

Charity registration number: 1152550

The Sir Percival David Foundation Academic and Research Fund

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Dr S Pierson
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Charity Registration Number	1152550
Independent Examiner	Kajaine Kafton LLP Chartered Accountants 42-46 Station Road Edgware HA8 7AB

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

In line with the Declared Charitable Objectives, the Foundation as owner of the physical assets formerly owned by Sir Percival David has continued to oversee and promote the display of the Charity's world-famous collection of Chinese art placed on long term display at the British Museum; and has undertaken continuing strategic discussions with the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, in respect of the library and study collections placed at SOAS on long term loan.

In line with the Declared Charitable Objectives of the Academic and Research Fund, the Council Trustees as managers of the financial assets of the Foundation have inter alia: continued to support the salary of the Percival David Curator At the British Museum; ; and taken preparatory steps to support seed funding for a scholarly conference in London at the Royal Academy in 2027/8.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Structure, governance and management

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Furthermore, the investment manager has confirmed that 'performance is monitored over one, three and five years, frequency of outperformance over 12-month periods, asymmetry of upside participation to downside participation and average tracking error and variability of tracking error over time. In addition to monitoring fund performance and risk characteristics, the underlying position of the funds which have been invested to are analysed. This approach helps to explain fund returns, as well as highlighting if individual funds, or the aggregated portfolio, are exposed to any unintentional risks.'

The Investment manager considers the following types of risks when investing investment risk, taxation risk, currency risk, debt security risk, emerging market risk, gearing, structured products and unregulated collective investment schemes.

Cash flow risk

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The charity uses foreign exchange forward contracts to hedge these exposures. Interest bearing assets and liabilities are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

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Trustees' Report

Credit risk

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments. The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties and customers.

Liquidity risk

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance.

Further details regarding liquidity risk can be found in the Statement of accounting policies in the financial statements.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 12 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr Colin David Sheaf
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities 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 period. 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 12 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr Colin David Sheaf
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Sir Percival David Foundation Academic and Research Fund

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the financial statements of The Sir Percival David Foundation Academic and Research Fund for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes set out on pages 7 to 16.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

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

As permitted by Direction 2, issued by the Charity Commission the firm for which I work has provided the Company with bookkeeping services during the year ended 31st March 2020. As a consequence I have followed the requirement of the FRC's Ethical Standard when undertaking this assignment.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

Since The Sir Percival David Foundation Academic and Research Fund's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Kajaine Kafton LLP, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Sir Percival David Foundation Academic and Research Fund 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 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 accounts to be reached.

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Sir Percival David Foundation
Academic and Research Fund**

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12 June 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:				
Investment income	2	369,606	369,606	87,138
Other income		<u>2,443</u>	<u>2,443</u>	<u>1,276</u>
Total income		<u>372,049</u>	<u>372,049</u>	<u>88,414</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		(42,748)	(42,748)	(50,312)
Administration costs	4	(2,005)	(2,005)	(3,650)
Legal and professional fees		<u>(38,965)</u>	<u>(38,965)</u>	<u>(27,845)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(83,718)</u>	<u>(83,718)</u>	<u>(81,807)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>(169,134)</u>	<u>(169,134)</u>	<u>56,414</u>
Net income		<u>119,197</u>	<u>119,197</u>	<u>63,021</u>
Net movement in funds		119,197	119,197	63,021
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,637,979</u>	<u>2,637,979</u>	<u>2,574,959</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>2,757,176</u></u>	<u><u>2,757,176</u></u>	<u><u>2,637,980</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 12.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Investments	8	2,604,347	2,533,006
Cash at bank and in hand	9	<u>157,855</u>	<u>109,303</u>
		2,762,202	2,642,309
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(5,026)</u>	<u>(4,329)</u>
Net assets		<u>2,757,176</u>	<u>2,637,980</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
General funds		<u>2,757,176</u>	<u>2,637,980</u>
Total funds	12	<u>2,757,176</u>	<u>2,637,980</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 16 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 12 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr Colin David Sheaf
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

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) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Sir Percival David Foundation Academic and Research Fund meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

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Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Current asset investments

Current asset investments are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value / market value.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

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Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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Debt instruments

Debt instruments which meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method:

(a) The contractual return to the holder is (i) a fixed amount; (ii) a positive fixed rate or a positive variable rate; or (iii) a combination of a positive or a negative fixed rate and a positive variable rate.

(b) The contract may provide for repayments of the principal or the return to the holder (but not both) to be linked to a single relevant observable index of general price inflation of the currency in which the debt instrument is denominated, provided such links are not leveraged.

(c) The contract may provide for a determinable variation of the return to the holder during the life of the instrument, provided that (i) the new rate satisfies condition (a) and the variation is not contingent on future events other than (1) a change of a contractual variable rate; (2) to protect the holder against credit deterioration of the issuer; (3) changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law; or (ii) the new rate is a market rate of interest and satisfies condition (a).

(d) There is no contractual provision that could, by its terms, result in the holder losing the principal amount or any interest attributable to the current period or prior periods.

(e) Contractual provisions that permit the issuer to prepay a debt instrument or permit the holder to put it back to the issuer before maturity are not contingent on future events, other than to protect the holder against the credit deterioration of the issuer or a change in control of the issuer, or to protect the holder or issuer against changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law.

(f) Contractual provisions may permit the extension of the term of the debt instrument, provided that the return to the holder and any other contractual provisions applicable during the extended term satisfy the conditions of paragraphs (a) to (c).

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

With the exception of some hedging instruments, other debt instruments not meeting these conditions are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Commitments to make and receive loans which meet the conditions mentioned above are measured at cost (which may be nil) less impairment.

Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

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Derivative financial instruments

The charity uses derivative financial instruments to reduce exposure to foreign exchange risk and interest rate movements. The charity does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in statement of financial activities immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in statement of financial activities depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

2 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Other income from fixed asset investments	106,889	106,889	77,115
Other investment income	262,717	262,717	10,023
	369,606	369,606	87,138

3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Note			
Sponsorship, support and awards	42,748	42,748	50,312
Legal and professional fees	38,965	38,965	27,845
	81,713	81,713	78,157

4 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Administrative expenses	2,005	2,005	3,650
	2,005	2,005	3,650

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	900	900	900
Other fees paid to examiners	8,400	8,400	8,400
Management fees	29,665	29,665	18,545
	<u>38,965</u>	<u>38,965</u>	<u>27,845</u>

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

7 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Examination of the financial statements	900	900
Other fees paid to examiners	8,400	8,400
	<u>9,300</u>	<u>9,300</u>

8 Current asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Investment at valuation	2,601,606	2,504,155
Cazenove Capital Management - Cash balances	2,741	28,851
	<u>2,604,347</u>	<u>2,533,006</u>

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	157,855	109,303

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10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	-	(1)
Accruals	5,026	4,330
	<u>5,026</u>	<u>4,329</u>

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Total funds
	2024
	£
Current assets	2,762,202
Current liabilities	<u>(5,026)</u>
Total net assets	<u>2,757,176</u>
	Total funds
	2023
	£
Current assets	2,642,309
Current liabilities	<u>(4,329)</u>
Total net assets	<u>2,637,980</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General Fund	<u>2,637,979</u>	<u>372,049</u>	<u>(83,718)</u>	<u>(169,134)</u>	<u>2,757,176</u>
	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General Fund	<u>2,574,959</u>	<u>88,414</u>	<u>(81,807)</u>	<u>56,414</u>	<u>2,637,980</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Investment income</i>		
Interest & dividends received	106,889	77,115
Profit on sale of investments	<u>262,717</u>	<u>10,023</u>
	<u><u>369,606</u></u>	<u><u>87,138</u></u>
<i>Other income</i>		
Sundry Income	2,000	-
Royalties Received	<u>443</u>	<u>1,276</u>
	<u><u>2,443</u></u>	<u><u>1,276</u></u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Sponsorship - Publication OCS	(5,000)	-
Curator support - British Museum	(29,192)	(25,000)
Sponsorship - External	(8,496)	(25,227)
Bank charges	(60)	(85)
Accountancy fees	(8,400)	(8,400)
Independent examiner's fee	(900)	(900)
Management fees	(12,540)	(13,785)
Legal and professional fees	<u>(17,125)</u>	<u>(4,760)</u>
	<u><u>(81,713)</u></u>	<u><u>(78,157)</u></u>
<i>Administration costs</i>		
Insurance	(764)	(2,635)
Travel and subsistence	<u>(1,241)</u>	<u>(1,015)</u>
	<u><u>(2,005)</u></u>	<u><u>(3,650)</u></u>