510,188		1,024,460	
		<u>635,188</u>		<u>1,149,460</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(5,630)		(3,380)	
Net current assets			629,558		1,146,080
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>4,957,402</u>		<u>4,443,282</u>
Income funds					
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General unrestricted funds		4,087,415		4,139,966	
Revaluation reserve		<u>869,987</u>		<u>303,316</u>	
			4,957,402		4,443,282
			<u>4,957,402</u>		<u>4,443,282</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 31 August 2022



D.R. Straus
Trustee

HERBERT AND STEFANIE STRAUS MEMORIAL TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust is a charity registered in England and Wales, number 1132781, and is constituted under a trust deed dated 14 August 2009 and updated on 28 October 2009. The principal address is Unit 10, Delta Court, Manor Way, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 1FJ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust's deed of trust, 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial 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 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 Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial 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 Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial 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 Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial 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.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by the investment advisors of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, or incurred in trading activities undertaken to raise funds.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both the direct pay and non-pay costs and support costs relating to those activities.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

Support costs include administrative office functions, and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty as to the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

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 using the closing quoted market price. 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.

1.8 Financial instruments

The Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust's balance sheet when the Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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.

Other financial assets

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure), except that investments in equity instruments that are not publicly traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors 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.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial 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.

Critical judgements

No significant judgements have had to be made by the trustees in preparing these financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

There were no key sources of estimation uncertainty in preparing these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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3 Donations and legacies

	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and gifts	-	625,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

£nil (2020 - £625,000) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

4 Investments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income from listed investments	56,461	26,803
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

£56,461 (2020 - £26,803) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

5 Raising funds

	2021	2020
	£	£
Investment management	24,644	6,632
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

£24,644 (2020 - £6,632) of investment management costs was attributable to unrestricted funds.

6 Charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations paid out	90,000	45,000
Charges	25	150
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	90,025	45,150
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	2,250	3,100
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>92,275</u>	<u>48,250</u>

£92,275 (2020 - £48,250) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

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7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	2020	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Audit fees	-	-	-	1,000	Governance
Accountancy	-	2,250	2,250	2,100	Governance
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>3,100</u>	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	-	2,250	2,250	3,100	
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>3,100</u>	

Governance costs includes £2,250 (2020 - £3,100 for audit and taxation services) for independent examination and taxation services.

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Total	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

10 Net (losses) / gains on investments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	566,671	(42,139)
Gain / (loss) on sale of investments	7,907	(8,866)
	<u>574,578</u>	<u>(51,005)</u>

11 Taxation

The Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust is a registered charity, number 1132781, and is exempt from income and capital gains tax under the provisions of section 466 to 493 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash in portfolio	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 November 2020	3,276,937	20,265	3,297,202
Additions	1,397,143	68,043	1,465,186
Valuation changes	566,671	-	566,671
Disposals	(1,001,215)	-	(1,001,215)
At 31 October 2021	4,239,536	88,308	4,327,844
Carrying amount			
At 31 October 2021	4,239,536	88,308	4,327,844
At 31 October 2020	3,276,937	20,265	3,297,202

	2021 £	2020 £
Investments at fair value comprise:		
Listed investment portfolio	4,239,536	3,276,937
Cash held within the investment portfolio	88,308	20,265
	4,327,844	3,297,202

Fixed asset investments revalued

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investment in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange. Holdings in common investment funds, unit trusts and open-ended investment companies are at the bid price. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market value, using the bid price. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value).

The comparable historical cost of the investment portfolio is £3,427,229 (2020 - £2,973,467).

The main risk to the charity from financial instruments lies in the combination of uncertain investment markets and volatility in yield. Liquidity risk is anticipated to be low as the charity's investments are mainly traded in markets with good liquidity and high trading volumes. The charity manages these investment risks by retaining expert advisors who seek to maximise the total return on the funds within the constraints of a medium to low risk investment portfolio.

13 Financial instruments

	2021 £	2020 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	125,000	125,000
Equity instruments measured at fair value	4,327,844	3,297,202
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	5,630	3,380

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14 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	125,000	125,000
	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>

All debtors relate to unrestricted funds.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors	280	280
Accruals and deferred income	5,350	3,100
	<u>5,630</u>	<u>3,380</u>

All creditors relate to unrestricted funds.

16 Related party transactions

During the year, C J S Straus, a Trustee of the Charity, made a donation of £nil (2020 - £500,000) to the Herbert and Stefanie Straus Memorial Trust.