

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1178830

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2018-06-18

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Activities

Objects: 3.1 THE RELIEF OF PERSONS IN NEED WHO FALL WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES BELOW BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, RESOURCES, EQUIPMENT OR OTHER SUPPORT FOR THEIR PERSONAL NEEDS. IN THIS CLAUSE 3.1 'POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES' MEANS:-(A) LIFE MEMBERS OF THE FORMER BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE SOCIETY (RCN: 277093) AND THEIR SPOUSES, CIVIL PARTNERS, WIDOWS, WIDOWERS, ISSUE OR OTHER DEPENDANTS; (B) PERSONS WHO ARE, OR HAVE BEEN, EMPLOYEES OF THE BALTIC EXCHANGE; AND(C) SUCH OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE, OR HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN MARITIME ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THEIR SPOUSES, CIVIL PARTNERS, WIDOWS, WIDOWERS, ISSUE OR OTHER DEPENDANTS;AND WHO ARE IN NEED AS A RESULT OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, AGE, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ILLNESS OR DISABILITY.3.2 SUCH PURPOSES AND OBJECTS BEING CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: The relief of persons in need who fall withing the definition of potential beneficiarieslife members of the former Baltic Exchange Charitable Society and their familypersons who are or have been employed by the Baltic Exchangesuch other persons who are or have been engaged in maritime activitiesand who are in need as a result of financial hardship, age, illness or disability.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£341,540	£337,038	-	-
2023-12-31	£289,669	£284,841	-	-
2022-12-31	£241,554	£346,927	-	-
2021-12-31	£9,939,783	£214,418	£10,290,444	0
2020-12-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
WILLIAM MICHAEL ROBSON	Chair	2018-06-18
COLM JOSEPH NOLAN		2018-06-18
Carl David Ackerley		2026-01-14
Denis Andreas Petropoulos		2020-09-22
Guy Christopher Blair Hindley		2026-04-23
Kirsty Anne Marsh		2023-10-11
LAMBROS CLEANTHIS VARNAVIDES		2018-06-18
Lord Jeffrey Mountevans		2024-10-22
MARK ANTHONY READ		2018-08-01
MARK ROBERT JACKSON		2018-06-18
Robert Thomas Reed		2019-09-12
Simon Trowell		2025-07-24

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE014359 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1178830

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024
FOR
BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Cresswells Accountants (UK) Limited
Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
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BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Charity, as set out in its constitution, are:

- Such purposes and objects being charitable according to the law of England and Wales
- Relief of persons in need, within the definition of potential beneficiaries

The potential beneficiaries are the life members of the former Baltic Exchange Charitable Society; individuals engaged or formerly engaged in maritime activities; the spouses, civil partners, widows, widowers, issue or other dependants of the foregoing; and the employees and former employees of the Baltic Exchange.

The Charity was formed to take over the activities of the following charitable trusts:

- The Baltic Exchange Charitable Society
- The London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society
- The Baltic Charitable Fund
- The Bonno Krull Fund

The transfer of activities occurred on 31 March 2021 and the Charity now carries on the activities of the trusts transferred, namely:

- The provision of support of individuals in need
- The awarding of grants to institutions connected with the maritime industry

Significant activities

Grants

In the year, the Charity continued to support seven (2023 - eight) individuals receiving annual grants and also paid special grants to a further five (2023 - five) individuals.

The Charity has eight (2023 - six) secured loans to individuals; this was an increase of £75,000 from last year.

During the year, the Charity awarded thirteen (2023 - nine) grants to various institutions linked to the maritime industry and continued to pay two (2023 - two) grants previously awarded. The significant grants awarded in the year were:

Ahoy were awarded their third payment of £10,000 from the original three year grant of £30,000 awarded in 2022. This was to support Ahoy's work in providing water skills training to youngsters living in the Thames estuary region.

Mission to Seafarers were awarded a grant of £15,000 in the year. They are a regular beneficiary of BECF for their pastoral work with seafarers around the globe.

National Coastwatch Institution were awarded a grant of £20,000 towards the production of revised and updated station manuals.

Sailors Society were awarded a grant of £10,000 for their continued support for their pastoral work with seafarers around the globe.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and will consider that guidance in their future activities.

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Grant making

Supporting individuals in need

The Charity supports individuals by the award of financial grants and the provision of interest free loans.

The financial grants are awarded as annual grants to help towards the payment of day-to-day expenses or as special grants to cover unexpected or unaffordable one off expenses incurred by the beneficiaries. The annual grants are paid quarterly and reviewed on an annual basis, or as necessary, whereas special grants are paid on an ad hoc basis as required.

Grants to individuals

The Charity helps beneficiaries with annual grants, which are paid in quarterly instalments. All such grants are based on a recipient's financial circumstances which are reviewed at year end. Emergency or one-off special grants are awarded as deemed necessary by the Trustees. Those claiming assistance are required to provide full details of income and expenditure, and financial need must be established before any help can be offered. The Trustees are always mindful of the "need" qualification in the Charity's objects. All grants are awarded after full consultation amongst the Trustees and beneficiaries circumstances are routinely monitored as necessary.

Grants to institutions

The Charity principally supports institutions focused in the maritime sector. These institutions in the main cover education, pastoral support to seafarers and their families and other related charitable works. These grants in the main are of a one-off nature but can extend on a repeat basis over a fixed period of time. All grants are awarded after full consultation amongst the Trustees.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Investment performance

Investment policy and strategy are reviewed by a Finance Committee that meets the Charity's investment managers regularly during each year, and performance is measured against targets set. A medium level of risk approach was confirmed.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Statement of Financial activities sets out the income and expenditure of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Grant commitments awarded in 2024 were paid on 1st January 2025. Approval for payment of 2025 grants was agreed at the trustees meeting in October 2024. Any amendments to these payments were adjusted retrospectively.

A revaluation surplus of £435,574 (2023 - £166,394) arose on the investments, contributing towards an increase in the reserves over the year. The Charity's closing balance sheet position is robust, with significant reserves of £9,797,475 (2023 - £9,357,399) and cash in hand of £62,022 (2023 - £80,110).

Investment policy and performance

The trustees consider that the investments are held for the long term and therefore typically consider the investment performance over a rolling multi-year period.

The investment portfolios are structured in a way that can withstand adverse market conditions and are considered by the trustees to be well placed to protect the fund's value and also to produce the income required for the Society's charitable activities. The income target agreed with the advisers was again comfortably reached, and the return for the year was satisfactory for the Society's needs. The fund consists of a spread of gilts, corporate bonds, equities and cash, the allocation to each sector being continually under review.

The value of the portfolios at the end of 2024 stood at £9,391,180 (£9,090,125 in 2023).

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The reserves comprise:

Bonno Krull Endowment Fund

This is a permanent endowment fund which was created by the will of Bonno Julius Leopold Krull. The income from the fund is to be used to maintain the grave of Mr Krull and his wife, with any surplus to be used for charitable purposes connected to shipbroking and shipping.

Restricted Funds

The restricted funds comprise the reserves of the former Baltic Exchange Charitable Society and the former London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society. The Baltic Exchange Charitable Society reserves are to be used to support the former members of the Society and their dependents. The London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society reserves are to be used to support those who have been involved in ship owning and ship broking businesses and their dependants. At the trustees' discretion, any surpluses can be used for charitable purposes connected to shipbroking and shipping.

Unrestricted Funds

The unrestricted funds comprise the funds from the other predecessor charity and the unexpended Bonno Krull income.

The Charity's free reserves comprise cash held in operating bank accounts and sundry debtors, less current creditors. The Trustees aim to draw down cash from investments as needed, maximising the funds available to invest and resulting in minimal cash held in operating bank accounts.

FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees expect to continue the activities of the Charity as described above for the foreseeable future.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation which was incorporated on 18 June 2018. The governing document is the Constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Appointment of trustees

Under the Rules of the Charity, the trustees comprise:

- The Chief Financial Officer of the Baltic Exchange Limited;
- One individual appointed by the Baltic Exchange Council; and
- Up to ten individuals appointed by the Charity's trustees.

Trustee recruitment

The Board maintains a constant watch for suitable candidates to replace retiring Trustees from time to time.

Trustee training

Newly appointed Trustees are provided with a copy of the Constitution together with the Charity Commission's Guidance for Trustees. All Trustees are informed of updated charity investment guidance provided by fund managers as well as being encouraged to take up training seminars and workshops.

Organisational structure

The Charity has no staff and is managed by its Trustees. The Trustees are assisted by the secretary.

The Charity continues to share its secretarial services with the Corn Exchange Benevolent Society (Charity No. 207733).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE014359 (England and Wales)

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Registered Charity number
1178830

Registered office
Southgate Chambers
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Trustees
W M Robson Chairman
Ms K A Marsh
D A Petropoulos
R T Reed
M A Read
L C Varnavides
C J Nolan
F W A Crouch (resigned 24.7.25)
M R Jackson
S Trowell (appointed 24.7.25)
Lord J Mountevans (appointed 22.10.24)

Auditors
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Advisers

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- Quilter Cheviot Limited, Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4AB

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and 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;
- 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 for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware. They have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that

AUDITORS

The auditors, Cresswells Accountants (UK) Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Trustee Board meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12th September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

W M Robson - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF BAL TIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures include the following:

- we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the company and the sector in which it operates. We determined the following laws and regulations were most significant: The Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 and Health and Safety Act;
- we obtained an understanding of how the company is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries to the management;
- we assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the audit team included:
 - identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
 - understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential of override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process;
 - challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
 - identifying and testing journal entries;
 - assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BAL TIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Cresswells Accountants (UK) Limited

Chartered Accountants

and Statutory Auditors

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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12th September 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	2	31,181	310,359	-	341,540	289,669
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds	3	-	39,976	-	39,976	52,392
Charitable activities General		53,820	243,242	-	297,062	232,449
Total		53,820	283,218	-	337,038	284,841
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(436,988)	973,460	(100,898)	435,574	166,394
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) Transfers between funds	10	(459,627) 608,695	1,000,601 (808,446)	(100,898) 199,751	440,076 -	171,222 -
Net movement in funds		149,068	192,155	98,853	440,076	171,222
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward		2,212,740	6,208,796	935,863	9,357,399	9,186,177
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		2,361,808	6,400,951	1,034,716	9,797,475	9,357,399

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET
31ST DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Investments	6	2,364,191	5,992,273	1,034,716	9,391,180	9,090,125
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	7	-	391,874	-	391,874	326,619
Cash at bank		3,617	58,405	-	62,022	80,110
		<u>3,617</u>	<u>450,279</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>453,896</u>	<u>406,729</u>
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(6,000)	(25,601)	-	(31,601)	(129,855)
		<u>(2,383)</u>	<u>424,678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>422,295</u>	<u>276,874</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS						
		<u>(2,383)</u>	<u>424,678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>422,295</u>	<u>276,874</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,361,808	6,416,951	1,034,716	9,813,475	9,366,999
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due after more than one year	9	-	(16,000)	-	(16,000)	(9,600)
		<u>2,361,808</u>	<u>6,400,951</u>	<u>1,034,716</u>	<u>9,797,475</u>	<u>9,357,399</u>
NET ASSETS						
		<u>2,361,808</u>	<u>6,400,951</u>	<u>1,034,716</u>	<u>9,797,475</u>	<u>9,357,399</u>
FUNDS	10					
Unrestricted funds					2,361,808	2,212,740
Restricted funds					6,400,951	6,208,796
Endowment funds					1,034,716	935,863
TOTAL FUNDS					<u>9,797,475</u>	<u>9,357,399</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2024.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31ST DECEMBER 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12th September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

W M Robson - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instruments and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently remeasured at fair value at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Realised 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 the sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial period. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the differences between the fair value at the period end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Foreign Currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the Statement of Financial Position date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Judgements and estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting practice requires management to make judgements and estimates in applying the company's accounting policies that may have a significant impact on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

The only material judgement relates to the recognition of constructive obligations to the recipients of grants, as detailed in the creditors note. There are no material estimates affecting the carrying values of the assets as at the year end.

Going Concern

The trustees are confident that the Charity is a going concern. The investments held are expected to yield positive returns and cash generated from investments is forecast to be adequate to support grant commitments and administrative costs for at least 12 months from the date of this annual report.

Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when a group becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Investments in listed shares and bonds are classified as basic financial instruments and accounted for as set out above.

Loans to beneficiaries are classified as public benefit concessionary loans are recognised initially at the transaction value and subsequent at impaired cost.

Trade and other debtors along with creditors are classified as basic financial instruments and measured at initial recognition at transaction price. Debtors and creditors are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. A provision is established when there is objective evidence that the group will not collect all amounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents are classified as basic financial instruments and comprise cash in hand and at bank and short-term deposits with original maturity of three months or less. Cash and cash equivalents includes cash held by investment managers.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment income	310,885	272,250
Donations	41,275	1,831
Other income	-	2,704
Exchange rate variance	(10,620)	12,884
	<u>341,540</u>	<u>289,669</u>

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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3. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

2024

2023

£

£

Portfolio management

39,976

52,392

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2024 nor for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

2024

2023

£

£

Trustees' expenses

840

723

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	31,274	258,395	-	289,669
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	-	52,392	-	52,392
Charitable activities				
General	143,002	89,447	-	232,449
Total	143,002	141,839	-	284,841
Net gains on investments	-	166,394	-	166,394
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(111,728)	282,950	-	171,222
Transfers between funds	11,824	(119,075)	107,251	-
Net movement in funds	(99,904)	163,875	107,251	171,222
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	2,312,644	6,044,921	828,612	9,186,177
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2,212,740	6,208,796	935,863	9,357,399

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investment £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st January 2024	9,090,125
Additions	9,539,697
Disposals	(8,383,662)
Transfers/re-allocations	(1,290,554)
Realised gains	435,574
At 31st December 2024	9,391,180
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2024	9,391,180
At 31st December 2023	9,090,125

All investments were held within the Charity's investment portfolios.

7. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Accrued dividends	1,235	10,980
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	75,000	-
Loans to beneficiaries	315,639	315,639
Aggregate amounts	391,874	326,619

Each loan to a beneficiary is secured on the beneficiary's property, is interest free and repayable at the option of the beneficiary or in the event of the beneficiary's death, a material change in the beneficiary's circumstances, the sale of the property, or the property no longer being the beneficiary's (or their spouse's) principle residence.

As at the year end, there were no extant loan offers (2023 - None).

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	-	14,400
Donations payable	25,600	28,744
Accrued expenses	6,001	86,711
	31,601	129,855

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Donations payable	<u>16,000</u>	<u>9,600</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	2,212,740	(459,627)	608,695	2,361,808
Restricted funds				
BECS Restricted Fund	5,192,652	335,827	(88,061)	5,440,418
LSSBS Restricted Fund	957,005	724,054	(679,907)	1,001,152
BCF & BK Combined	59,139	(59,280)	(40,478)	(40,619)
	<u>6,208,796</u>	<u>1,000,601</u>	<u>(808,446)</u>	<u>6,400,951</u>
Endowment funds				
Bonno Krull Endowment Fund	1,073	-	(1,073)	-
BK Endowment Fund	934,790	(100,898)	200,824	1,034,716
	<u>935,863</u>	<u>(100,898)</u>	<u>199,751</u>	<u>1,034,716</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,357,399</u>	<u>440,076</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,797,475</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	31,181	(53,820)	(436,988)	(459,627)
Restricted funds				
BECS Restricted Fund	152,039	(73,740)	257,528	335,827
LSSBS Restricted Fund	33,362	(25,240)	715,932	724,054
BCF & BK Combined	124,958	(184,238)	-	(59,280)
	<u>310,359</u>	<u>(283,218)</u>	<u>973,460</u>	<u>1,000,601</u>
Endowment funds				
BK Endowment Fund	-	-	(100,898)	(100,898)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(100,898)</u>	<u>(100,898)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>341,540</u>	<u>(337,038)</u>	<u>435,574</u>	<u>440,076</u>

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	2,312,644	(111,728)	11,824	2,212,740
Restricted funds				
BECS Restricted Fund	5,199,157	121,547	(128,052)	5,192,652
LSSBS Restricted Fund	845,764	11,173	100,068	957,005
BCF & BK Combined	-	150,230	(91,091)	59,139
	<u>6,044,921</u>	<u>282,950</u>	<u>(119,075)</u>	<u>6,208,796</u>
Endowment funds				
Bonno Krull Endowment Fund	828,612	-	(827,539)	1,073
BK Endowment Fund	-	-	934,790	934,790
	<u>828,612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,251</u>	<u>935,863</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>9,186,177</u></u>	<u><u>171,222</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>9,357,399</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	31,274	(143,002)	-	(111,728)
Restricted funds				
BECS Restricted Fund	115,066	(92,043)	98,524	121,547
LSSBS Restricted Fund	23,048	(33,731)	21,856	11,173
BCF & BK Combined	120,281	(16,065)	46,014	150,230
	<u>258,395</u>	<u>(141,839)</u>	<u>166,394</u>	<u>282,950</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>289,669</u></u>	<u><u>(284,841)</u></u>	<u><u>166,394</u></u>	<u><u>171,222</u></u>

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	2,312,644	(571,355)	620,519	2,361,808
Restricted funds				
BECS Restricted Fund	5,199,157	457,374	(216,113)	5,440,418
LSSBS Restricted Fund	845,764	735,227	(579,839)	1,001,152
BCF & BK Combined	-	90,950	(131,569)	(40,619)
	<u>6,044,921</u>	<u>1,283,551</u>	<u>(927,521)</u>	<u>6,400,951</u>
Endowment funds				
Bonno Krull Endowment Fund	828,612	-	(828,612)	-
BK Endowment Fund	-	(100,898)	1,135,614	1,034,716
	<u>828,612</u>	<u>(100,898)</u>	<u>307,002</u>	<u>1,034,716</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>9,186,177</u></u>	<u><u>611,298</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>9,797,475</u></u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	62,455	(196,822)	(436,988)	(571,355)
Restricted funds				
BECS Restricted Fund	267,105	(165,783)	356,052	457,374
LSSBS Restricted Fund	56,410	(58,971)	737,788	735,227
BCF & BK Combined	245,239	(200,303)	46,014	90,950
	<u>568,754</u>	<u>(425,057)</u>	<u>1,139,854</u>	<u>1,283,551</u>
Endowment funds				
BK Endowment Fund	-	-	(100,898)	(100,898)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(100,898)</u>	<u>(100,898)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>631,209</u></u>	<u><u>(621,879)</u></u>	<u><u>601,968</u></u>	<u><u>611,298</u></u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2024.

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Investment income	310,885	272,250
Donations	41,275	1,831
Other income	-	2,704
Exchange rate variance	(10,620)	12,884
	<u>341,540</u>	<u>289,669</u>
Total incoming resources	341,540	289,669
EXPENDITURE		
Investment management costs		
Portfolio management	39,976	52,392
Charitable activities		
Grants to institutions	153,301	58,645
Grants to individuals	76,583	77,447
	<u>229,884</u>	<u>136,092</u>
Support costs		
Management		
Trustees' expenses	840	723
Support services & fees	40,250	29,475
Telecoms	648	504
IT & website	1,963	1,944
Storage & office expenses	9,903	5,744
Insurance	702	26
Bank charges	359	412
	<u>54,665</u>	<u>38,828</u>
Governance costs		
Grave maintenance	1,019	285
Accountancy and legal fees	11,494	57,244
	<u>12,513</u>	<u>57,529</u>
Total resources expended	<u>337,038</u>	<u>284,841</u>
Net income before gains and losses	4,502	4,828
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	435,574	166,394
Net income	<u><u>440,076</u></u>	<u><u>171,222</u></u>

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BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1178830

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE014359 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1178830

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023
FOR
BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

Cresswells Accountants (UK) Limited
Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
12 Market Street
Hebden Bridge
West Yorkshire
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BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Charity, as set out in its constitution, are:

- Such purposes and objects being charitable according to the law of England and Wales
- Relief of persons in need, within the definition of potential beneficiaries

The potential beneficiaries are the life members of the former Baltic Exchange Charitable Society; individuals engaged or formerly engaged in maritime activities; the spouses, civil partners, widows, widowers, issue or other dependants of the foregoing; and the employees and former employees of the Baltic Exchange.

The Charity was formed to take over the activities of the following charitable trusts:

- The Baltic Exchange Charitable Society
- The London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society
- The Baltic Charitable Fund
- The Bonno Krull Fund

The transfer of activities occurred on 31 March 2021 and the Charity now carries on the activities of the trusts transferred, namely:

- The provision of support of individuals in need
- The awarding of grants to institutions connected with the maritime industry

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The Charity supports individuals by the award of financial grants and the provision of interest free loans.

The financial grants are awarded as annual grants to help towards the payment of day-to-day expenses or as special grants to cover unexpected or unaffordable one off expenses incurred by the beneficiaries. The annual grants are paid quarterly and reviewed on an annual basis, whereas special grants are paid on an ad hoc basis as required.

In the year, the Charity continued to support eight (2022 - eight) individuals receiving annual grants and also paid special grants to a further five (2022 - five) individuals.

The Charity has six (2022 - six) secured loans to individuals; there was no change to these loans over the year.

During the year, the Charity awarded nine (2022 - eleven) grants to various institutions linked to the maritime industry and continued to pay two (2022 - two) grants previously awarded. The significant grants awarded in the year were:

Ahoy were awarded a grant of £10,000 in the year. Support for Ahoy's work in providing water skills training to youngsters living in the Thames estuary region. The original grant awarded of £30,000 in 2022 was payable over three years.

Wet Wheels were awarded a grant of £10,000 in the year. Wet Wheels designs, commissions and operates specialist purpose built catamaran speed boats to provide sea going experience for disabled people in wheel chairs. This grant was to support their work.

Ian Dundas was awarded a grant of £5,000 in the year to support private treatment of his rare form of cancer. He has since deceased.

Mission to Seafarers were awarded a grant of £15,000 in the year. They are a regular beneficiary of BECF for their pastoral work with seafarers around the globe.

National Coastwatch Institution were awarded a grant of £10,000 towards the production of revised and updated station manuals.

Sailors Society were awarded a grant of £10,000 for their continued support for their pastoral work with seafarers around the globe.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and will consider that guidance in their future activities.

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Grantmaking

Supporting individuals in need

The Charity supports individuals by the award of financial grants and the provision of interest free loans.

The financial grants are awarded as annual grants to help towards the payment of day-to-day expenses or as special grants to cover unexpected or unaffordable one off expenses incurred by the beneficiaries. The annual grants are paid quarterly and reviewed on an annual basis, whereas special grants are paid on an ad hoc basis as required.

Grants to individuals

The Charity helps beneficiaries with annual grants that are paid in quarterly instalments and are based on income benchmarks which are set for single beneficiaries, married couples and families. All such grants are based on a recipient's financial circumstances which are reviewed at quarterly intervals. Emergency or one-off special grants are awarded as deemed necessary by the Trustees. Those claiming assistance are required to provide full details of income and expenditure, and financial need must be established before any help can be offered. The Trustees are always mindful of the "need" qualification in the Charity's objects. All grants are awarded after full consultation amongst the Trustees.

Grants to institutions

The Charity principally supports institutions focussed in the maritime sector. These institutions in the main cover education, pastoral support to seafarers and their families and other related charitable works. These grants in the main are of a one-off nature but can extend on a repeat basis over a fixed period of time. All grants are awarded after full consultation amongst the Trustees.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Investment performance

Investment policy and strategy are reviewed by an investment sub-committee that meets the Charity's investment managers regularly during each year, and performance is measured against targets set. A medium level of risk approach was confirmed.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Statement of Financial activities sets out the income and expenditure of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Existing grants for 2023 were paid on 1st January 2024. Approval for payment of 2024 grants was agreed at the trustees meeting in February 2024. Any amendments to the payments on January 1st were adjusted retrospectively.

A revaluation surplus of £166,394 (2022 - deficit £966,977) arose on the investments, contributing towards an increase in the reserves over the year. The Charity's closing balance sheet position is robust, with significant reserves and cash in hand of £80,110.

Investment policy and performance

The trustees consider that the investments are held for the long term and therefore typically consider the investment performance over a rolling multi-year period.

The investment portfolio is structured in a way that can withstand adverse market conditions and is considered by the trustees to be well placed to protect the fund's value and also to produce the sort of income required for the Society's charitable activities. The income target agreed with the advisers was again comfortably reached, and the return for the year was satisfactory for the Society's needs. The fund consists of a spread of gilts, corporate bonds, equities and cash, the allocation to each sector being continually under review.

The value of the portfolio at the end of 2023 stood at £9,090,125 (£8,539,123 in 2022).

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The reserves comprise:

Bonno Krull Endowment Fund

This is a permanent endowment fund which was created by the will of Bonno Julius Leopold Krull. The income from the fund is to be used to maintain the grave of Mr Krull and his wife, with any surplus to be used for charitable purposes connected to shipbroking and shipping.

Restricted Funds

The restricted funds comprise the reserves of the former Baltic Exchange Charitable Society and the former London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society. The Baltic Exchange Charitable Society reserves are to be used to support the former members of the Society and their dependents. The London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society reserves are to be used to support those who have been involved in ship owning and ship broking businesses and their dependants.

Unrestricted Funds

The unrestricted funds comprise the funds from the other predecessor charity and the unexpended Bonno Krull income.

The Charity's free reserves comprise cash held in operating bank accounts and sundry debtors, less current creditors. The Trustees aim to draw down cash from investments as needed, maximising the funds available to invest and resulting in minimal cash held in operating bank accounts.

FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees expect to continue the activities of the Charity as described above for the foreseeable future.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation which was incorporated on 18 June 2018. The governing document is the Constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Appointment of trustees

Under the Rules of the Charity, the trustees comprise:

- The Chief Financial Officer of the Baltic Exchange Limited;
- One individual appointed by the Baltic Exchange Council; and
- Up to ten individuals appointed by the Charity's trustees.

Trustee recruitment

The Board maintains a constant watch for suitable candidates to replace retiring Trustees from time to time.

Trustee training

Newly appointed Trustees are provided with a copy of the Constitution together with the Charity Commission's Guidance for Trustees. All Trustees are informed of updated charity investment guidance provided by fund managers as well as being encouraged to take up training seminars and workshops.

Organisational structure

The Charity has no staff and is managed by its Trustees. The Trustees are assisted by the secretary.

The Charity continues to share its secretarial services to the Corn Exchange Benevolent Society (Charity No. 207733).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE014359 (England and Wales)

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Registered Charity number

1178830

Registered office

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Trustees

W M Robson Chairman
Ms K A Marsh Trustee (appointed 11.10.23)
D A Petropoulos Trustee
R T Reed Trustee
M A Read Trustee
L C Varnavides Trustee
C J Nolan Trustee
F W A Crouch Trustee
M R Jackson Trustee

Auditors

Cresswells Accountants (UK) Limited
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12 Market Street
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Advisers

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- Quilter Cheviot Limited, Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4AB

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware;
and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and 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;
- 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 for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware. They have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that

AUDITORS

The auditors, Cresswells Accountants (UK) Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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W M Robson - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures include the following:

- we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the company and the sector in which it operates. We determined the following laws and regulations were most significant: The Companies Act 2006, FRS102 and Health and Safety Act.
- we obtained an understanding of how the company is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries to the management.
- we assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the audit team included:
- identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud.
- understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential of override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process.
- challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates.
- identifying and testing journal entries.
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assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Cresswells Accountants (UK) Limited
Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006
12 Market Street
Hebden Bridge
West Yorkshire
HX7 6AD

Date 29 October 2024

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	<u>31,274</u>	<u>258,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>289,669</u>	<u>209,637</u>
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds	3	-	52,392	-	52,392	63,945
Charitable activities						
General		<u>143,002</u>	<u>89,447</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>232,449</u>	<u>282,982</u>
Total		<u>143,002</u>	<u>141,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>284,841</u>	<u>346,927</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>-</u>	<u>166,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,394</u>	<u>(966,977)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(111,728)	282,950	-	171,222	(1,104,267)
Transfers between funds	10	<u>11,824</u>	<u>(119,075)</u>	<u>107,251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(99,904)	163,875	107,251	171,222	(1,104,267)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,312,644</u>	<u>6,044,921</u>	<u>828,612</u>	<u>9,186,177</u>	<u>10,290,444</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>2,212,740</u></u>	<u><u>6,208,796</u></u>	<u><u>935,863</u></u>	<u><u>9,357,399</u></u>	<u><u>9,186,177</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Investments	6	2,309,510	5,845,825	934,790	9,090,125	8,539,123
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	7	4,408	321,138	1,073	326,619	331,388
Cash at bank		<u>20,731</u>	<u>59,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,110</u>	<u>520,006</u>
		25,139	380,517	1,073	406,729	851,394
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(112,309)</u>	<u>(17,546)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(129,855)</u>	<u>(194,340)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>(87,170)</u>	<u>362,971</u>	<u>1,073</u>	<u>276,874</u>	<u>657,054</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,222,340	6,208,796	935,863	9,366,999	9,196,177
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due after more than one year	9	<u>(9,600)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,600)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>2,212,740</u></u>	<u><u>6,208,796</u></u>	<u><u>935,863</u></u>	<u><u>9,357,399</u></u>	<u><u>9,186,177</u></u>
FUNDS	10					
Unrestricted funds					2,212,740	2,312,644
Restricted funds					6,208,796	6,044,921
Endowment funds					<u>935,863</u>	<u>828,612</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					<u><u>9,357,399</u></u>	<u><u>9,186,177</u></u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2023.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31ST DECEMBER 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 29 October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

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W M Robson - Trustee

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instruments and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently remeasured at fair value at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Realised 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 the sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial period. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the differences between the fair value at the period end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Foreign Currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the Statement of Financial Position date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting practice requires management to make judgements and estimates in applying the company's accounting policies that may have a significant impact on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

The only material judgement relates to the recognition of constructive obligations to the recipients of grants, as detailed in the creditors note. There are no material estimates affecting the carrying values of the assets as at the year end.

Going Concern

The trustees are confident that the Charity is a going concern. The investments held are expected to yield positive returns and cash generated from investments is forecast to be adequate to support grant commitments and administrative costs for at least 12 months from the date of this annual report.

Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when a group becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Investments in listed shares and bonds are classified as basic financial instruments and accounted for as set out above.

Loans to beneficiaries are classified as public benefit concessionary loans are recognised initially at the transaction value and subsequent at impaired cost.

Trade and other debtors along with creditors are classified as basic financial instruments and measured at initial recognition at transaction price. Debtors and creditors are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. A provision is established when there is objective evidence that the group will not collect all amounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents are classified as basic financial instruments and comprise cash in hand and at bank and short-term deposits with original maturity of three months or less. Cash and cash equivalents includes cash held by investment managers.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Investment income	272,246	240,103
Donations	1,835	1,200
Other Income	2,704	252
Exchange rate variance	<u>12,884</u>	<u>(31,918)</u>
	<u>289,669</u>	<u>209,637</u>

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3. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Portfolio management	<u>52,392</u>	<u>63,945</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2023 nor for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u>723</u>	<u>975</u>

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	<u>117,236</u>	<u>92,401</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>209,637</u>
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	18,023	39,786	6,136	63,945
Charitable activities				
General	<u>103,426</u>	<u>179,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>282,982</u>
Total	<u>121,449</u>	<u>219,342</u>	<u>6,136</u>	<u>346,927</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	<u>(291,169)</u>	<u>(578,495)</u>	<u>(97,313)</u>	<u>(966,977)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(295,382)	(705,436)	(103,449)	(1,104,267)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	<u>2,608,026</u>	<u>6,750,357</u>	<u>932,061</u>	<u>10,290,444</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>2,312,644</u>	<u>6,044,921</u>	<u>828,612</u>	<u>9,186,177</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1st January 2023	8,539,123
Additions	13,457,383
Disposals	(13,072,774)
Revaluations	<u>166,393</u>
At 31st December 2023	<u>9,090,125</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 2023	<u>9,090,125</u>
At 31st December 2022	<u>8,539,123</u>

All investments were held within the Charity's investment portfolio.

7. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Accrued Dividends	<u>10,980</u>	<u>15,749</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Loans to beneficiaries	<u>315,639</u>	<u>315,639</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>326,619</u>	<u>331,388</u>

Each loan to a beneficiary is secured on the beneficiary's property, is interest free and repayable at the option of the beneficiary or in the event of the beneficiary's death, a material change in the beneficiary's circumstances, the sale of the property, or the property no longer being the beneficiary's (or their spouse's) principle residence.

As at the year end, there were no extant loan offers (2022 - None).

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	14,401	12,803
Donations payable	28,744	46,521
Accrued expenses	<u>86,710</u>	<u>135,016</u>
	<u>129,855</u>	<u>194,340</u>

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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Donations payable	<u>9,600</u>	<u>10,000</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	2,312,644	(111,728)	11,824	2,212,740
Restricted funds				
BECS Restricted Fund	5,199,157	121,547	(128,052)	5,192,652
LSSBS Restricted Fund	845,764	11,173	100,068	957,005
BCF & BK Combined	<u>-</u>	<u>150,230</u>	<u>(91,091)</u>	<u>59,139</u>
	6,044,921	282,950	(119,075)	6,208,796
Endowment funds				
Bonno Krull Endowment Fund	828,612	-	(827,539)	1,073
BK Endowment Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>934,790</u>	<u>934,790</u>
	<u>828,612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,251</u>	<u>935,863</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,186,177</u>	<u>171,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,357,399</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	31,274	(143,002)	-	(111,728)
Restricted funds				
BECS Restricted Fund	115,066	(92,043)	98,524	121,547
LSSBS Restricted Fund	23,048	(33,731)	21,856	11,173
BCF & BK Combined	<u>120,281</u>	<u>(16,065)</u>	<u>46,014</u>	<u>150,230</u>
	<u>258,395</u>	<u>(141,839)</u>	<u>166,394</u>	<u>282,950</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>289,669</u>	<u>(284,841)</u>	<u>166,394</u>	<u>171,222</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,608,026	(295,382)	2,312,644
Restricted funds			
BECS Restricted Fund	5,806,724	(607,567)	5,199,157
LSSBS Restricted Fund	<u>943,633</u>	<u>(97,869)</u>	<u>845,764</u>
	6,750,357	(705,436)	6,044,921
Endowment funds			
Bonno Krull Endowment Fund	932,061	(103,449)	828,612
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,290,444</u>	<u>(1,104,267)</u>	<u>9,186,177</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	117,236	(121,449)	(291,169)	(295,382)
Restricted funds				
BECS Restricted Fund	76,122	(176,020)	(507,669)	(607,567)
LSSBS Restricted Fund	<u>16,279</u>	<u>(43,322)</u>	<u>(70,826)</u>	<u>(97,869)</u>
	92,401	(219,342)	(578,495)	(705,436)
Endowment funds				
Bonno Krull Endowment Fund	-	(6,136)	(97,313)	(103,449)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>209,637</u>	<u>(346,927)</u>	<u>(966,977)</u>	<u>(1,104,267)</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	2,608,026	(407,110)	11,824	2,212,740
Restricted funds				
BECS Restricted Fund	5,806,724	(486,020)	(128,052)	5,192,652
LSSBS Restricted Fund	943,633	(86,696)	100,068	957,005
BCF & BK Combined	-	150,230	(91,091)	59,139
	6,750,357	(422,486)	(119,075)	6,208,796
Endowment funds				
Bonno Krull Endowment Fund	932,061	(103,449)	(827,539)	1,073
BK Endowment Fund	-	-	934,790	934,790
	932,061	(103,449)	107,251	935,863
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,290,444</u>	<u>(933,045)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,357,399</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	148,510	(264,451)	(291,169)	(407,110)
Restricted funds				
BECS Restricted Fund	191,188	(268,063)	(409,145)	(486,020)
LSSBS Restricted Fund	39,327	(77,053)	(48,970)	(86,696)
BCF & BK Combined	120,281	(16,065)	46,014	150,230
	350,796	(361,181)	(412,101)	(422,486)
Endowment funds				
Bonno Krull Endowment Fund	-	(6,136)	(97,313)	(103,449)
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>499,306</u>	<u>(631,768)</u>	<u>(800,583)</u>	<u>(933,045)</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st December 2023.

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Investment income	272,246	240,103
Donations	1,835	1,200
Other Income	2,704	252
Exchange rate variance	<u>12,884</u>	<u>(31,918)</u>
	<u>289,669</u>	<u>209,637</u>
Total incoming resources	289,669	209,637
EXPENDITURE		
Investment management costs		
Portfolio management	52,392	63,945
Charitable activities		
Grants to institutions	58,645	63,553
Grants to individuals	<u>77,447</u>	<u>105,211</u>
	136,092	168,764
Support costs		
Management		
Trustees' expenses	723	975
Wages	29,475	38,017
Telecoms	504	493
IT & Website	1,944	1,854
Storage & office expenses	5,744	4,690
Insurance	26	3,056
Bank charges	<u>412</u>	<u>80</u>
	38,828	49,165
Governance costs		
Grave maintenance	285	322
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>57,244</u>	<u>64,731</u>
	<u>57,529</u>	<u>65,053</u>
Total resources expended	<u>284,841</u>	<u>346,927</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses	4,828	(137,290)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	<u>166,394</u>	<u>(966,977)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>171,222</u>	<u>(1,104,267)</u>

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Accounts

Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31
December 2022

Registered Charity No. 1178830

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ANNUAL AND STRATEGIC REPORT

The Trustees present their annual and strategic report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the financial statements and comply with the Charities Act 2011.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the Charity, as set out in its constitution, are:

- Such purposes and objects being charitable according to the law of England and Wales
- Relief of persons in need, within the definition of potential beneficiaries

The potential beneficiaries are the life members of the former Baltic Exchange Charitable Society; individuals engaged or formerly engaged in maritime activities; the spouses, civil partners, widows, widowers, issue or other dependants of the foregoing; and the employees and former employees of the Baltic Exchange.

The Charity was formed to take over the activities of the following charitable trusts:

- The Baltic Exchange Charitable Society
- The London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society
- The Baltic Charitable Fund
- The Bonno Krull Fund

The transfer of activities occurred on 31 March 2021 and the Charity now carries on the activities of the trusts transferred, namely:

- The provision of support of individuals in need
- The awarding of grants to institutions connected with the maritime industry

Activities in the year

Supporting individuals in need

The Charity supports individuals by the award of financial grants and the provision of interest free loans.

The financial grants are awarded as annual grants to help towards the payment of day-to-day expenses or as special grants to cover unexpected or unaffordable one off expenses incurred by the beneficiaries. The annual grants are paid quarterly and reviewed on an annual basis, whereas special grants are paid on an ad hoc basis as required.

In the year, the Charity continued to support eight (2021 – ten) individuals receiving annual grants and also paid special grants to a further five (2021 – four) individuals.

The Charity has six (2022 – six) secured loans to individuals; there was no change to these loans over the year.

Grants to institutions

During the year, the Charity awarded eleven (2021 – nine) grants to various institutions linked to the

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maritime industry and continued to pay two (2021 – four) grants previously awarded. The significant grants awarded in the year were:

Recipient	Purpose of the award	£
Ahoy	Support for Ahoy's work in providing water skills training to youngsters living in the Thames estuary region; this grant will be paid over three years	30,000
Wet Wheels	Wet Wheels designs, commissions and operates specialist purpose built catamaran speed boats to provide sea going experience for disabled people in wheel chairs. This grant was to support their work.	5,000
National Coastwatch Institution	Towards the production of revised and updated station manuals	10,000
Stella Maris	Stella Maris is the largest ship-visiting network in the world, which seeks to improve the lives of seafarers and fishers. The grant is to fund Stella Maris' work at ports around the world	10,000

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and will consider that guidance in their future activities.

Plans for Future Periods

The Trustees expect to continue the activities of the charity as described above for the foreseeable future.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial performance

The Statement of Financial activities sets out the income and expenditure of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. For the comparative period, the Charity was active only for the 9 months following the transfer of activities from the predecessor charities.

At their meeting in October 2022, the trustees approved the payment of the quarterly grants for January 2023 and thus the grants to individuals comprise 5 quarterly grants.

A revaluation deficit of £998,895 (2021 – surplus £565,000) arose on the investments, resulting in a significant reduction in the reserves over the year. Nevertheless, the Charity's closing balance sheet position is robust, with significant reserves and cash on hand in excess of £500,000.

Investment policy

The investment policy is as follows:

- Target return of 4% per annum after inflation (as measured by CPI)

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- Target asset allocation ranges as follows:

	Lower bound	Upper bound
Cash	-%	20%
Government and corporate bonds	10%	30%
Total cash and bonds	10%	40%
UK Equities	20%	50%
International equities	20%	60%
Property	-%	15%
Alternatives	-%	10%

- Overall medium risk approach

The trustees consider that the investments are held for the long term and therefore typically consider the investment performance over a rolling multi-year period.

Investment review

The portfolio showed an annualised net loss of 9.1% (2021 – a gain of 10.9%), against a target return of 14.5%. The trustees are disappointed by this result, but note that the target return is high due to a high inflation which has subsequently abated.

Reserves

The reserves comprise:

- Bonno Krull Endowment Fund

This is a permanent endowment fund which was created by the will of Bonno Julius Leopold Krull. The income from the fund is to be used to maintain the grave of Mr Krull and his wife, with any surplus to be used for charitable purposes connected to shipbroking and shipping.

- Restricted Funds

The restricted funds comprise the reserves of the former Baltic Exchange Charitable Society and the former London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society. The Baltic Exchange Charitable Society reserves are to be used to support the former members of the Society and their dependents. The London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society reserves are to be used to support those who have been involved in ship owning and ship broking businesses and their dependants.

The unrestricted funds comprise the funds from the other predecessor charity and the unexpended Bonno Krull income.

The Charity's free reserves comprise cash held in operating bank accounts and sundry debtors, less current creditors. The Trustees aim to draw down cash from investments as needed, maximising the funds available to invest and resulting in minimal cash held in operating bank accounts. This equates to a free reserves target of £nil. The current level of free reserves is £25,058, which is in line with the policy.

Principal risks and uncertainties, and risk management

The Trustees review the risks facing the Charity periodically and confirm that they have taken appropriate steps to manage the risks arising.

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The most significant risks that the Charity faces are:

- Market risk arising from the investments held by the Charity. The risk is mitigated by delegating day to day responsibility to professional investment managers, by splitting the investments into different portfolios and appointing two firms to manage the portfolios, and by having a split of investment types.
- Reputational risk as a result of potential beneficiary fraud. This is mitigated by undertaking robust reviews of applications and ongoing contact with the beneficiaries.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation which was incorporated on 18 June 2018. The governing document is the Constitution.

Appointment of trustees

Under the Rules of the Charity, the trustees comprise:

- The Chief Financial Officer of the Baltic Exchange Limited;
- One individual appointed by the Baltic Exchange Council; and
- Up to ten individuals appointed by the Charity's trustees.

Trustee recruitment

The Board maintains a constant watch for suitable candidates to replace retiring Trustees from time to time.

Trustee training

Newly appointed Trustees are provided with a copy of the Constitution together with the Charity Commission's Guidance for Trustees. All Trustees are informed of updated charity investment guidance provided by fund managers as well as being encouraged to take up training seminars and workshops.

Management

The Charity has no staff and is managed by its Trustees. The Trustees are assisted by the secretary.

The Charity continues to share its secretarial services to the Corn Exchange Benevolent Society (Charity No. 207733).

Grant making policy

Grants to individuals

The Charity helps beneficiaries with annual grants that are paid in quarterly instalments and are based on income benchmarks which are set for single beneficiaries, married couples and families. All such grants are based on a recipient's financial circumstances which are reviewed at quarterly intervals. Emergency or one-off special grants are awarded as deemed necessary by the Trustees. Those claiming assistance are required to provide full details of income and expenditure, and financial need must be established before any help can be offered. The Trustees are always mindful of the "need" qualification in the Charity's objects. All grants are awarded after full consultation amongst the Trustees.

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Grants to institutions

The Charity principally supports institutions focussed in the maritime sector. These institutions in the main cover education, pastoral support to seafarers and their families and other related charitable works. These grants in the main are of a one-off nature but can extend on a repeat basis over a fixed period of time. All grants are awarded after full consultation amongst the Trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name and Registered Number of Charity

The Charity is registered as "The Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation" and its registered number is 1178830.

Principal Address

The principal address of the Charity is PO Box 6311, Newbury, RG14 9RF. The Charity's email address is anthony.carroll@becf.co.uk.

Names of Trustees

The Trustees who acted during the year and subsequently were as follows:

WM Robson (Chairman)	DA Petropoulos
RT Reed	MA Read
CJ Nolan	FWA Crouch
MR Jackson	LC Varnavides
EB Mavroleon (resigned 14 July 2022)	NA Harper (resigned 24 July 2022)
CM Morton (resigned 24 July 2022)	KA Marsh (appointed 11 October 2023)

Investment advisers (as at 31 December 2022)

- Thomas Miller Investment Ltd, 90 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 4ST.
- Quilter Cheviot Limited, Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4AB

Bankers

- Royal Bank of Scotland Plc, 36 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH2 2YB
- National Westminster Bank Plc, 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA

Independent examiner

- Julie Mutton, Evelyn Partners LLP, Onslow House, Onslow Street, Guildford, GU1 4TL

Approved by order of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



WM Robson
Chair of the Trustees
Date: 26/06/2024

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

For the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable regulations). Under that law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; 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 adequate accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. 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.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2022, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the notes to the accounts, including significant accounting policies.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner and basis of report

As the trustees of the charitable incorporated organization 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 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.

Independent examiner's statement

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 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 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 accounts to be reached.

Julie Mutton
Julie Mutton (Jun 26, 2024 16:15 GMT+1)

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Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

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26/06/2024

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Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Un- restricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Bonno Krull Endow- ment Fund 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income:						
Donations and legacies	6	1,000	200	-	1,200	190
Investment Income	7	115,984	124,118	-	240,102	180,185
Other income		252	-	-	252	-
		<u>117,236</u>	<u>124,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>241,554</u>	<u>180,375</u>
Funds transferred from predecessor charities		-	-	-	-	9,759,408
Total		<u>117,236</u>	<u>124,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>241,554</u>	<u>9,939,783</u>
Expenditure:						
Raising Finance						
Investment management costs		18,023	39,786	6,136	63,945	40,227
Charitable Activities						
Grants to individuals	8	-	105,211	-	105,211	15,605
Grants to institutions	9	63,553	-	-	63,553	61,981
Grave maintenance		322	-	-	322	-
Support costs	10	17,073	32,092	-	49,165	32,728
Governance costs	11	22,478	42,253	-	64,731	63,877
Total Expenditure		<u>121,449</u>	<u>219,342</u>	<u>6,136</u>	<u>346,927</u>	<u>214,418</u>
Net (losses)/gains on Investments	12	<u>(291,169)</u>	<u>(610,413)</u>	<u>(97,313)</u>	<u>(998,895)</u>	<u>565,079</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(295,382)</u>	<u>(705,437)</u>	<u>(103,449)</u>	<u>(1,104,268)</u>	<u>10,290,444</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,608,026</u>	<u>6,750,357</u>	<u>932,061</u>	<u>10,290,444</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u><u>2,312,644</u></u>	<u><u>6,044,920</u></u>	<u><u>828,612</u></u>	<u><u>9,186,176</u></u>	<u><u>10,290,444</u></u>

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Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2022

	Note	31 December 2022 £	31 December 2021 £
Non-Current Assets			
Investments	13	8,539,123	9,029,705
Current Assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	315,639	315,639
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	14	15,749	86,941
Cash at bank and in hand		520,006	1,041,691
Total Current Assets		535,755	1,128,632
Liabilities			
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	15	(194,341)	(168,532)
Net Current Assets		341,414	960,100
Creditors: amount falling due after more than one year	15	(10,000)	(15,000)
Net Assets		9,186,176	10,290,444
Bonno Krull Endowment Fund	16	828,612	932,061
Restricted Funds	16	6,044,920	6,750,357
Unrestricted Fund	17	2,312,644	2,608,026
Total Charity Funds		9,186,176	10,290,444

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the relevant Acts with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

W. M. Robson

WM Robson

Date: 26/06/2024

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	31 December 2022 £	31 December 2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(1,104,268)	10,290,444
Less: transfer of assets to the Charity from predecessor charities	-	(9,759,408)
	<u>(1,104,268)</u>	<u>531,036</u>
Losses/(gains) on investments	998,895	(565,079)
Change in debtors	71,192	(16,094)
Change in creditors	20,809	(137,444)
Investment income	(240,103)	(171,400)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(253,475)</u>	<u>(358,981)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Cash and cash equivalents transferred from predecessor charities	-	652,728
Additions to investments	(5,051,955)	(1,954,682)
Interest and dividends	240,103	171,400
Proceeds on disposals of investments	4,543,642	2,230,317
Net cash (used in) / generated from investing activities	<u>(268,210)</u>	<u>1,099,763</u>
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(521,685)</u>	<u>740,782</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,041,691	300,909
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>520,006</u>	<u>1,041,691</u>
 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and in hand	203,650	489,702
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio	316,356	551,989
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>520,006</u>	<u>1,041,691</u>

Non-cash transactions

There were no significant non-cash transactions in the current year.

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Notes to the financial statements

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1 Status

Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation ("the Charity") is a charitable Trust governed by its constitution dated 18 June 2018. The charity number is 1178830. Its principal address is PO Box 6311, Newbury, RG14 9RF.

2 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") including Section 1A, and with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2019). The financial statements are also prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Judgements and estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting practice requires management to make judgements and estimates in applying the company's accounting policies that may have a significant impact on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

The only material judgement relates to the recognition of constructive obligations to the recipients of grants, as detailed the policy below and the creditors note. There are no material estimates affecting the carrying values of the assets as at the year end.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted Funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects of the charity at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted Funds

These are funds are to be used for specific purposes as specified by the donor.

Endowment Funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the donor imposed restrictions.

Going concern

The trustees are confident that the Charity is a going concern. The investments held are expected yield positive returns and cash generated from investments is forecast to be adequate to support grant commitments and administrative costs for at least 12 months from the date of this annual report.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income, when its receipt is probable and when it can be measured with reasonable certainty.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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2 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Grants are accrued when a constructive obligation is created in the mind of the grant recipients. The trustees judge this to arise when the Charity has communicated its intention to pay a grant to the recipient and the amount of the obligation is the grant that will be paid up to the next grant review date.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instruments and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently remeasured at fair value at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Recognition of Liabilities

Liabilities are recognized as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when the group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Investments in listed shares and bonds are classified as basic financial instruments and accounted for as set out above.

Loans to beneficiaries are classified as public benefit concessionary loans are recognised initially at the transaction value and subsequent at impaired cost.

Trade and other debtors and creditors are classified as basic financial instruments and measured at initial recognition at transaction price. Debtors and creditors are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. A provision is established when there is objective evidence that the group will not be able to collect all amounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents are classified as basic financial instruments and comprise cash in hand and at bank and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less. Cash and cash equivalents includes cash held by investment managers.

3 Employee information

The Charity had no employees (2021 – none).

4 Trustees

No trustee was remunerated in the period (2021 – none). No expenses were incurred by trustees and reimbursed to trustees in the period (2021 – none).

5 Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within sections 524 to 536 of the Income Taxes Act 2007 or 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 period.

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6 Donations and legacies

	2022 £	2021 £
Donations	1,200	190
Total	1,200	190

7 Investment income

	2022 £	2021 £
Interest and dividends	240,103	180,185
Total	240,103	180,185

8 Grants to individuals

	2022 £	2021 £
Quarterly grants	81,100	7,895
Special grants	14,998	7,710
Christmas grants	9,113	-
Total	105,211	15,605
Grant awarded, but unpaid at start of the year	-	-
Grant obligation transferred from predecessor charities	-	56,683
Grant obligation settled during the year	(91,690)	(72,288)
Grant awarded, but unpaid at end of the year (all due within one year)	13,521	-

All grants are made to individuals who are in need.

The quarterly grants are recurring grants which are subject to an annual review and which provide additional income to the beneficiaries to enable them to have an acceptable standard of living. The Christmas grants are one off grants made in the wintertime to provide beneficiaries with assistance to meet additional costs at that time of the year. Special grants are generally one off grants to meet an immediate need.

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9 Grants to institutions

	2022 £	2021 £
Donations to Institutions	63,552	61,981
Total	63,552	61,981
Grant awarded, but unpaid at start of the year	64,160	-
Grant obligation transferred from predecessor charities	-	101,600
Grant obligation settled during the year	(84,712)	(99,421)
Grant awarded, but unpaid at end of the year (all due within one year)	43,000	64,160
Due with one year	33,000	49,160
Due after more than one year	10,000	15,000
	43,000	64,160

Details of the significant grants to institutions are given in the accompanying annual report.

10 Support costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Secretarial fees	38,017	22,550
Administrative expenses	11,068	6,241
Rent	-	2,275
Bank charges	80	1,266
Loss on foreign exchange	-	395
Total	49,165	32,727

11 Governance costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Evelyn Partners' remuneration:		
- Independent examination	10,000	-
- statutory audit	-	27,300
- accountancy fees	52,003	34,548
Legal fees	2,728	2,029
Total	64,731	63,877

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12 Gains/(losses) on investments

	2022 £	2021 £
Proceeds of sale	4,543,642	2,230,317
Market value	(4,398,081)	(2,170,767)
Realised gainson sales	145,561	59,550
Net unrealised gains/(losses)	(1,144,456)	505,529
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(998,895)	565,079

13 Listed investments at market value

	2022 £	2021 £
As at 1 January 2022	9,029,705	-
Transferred from predecessor charities	-	8,740,837
Additions	5,051,955	1,954,106
Disposals	(4,543,642)	(2,230,317)
Unrealised gains/(losses)	(1,144,456)	505,529
Realised gains	145,561	59,550
As at 31 December 2022	8,539,123	9,029,705

Analysis of investments by category of holding

	2022 £	2021 £
Alternatives	803,694	-
Equities	4,149,101	6,016,671
Bonds	3,517,641	2,883,708
Cash equivalents	68,687	129,326
Total	8,539,123	9,029,705

14 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	-	72,700
Accrued dividends	15,749	14,241
Total	15,749	86,941

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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14 Debtors (continued)

Amounts falling due after more than one year:

	2022 £	2021 £
Loans to beneficiaries	315,639	315,369
Total	315,639	315,369

Each loan to a beneficiary is secured on the beneficiary's property, is interest free and repayable at the option of the beneficiary or in the event of the beneficiary's death, a material change in the beneficiary's circumstances, the sale of the property, or the property no longer being the beneficiary's (or their spouse's) principal residence.

As at the year end, there were no extant loan offers (2021 - £nil) which had not been taken up.

15 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	12,804	-
Donations payable	46,521	49,160
Accruals	135,016	119,372
Total	194,341	168,532

Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Donations payable	10,000	15,000
Total	10,000	15,000

16 Summary of funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	BECS Restricted Fund £	LSSBS Restricted Fund £	Bonno Krull Endowment Fund £	Total Funds £
As at 1st January					
2022	2,608,026	5,806,724	943,633	932,061	10,290,444
Income	117,236	108,039	16,279	-	241,554
Expenditure	(121,449)	(176,020)	(43,322)	(6,136)	(346,927)
Gains/(losses) on investments	(291,169)	(539,587)	(70,826)	(97,313)	(998,895)
Balance at 31 December 2022	2,312,644	5,199,156	845,764	828,612	9,186,176

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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16 Summary of funds (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds	BECS Restricted Fund	LSSBS Restricted Fund	Bonno Krull Endowment Fund	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
As at 1st January 2021	-	-	-	-	-
Income	79,477	89,430	11,468	-	180,375
Expenditure	(105,187)	(86,463)	(18,536)	(4,232)	(214,418)
Gains on investments	228,367	258,753	7,125	70,834	565,079
Funds transferred in	2,405,369	5,545,004	943,576	865,459	9,759,408
Balance at 31 December 2021	<u>2,608,026</u>	<u>5,806,724</u>	<u>943,633</u>	<u>932,061</u>	<u>10,290,444</u>

Bonno Krull Endowment Fund

This is a permanent endowment fund which was created by the will of Bonno Julius Leopold Krull. The income from the fund is to be used to maintain the grave of Mr Krull and his wife, with any surplus to be used for charitable purposes connected to shipbroking and shipping.

BECS Restricted Fund

The restricted fund comprise the reserves of the former Baltic Exchange Charitable Society, which are to be used to support the former members of the Society and their dependents.

LSSBS Restricted Fund

The restricted fund comprise the reserves of the former London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society, which are to be used to support those who have been engaged in the business of ship owning or ship broking, and their dependents.

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

As at 31 December 2022	Unrestricted Funds	BECS Restricted Fund	LSSBS Restricted Fund	Bonno Krull Endowment Fund	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Investments	2,115,591	4,661,620	906,328	855,584	8,539,123
Debtors due after more than one year	-	315,639	-	-	315,639
Debtors due within one year	5,481	7,808	2,460	-	15,749
Cash at bank and in hand	279,280	99,784	27,299	113,643	520,006
Creditors due within one year	(180,820)	(13,521)	-	-	(194,341)
Creditors after more than one year	(10,000)	-	-	-	(10,000)
Inter-fund balances	103,112	127,826	(90,323)	(140,615)	-
Total	<u>2,312,644</u>	<u>5,199,156</u>	<u>845,764</u>	<u>828,612</u>	<u>9,186,176</u>

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

As at 31 December 2021	Unrestricted Funds £	BECS Restricted Fund £	LSSBS Restricted Fund £	Bonno Krull Endowment Fund £	Total Funds £
Investments	2,374,079	4,861,977	865,090	928,559	9,029,705
Debtors due after more than one year	-	315,639	-	-	315,639
Debtors due within one year	5,456	79,520	1,965	-	86,941
Cash at bank and in hand	489,611	406,682	142,783	2,615	1,041,691
Creditors due within one year	(168,532)	-	-	-	(168,532)
Creditors after more than one year	(15,000)	-	-	-	(15,000)
Inter-fund balances	(77,588)	142,906	(66,205)	887	-
Total	2,608,026	5,806,724	943,633	932,061	10,290,444

18 Prior year statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Bonno Krull Endowment Fund £	Total Funds £
Income:				
Donations and legacies	-	190	-	190
Investment Income	79,477	100,708	-	180,185
	79,477	100,898	-	180,375
Funds transferred from predecessor charities	2,405,369	6,488,580	865,459	9,759,408
Total	2,484,846	6,589,478	865,459	9,939,783
Expenditure:				
Raising Finance	10,656	25,339	4,232	40,227
Charitable Activities				
Grants to individuals	-	15,605	-	15,605
Grants to institutions	61,981	-	-	61,981
Support costs	11,028	21,700	-	32,728
Governance costs	21,522	42,355	-	63,877
Total Expenditure	105,187	104,999	4,232	214,418
Net gains on Investments	228,367	265,878	70,834	565,079
Net movement in funds	2,608,026	6,750,357	932,061	10,290,444
Total funds brought forward	-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	2,608,026	6,750,357	932,061	10,290,444

Accounts

Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31
December 2021

Registered Charity No. 1178830

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ANNUAL AND STRATEGIC REPORT

The Trustees present their annual and strategic report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the financial statements and comply with the Charities Act 2011.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the Charity, as set out in its constitution, are:

- Such purposes and objects being charitable according to the law of England and Wales
- Relief of persons in need, within the definition of potential beneficiaries

The potential beneficiaries are the life members of the former Baltic Exchange Charitable Society; individuals engaged or formerly engaged in maritime activities; the spouses, civil partners, widows, widowers, issue or other dependants of the foregoing; and the employees and former employees of the Baltic Exchange.

Activities in the year

The Charity was formed to take over the activities of the following charitable trusts:

- The Baltic Exchange Charitable Society
- The London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society
- The Baltic Charitable Fund
- The Bonno Krull Fund

On 31 March 2021, the trusts transferred their activities to the Charity; prior to that date the Charity was largely inactive.

After the transfer, the Charity carried on the activities of the trusts transferred, namely:

- The provision of support of individuals in need
- The awarding of grants to institutions connected with the maritime industry

Supporting individuals in need

The Charity supports individuals by the award of financial grants and the provision of interest free loans.

The financial grants are awarded as annual grants to help towards the payment of day-to-day expenses or as special grants to cover unexpected or unaffordable one off expenses incurred by the beneficiaries. The annual grants are paid quarterly and reviewed on an annual basis, whereas special grants are paid on an ad hoc basis as required.

In the year, the Charity continued to support 10 individuals receiving annual grants and also paid special grants to a further 4 individuals.

The Charity has six secured loans to individuals. During the year, one loan was increased by £15,260, but otherwise there were no other changes.

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Grants to institutions

During the year, the Charity awarded 9 grants to various institutions linked to the maritime industry and continued to pay four grants awarded by a predecessor charity. The significant grants awarded in the year were:

Recipient	Purpose of the award	Amount
Seafarers' Charity	Seafarers International Relief Fund, an initiative launched by seafarer welfare charities and shipping industry figures to support the seafaring community in response to the ongoing and increasingly devastating effects of Covid-19. Through this initiative, the hope was to raise an initial USD 1 million to help seafarers and their families	10,000
Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers	Support for the annual examination process for two years	24,160
Stella Maris	Stella Maris is the largest ship-visiting network in the world, which seeks to improve the lives of seafarers and fishers. The grant is to fund Stella Maris' work at ports around the world	10,000
Jubilee Sailing Trust	Support in the replacement of 1 sail in the sail refurbishment programme for SV 'Tenacious'.	10,871

The Trustees note with regret that the Jubilee Sailing Trust recently announced that it had to place the company that owns *SV Tenacious* into liquidation.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and will consider that guidance in their future activities.

Plans for Future Periods

The Trustees expect to continue the activities of the charity as described above for the foreseeable future.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial performance

The Statement of Financial activities sets out the income and expenditure of the Charity; as explained above Charity was active only for the 9 months of the financial year. The most significant item recorded is the fair value of the reserves of the predecessor charities transferred to the Charity in the year (£9.8 million).

The review of annual grants to individuals was deferred from the final trustee meeting of 2021 to the first meeting of 2022. Therefore the results only include the cost of the special grants awarded in the year and changes in annual grants.

The Charity has incurred relative high administration costs in the period, reflecting the efforts needed to combine the activities of the four predecessor charitable trusts. These cost together with the cost

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of the grants awarded, exceeded the income from investments. However, a revaluation surplus of £565,000 was generated on the investments, resulting in an increase in the reserves over the period.

The Charity's closing balance sheet position is robust, with significant reserves and cash on hand in excess of £1 million.

Investment policy

The investment policy is as follows:

- Target return of 4% per annum after inflation (as measured by CPI)
- Target asset allocation ranges as follows:

	Lower bound	Upper bound
Cash	-%	20%
Government and corporate bonds	10%	30%
Total cash and bonds	10%	40%
UK Equities	20%	50%
International equities	20%	60%
Property	-%	15%
Alternatives	-%	10%

- Overall medium risk approach

The trustees consider that the investments are held for the long term and therefore typically consider the investment performance over a rolling multi-year period.

Investment review

The portfolio showed an annualised total return of 10.9%, which is in line with the target return as detailed above.

Reserves

The reserves comprise:

- Bonno Krull Endowment Fund

This is a permanent endowment fund which was created by the will of Bonno Julius Leopold Krull. The income from the fund is to be used to maintain the grave of Mr Krull and his wife, with any surplus to be used for charitable purposes connected to shipbroking and shipping.

- Restricted Funds

The restricted funds comprise the reserves of the former Baltic Exchange Charitable Society and the former London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society. The Baltic Exchange Charitable Society reserves are to be used to support the former members of the Society and their dependents. The London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society reserves are to be used to support those who have been involved in ship owning and ship broking businesses and their dependants.

The unrestricted funds comprise the funds from the other predecessor charity and the unexpended Bonno Krull income.

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The Charity's free reserves comprise cash held in operating bank accounts and sundry debtors, less current creditors. The Trustees aim to draw down cash from investments as needed, maximising the funds available to invest and resulting in minimal cash held in operating bank accounts. This equates to a free reserves target of £nil. The current level of free reserves is £408,113; the reserves exceed the target as a long term beneficiary loan was repaid in the prior year. After the year end, the trustees reinvested some of the excess thus reducing the reserves to be in line with the target.

Principal risks and uncertainties, and risk management

The Trustees review the risks facing the Charity periodically and confirm that they have taken appropriate steps to manage the risks arising.

The most significant risks that the Charity faces are:

- Market risk arising from the investments held by the Charity. The risk is mitigated by delegating day to day responsibility to professional investment managers, by splitting the investments into different portfolios and appointing two firms to manage the portfolios, and by having a split of investment types.
- Reputational risk as a result of potential beneficiary fraud. This is mitigated by undertaking robust reviews of applications and ongoing contact with the beneficiaries.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation which was incorporated on 18 June 2018. The governing document is the Constitution.

Appointment of trustees

Under the Rules of the Charity, the trustees comprise:

- The Chief Financial Officer of the Baltic Exchange Limited;
- One individual appointed by the Baltic Exchange Council; and
- Up to ten individuals appointed by the Charity's trustees.

Trustee recruitment

The Board maintains a constant watch for suitable candidates to replace retiring Trustees from time to time.

Trustee training

Newly appointed Trustees are provided with a copy of the Constitution together with the Charity Commission's Guidance for Trustees. All Trustees are informed of updated charity investment guidance provided by fund managers as well as being encouraged to take up training seminars and workshops.

Management

The Charity has no staff and is managed by its Trustees. The Trustees are assisted by the secretary.

The Charity continues to provide secretarial services to the Corn Exchange Benevolent Society (Charity No. 207733). The Charity makes an appropriate charge to those charities to cover a fair proportion of the costs of these services.

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Grant making policy

Grants to individuals

The Charity helps beneficiaries with annual grants that are paid in quarterly instalments and are based on income benchmarks which are set for single beneficiaries, married couples and families. All such grants are based on a recipient's financial circumstances which are reviewed at quarterly intervals. Emergency or one-off special grants are awarded as deemed necessary by the Trustees. Those claiming assistance are required to provide full details of income and expenditure, and financial need must be established before any help can be offered. The Trustees are always mindful of the "need" qualification in the Charity's objects. All grants are awarded after full consultation amongst the Trustees.

Grants to institutions

The Charity principally supports institutions focussed in the maritime sector. These institutions in the main cover education, pastoral support to seafarers and their families and other related charitable works. These grants in the main are of a one-off nature but can extend on a repeat basis over a fixed period of time. All grants are awarded after full consultation amongst the Trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name and Registered Number of Charity

The Charity is registered as "The Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation" and its registered number is 1178830.

Principal Address

The principal address of the Charity is PO Box 6311, Newbury, RG14 9RF. The Charity's email address is anthony.carroll@becf.co.uk.

Names of Trustees

The Trustees who acted during the year and subsequently were as follows:

WM Robson (Chairman)	DA Petropoulos
RT Reed	MA Read
CJ Nolan	FWA Crouch
MR Jackson	LC Varnavides
EB Mavroleon (resigned 14 July 2022)	NA Harper (resigned 24 July 2022)
CM Morton (resigned 24 July 2022)	KA Marsh (appointed 11 October 2023)

Investment advisers (as at 31 December 2021)

- Thomas Miller Investment Ltd, 90 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 4ST.
- Quilter Cheviot Limited, Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4AB

Bankers

- Royal Bank of Scotland Plc, 36 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH2 2YB
- National Westminster Bank Plc, 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA

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Independent auditor

- CLA Evelyn Partners Limited, Onslow House, Onslow Street, Guildford, GU1 4TL

Auditor

A resolution on 11 October 2023 has been passed to appoint Cresswells Accountants (UK) Limited to be the auditor of the Charity for financial year 2023. Evelyn Partners LLP will act as independent examiner for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Approved by order of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

W. M. Robson

WM Robson
Chair of the Trustees

Date: 26/06/2024

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

For the year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable regulations). Under that law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; 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 adequate accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. 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.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the trustees of Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise statement of financial activities, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the *Annual Report and Financial Statements*, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the *Annual Report and Financial Statements*. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities

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Independent Auditor's Report to the trustees of Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation (continued)

(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' Annual Report; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below:

We obtained a general understanding of the charity's legal and regulatory framework through enquiry of the trustees in respect of their understanding of the relevant laws and regulations. We obtained an understanding of the charity's policies and procedures in relation to compliance with relevant laws and regulations. We also drew on our existing understanding of charity regulation.

We understand that the charity complies with the framework through:

- Updating operating procedures and internal controls as legal and regulatory requirements change;
- Regular reviews of risk by the Trustees;
- Approval by the Trustees of the grants awarded;
- The Trustees' close oversight through regular board meetings and compliance reporting.

In the context of the audit, we considered those laws and regulations which determine the form and content of the financial statements, which are central to the charity's ability to conduct operations and where failure to comply could result in material penalties. We have identified the following laws and regulations as being of significance in the context of the charity:

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- FRS 102 and the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 in respect of the preparation and presentation of the financial statements; and
- Charity law and regulation.

We performed the following specific procedures to gain evidence about compliance with the significant laws and regulations above:

- Making enquiries of the secretary and a Trustee (as representative of the Trustees as a whole) as to the risks of non-compliance and any instances thereof;
- Reading minutes of trustee meetings.

The senior statutory auditor led a discussion with senior members of the engagement team regarding the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. The key areas identified as part of the discussion were:

- Management override of control
- The correct classification of the funds received from the predecessor charities

The procedures carried out to gain evidence in the above areas included:

- Testing of a sample of journal entries, selected through applying specific risk assessments based on the charity's processes and controls surrounding journal entries; and
- Comparison of the objects of the predecessor charities with those of the charity and consideration of legal advice

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matter

The financial statements of Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2020 were unaudited.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.


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CLA Evelyn Partners Limited
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

Onslow House
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Guildford
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Date: 26/06/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
As at 31 December 2021

	Notes	Un- restricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Bonno Krull Endow- ment Fund 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income:						
Donations and legacies	6	0	190	-	190	-
Investment Income	7	79,477	100,708	-	180,185	-
		<u>79,477</u>	<u>100,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,375</u>	<u>-</u>
Funds transferred from predecessor charities	19	2,405,369	6,488,580	865,459	9,759,408	-
Total		<u>2,484,846</u>	<u>6,589,478</u>	<u>865,459</u>	<u>9,939,783</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditure:						
Raising Finance						
Investment management costs		10,656	25,339	4,232	40,227	-
Charitable Activities						
Grants to individuals	8	-	15,605	-	15,605	-
Grants to institutions	9	61,981	-	-	61,981	-
Support costs	10	11,028	21,700	-	32,728	-
Governance costs	11	21,522	42,355	-	63,877	-
		<u>105,187</u>	<u>104,999</u>	<u>4,232</u>	<u>214,418</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>105,187</u>	<u>104,999</u>	<u>4,232</u>	<u>214,418</u>	<u>-</u>
Net gains on Investments	12	<u>228,367</u>	<u>265,878</u>	<u>70,834</u>	<u>565,079</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>2,608,026</u>	<u>6,750,357</u>	<u>932,061</u>	<u>10,290,444</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u>2,608,026</u>	<u>6,750,357</u>	<u>932,061</u>	<u>10,290,444</u>	<u>-</u>

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Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2021

	Note	31 December 2021 £	31 December 2020 £
Non-Current Assets			
Investments	13	9,029,705	-
Current Assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	315,639	-
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	14	86,941	-
Cash at bank and in hand		1,041,691	300,909
Total Current Assets		1,444,271	300,909
Liabilities			
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	15	(168,532)	(300,909)
Net Current Assets		1,275,739	-
Creditors: amount falling due after more than one year	15	(15,000)	-
Net Assets		10,290,444	-
Bonno Krull Endowment Fund	16	932,061	-
Restricted Funds	16	6,750,357	-
Unrestricted Fund	16	2,608,026	-
Total Charity Funds		10,290,444	-

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the relevant Acts with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

W. M. Robson

WM Robson

Date: 26/06/2024

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	31 December 2021 £	31 December 2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Surplus for the year	10,290,444	-
Less: transfer of assets to the Charity from predecessor charities (note 19)	(9,759,408)	-
	531,036	-
Gains on investments	(565,079)	-
Change in debtors	(16,094)	-
Change in creditors	(137,444)	291,598
Investment income	(171,400)	-
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	(358,981)	291,598
Cash flows from investing activities		
Cash and cash equivalents transferred from predecessor charities (note 19)	652,728	-
Additions to investments	(1,954,682)	-
Interest and dividends	171,400	-
Proceeds on disposals of investments	2,230,317	-
Net cash generated from investing activities	1,099,763	-
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	740,782	291,598
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	300,909	9,311
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	1,041,691	300,909
 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and in hand	489,702	300,909
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio	551,989	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	1,041,691	300,909

Non-cash transactions

The significant non-cash transaction was the transfer of engagements from the predecessor charities. The balances transferred are detailed in note 19 and had a fair value of £9,759,408 of which £652,728 was cash and cash equivalents.

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Status

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2 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") including Section 1A, and with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2019). The financial statements are also prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Judgements and estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting practice requires management to make judgements and estimates in applying the company's accounting policies that may have a significant impact on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

The only material judgement relates to the recognition of constructive obligations to the recipients of grants, as detailed the policy below and the creditors note. There are no material estimates affecting the carrying values of the assets as at the year end.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted Funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects of the charity at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted Funds

These are funds are to be used for specific purposes as specified by the donor.

Endowment Funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the donor imposed restrictions.

Going concern

The trustees are confident that the Charity is a going concern. The investments held are expected yield positive returns and cash generated from investments together with cash on hand is forecast to be adequate to support grant commitments and administrative costs for at least 12 months from the date of this annual report.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income, when its receipt is probable and when it can be measured with reasonable certainty.

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2021

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Grants are accrued when a constructive obligation is created in the mind of the grant recipients. The trustees judge this to arise when the Charity has communicated its intention to pay a grant to the recipient and the amount of the obligation is the grant that will be paid up to the next grant review date.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instruments and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently remeasured at fair value at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Recognition of Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when the group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Investments in listed shares and bonds are classified as basic financial instruments and accounted for as set out above.

Loans to beneficiaries are classified as public benefit concessionary loans are recognised initially at the transaction value and subsequent at impaired cost.

Trade and other debtors and creditors are classified as basic financial instruments and measured at initial recognition at transaction price. Debtors and creditors are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. A provision is established when there is objective evidence that the group will not be able to collect all amounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents are classified as basic financial instruments and comprise cash in hand and at bank and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less. Cash and cash equivalents includes cash held by investment managers.

3 Employee information

The Charity had no employees (2020 – none).

4 Trustees

No trustee was remunerated in the period (2020 – none). No expenses were incurred by trustees and reimbursed to trustees in the period (2020 – none).

5 Taxation

The Charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within sections 524 to 536 of the Income Taxes Act 2007 or 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 period.

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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6 Donations and legacies

	2021 £	2020 £
Donations	190	-
Total	190	-

7 Investment income

	2021 £	2020 £
Interest and dividends	180,185	-
Total	180,185	-

8 Grants to individuals

	2021 £	2020 £
Quarterly grants	7,895	-
Special grants	7,710	-
Total	15,605	-
Grant awarded, but unpaid at start of the year	-	-
Grant obligation transferred from predecessor charities	56,683	-
Grant obligation settled during the year	(72,288)	-
Grant awarded, but unpaid at end of the year (all due within one year)	-	-

All grants are made to individuals who are in need.

The quarterly grants are recurring grants which are subject to an annual review and which provide additional income to the beneficiaries to enable them to have an acceptable standard of living. Special grants are generally one off grants to meet an immediate need.

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9 Grants to institutions

	2021 £	2020 £
Donations to Institutions	61,981	-
Total	61,981	-
Grant awarded, but unpaid at start of the year	-	-
Grant obligation transferred from predecessor charities	101,600	-
Grant obligation settled during the year	(99,421)	-
Grant awarded, but unpaid at end of the year	64,160	-
Due with one year	49,160	-
Due after more than one year	15,000	-
	64,160	-

Details of the significant grants to institutions are given in the accompanying annual report.

10 Support costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Consultancy fee	22,550	-
Administrative expenses	6,241	-
Rent	2,275	-
Bank charges	1,266	-
Loss on foreign exchange	395	-
Total	32,727	-

11 Governance costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Auditor's remuneration:		
- statutory audit	27,300	-
- accountancy fee	34,548	-
Legal fees	2,029	-
Total	63,877	-

12 Gains on investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Proceeds of sale	2,230,317	-
Market value	(2,170,767)	-
Realised gains/(losses) on sales	59,550	-
Net unrealised gains/(losses)	505,529	-
Net gains/(losses) on investments	565,079	-

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13 Listed investments at market value

	2021 £	2020 £
As at 1 January 2021	-	-
Transferred from predecessor charities	8,740,837	-
Additions	1,954,106	-
Disposals	(2,230,317)	-
Unrealised gains/(losses)	505,529	-
Realised gains/(losses)	59,550	-
As at 31 December 2021	<u>9,029,705</u>	<u>-</u>

Analysis of investments by category of holding

	2021 £	2020 £
Equities	6,016,671	-
Bonds	2,883,708	-
Cash equivalents	129,326	-
Total	<u>9,029,705</u>	<u>-</u>

14 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	72,700	-
Accrued dividends	14,241	-
Total	<u>86,941</u>	<u>-</u>

Amounts falling due after more than one year:

	2021 £	2020 £
Loans to beneficiaries	315,639	-
Total	<u>315,639</u>	<u>-</u>

Each loan to a beneficiary is secured on the beneficiary's property, is interest free and repayable at the option of the beneficiary or in the event of the beneficiary's death, a material change in the beneficiary's circumstances, the sale of the property, or the property no longer being the beneficiary's (or their spouse's) principal residence.

As at the year end, there were no extant loan offers (2020 - £nil) which had not been taken up.

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15 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Donations payable	49,160	-
Accruals	119,372	-
Other creditors	-	300,909
Total	168,532	300,909

Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Donations payable	15,000	-
Total	15,000	-

16 Summary of funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	BECS Restricted Fund £	LSSBS Restricted Fund £	Bono Krull Endowment Fund £	Total Funds £
As at 1st January 2021	-	-	-	-	-
Income	79,477	89,430	11,468	-	180,375
Expenditure	(105,187)	(86,463)	(18,536)	(4,232)	(214,418)
Gains/(losses) on investments	228,367	258,753	7,125	70,834	565,079
Funds transferred in	2,405,369	5,545,004	943,576	865,459	9,759,408
Balance at 31 December 2021	2,608,026	5,806,724	943,633	932,061	10,290,444

Bono Krull Endowment Fund

This is a permanent endowment fund which was created by the will of Bonno Julius Leopold Krull. The income from the fund is to be used to maintain the grave of Mr Krull and his wife, with any surplus to be used for charitable purposes connected to shipbroking and shipping.

BECS Restricted Fund

The restricted fund comprise the reserves of the former Baltic Exchange Charitable Society, which are to be used to support the former members of the Society and their dependents.

LSSBS Restricted Fund

The restricted fund comprise the reserves of the former London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society, which are to be used to support those who have been engaged in the business of ship owning or ship broking, and their dependents.

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17 Related party transactions

Two of the trustees held key management positions in the Baltic Exchange Limited. In the year, £2,250 (2020: £nil) was paid to the Baltic Exchange Limited for services rendered, principally the provision of an office. There were no amounts due to the Baltic Exchange as at the year-end (2020 - £nil).

Assets and liabilities valued at £9,759,408 were transferred from the predecessor charities, connected through common trustees or management. Details of assets and liabilities transferred are shown in note 19.

At the start of the year, the charity owed £300,909 to one of the predecessor charities; on the transfer of assets, this balance was eliminated.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	BECS Restricted Fund £	LSSBS Restricted Fund £	Bonno Krull Endowment Fund £	Total Funds £
Investments	2,374,079	4,861,977	865,090	928,559	9,029,705
Debtors due after more than one year	-	315,639	-	-	315,639
Debtors due within one year	5,456	79,520	1,965	-	86,941
Cash at bank and in hand	489,611	406,682	142,783	2,615	1,041,691
Creditors due within one year	(168,532)	-	-	-	(168,532)
Creditors after more than one year	(15,000)	-	-	-	(15,000)
Inter-fund balances	(77,588)	142,906	(66,205)	887	-
Total	2,608,026	5,806,724	943,633	932,061	10,290,444

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19 Funds transferred from predecessor charities

On 31 March 2021, the following charitable trusts transferred all of their funds into the Charity:

- The Baltic Exchange Charitable Society ("BECS")
- The London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society ("LSSBS")
- The Baltic Charitable Fund
- The Bonno Krull Foundation

The following analysis shows the assets and liabilities transferred in by funds on 31 March 2021

	Baltic Charitable Fund £	BECS Restricted Fund £	LSSBS Restricted Fund	Bonno Krull Endowment and Income Funds £	Total Funds £
Investments	2,138,225	4,883,455	854,986	863,595	8,740,261
Debtors due after more than one year	-	300,379	-	-	300,379
Debtors due within one year	15,433	371,124	576	2,189	389,322
Cash at bank and in hand	170,274	120,475	153,517	208,462	652,728
Creditors due within one year	(33,900)	(130,429)	(65,503)	(17,950)	(247,782)
Creditors due after more than one year	(75,500)	-	-	-	(75,500)
Total	2,214,532	5,545,004	943,576	1,056,296	9,759,408
Unrestricted funds	2,214,532	-	-	190,837	2,405,369
Restricted funds	-	5,545,004	943,576	-	6,488,580
Endowment funds	-	-	-	865,459	865,459
Total	2,214,532	5,545,004	943,576	1,056,296	9,759,408

Accounts

Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation

Unaudited

**Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31
December 2020**

Registered Charity No. 1178830

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BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2020

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the financial statements and comply with the Charities Act 2011.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable objectives

The objectives of the Charity, as set out in its constitution, is to provide relief to the Charity's beneficiaries who are in need as a result of financial hardship, age, illness or disability through the provision of funds, resources, equipment or other support so as to meet their personal needs.

The beneficiaries of the charity are those and who have been engaged in maritime activities; the life members of the Baltic Exchange Charitable Trust; the spouses, civil partners, widows, widowers, issue or other dependants of the forgoing; and the employees and former employees of the Baltic Exchange.

Activities in the year

The Charity was formed to effect the incorporation and merger of the following charitable trusts:

- The Baltic Exchange Charitable Society
- The London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society
- The Baltic Charitable Fund
- The Bonno Krull Foundation

The mergers occurred on 31 March 2021 and prior to that date the charity was inactive.

Post balance sheet events

As detailed above, various charitable trusts were merged into the Charity on 31 March 2021 and from that date the Charity commenced to undertake the activities previously undertaken by the charitable trusts. The Charity was also the recipient of the charitable funds previously held by the trusts.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and will consider that guidance in their future activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As noted above the Charity was inactive in the year and only commenced activities on 31 March 2021.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity had no income or expenditure in the year.

In anticipation of the merger, the Charity received some monies on behalf of the Baltic Exchange Charitable Society and subsequently made various payments on behalf of that charity. As at the year end, the Charity was holding £300,909 (2019 - £9,311) of cash on behalf of Baltic Exchange Charitable Society.

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Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Reserves

The charity held no reserves for the financial year. As at 31 December 2020, the trustees had not set a reserves policy.

Plans for Future Years

The Charity will continue the activities formerly carried on by the charitable trusts which merged into the Charity in 2021.

Those activities primarily comprise the provision of financial grants and loans to the beneficiaries.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity was formed as a charitable incorporated organisation on 18 June 2018; its governing document is its constitution.

Appointment of trustees

In accordance with the Constitution the trustees will be appointed as follows:

- The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Baltic Exchange Limited (or the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) if the CFO is unwilling to act, or another nominee if the CEO is also unwilling to act)
- The Baltic Exchange Council has the right to appoint a trustee
- Up to 10 other trustees may be appointed by the trustee body as a whole

The constitution requires that the trustees appointed must have the requisite skills, knowledge and experience required.

Management

The Charity had no staff and was managed by its trustees, with support from the secretary.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate those risks. A risk assessment register is now being maintained and will be reviewed annually.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name and Registered Number of Charity

The Charity is registered as "The Baltic Exchange Charitable Foundation" and its registered number is 1178830.

Principal Address

The principal address of the Charity is: 38 St Mary Axe, London, EC3A 8BH

The Charity's email address is: enquiries@becf.co.uk

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Names of Trustees

The Trustees who acted during the year and subsequently were as follows:

E B Mavroleon	M R Jackson
C M Morton	W M Robson
M A Read	L C Varnavides
N A Harper	D A Petropoulos (appointed 22 September 2020)
F W A Crouch	C J Nolan
M Wood (resigned 9 March 2021)	R T Reed
D Dunn (resigned 22 September 2020)	

Fundraising

The Charity does not undertake any fundraising activities.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable regulations). Under that law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; 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 adequate accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. 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.

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Basil Mavroleon
Chair of the Trustees

Date 29/10/2021

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £
Income:		
Donations and legacies	-	-
Investment Income	-	-
Other	-	-
Total	-	-
 Expenditure:		
Raising funds	-	-
Charitable Activities	-	-
Total Expenditure	-	-
Net (losses)/gains on Investments	-	-
Net movement in funds	-	-
Total funds brought forward	-	-
Total funds carried forward	-	-

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2020

	Note	31 December 2020 £	31 December 2019 £
Fixed assets			
Investments		-	-
Current Assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due with one year		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		300,909	9,311
Total Current Assets		300,909	9,311
Liabilities			
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	5	(300,909)	(9,311)
Net Current Assets		-	-
Net Assets		-	-
Total Charity Funds		-	-

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees

EB Mavroleon

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Basil Mavroleon, Chair of Trustees

Date of approval: 29/10/2021

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Notes to the financial statements

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The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Fund accounting

The funds held as at the year end are in the form of unrestricted funds.

Going concern

The trustees are confident that the Charity will continue to be a going concern and the financial statements have been prepared on this basis.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income, when its receipt is probable and when it can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure

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Trade and other debtors and creditors are classified as basic financial instruments and measured at initial recognition at transaction price. Debtors and creditors are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. An impairment allowance is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due.

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3 Employee information

The Charity had no employees.

BALTIC EXCHANGE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

4 Trustees

No trustee was remunerated in the year. No expenses were reimbursed to trustees in the year.

5 Creditors - amount falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other creditors (see note 7)	300,909	9,311

6 Post balance sheet events

The Charity was formed to effect the incorporation and merger of the following charitable trusts:

- The Baltic Exchange Charitable Society
- The London Shipowners' and Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society
- The Baltic Charitable Fund
- The Bonno Krull Foundation

The mergers occurred on 31 March 2021 and from that date the Charity commenced to undertake the activities previously undertaken by the charitable trusts. The Charity was also the recipient of the charitable funds previously held by the trusts.

7 Related party transactions

The Trustees of the Baltic Exchange Charitable Society ("BECS") are also trustees of the Charity.

During the year BECS funds of £320,517 (2019 - £21,200) were paid into the Charity's bank account and subsequently various payments amounting to £28,919 (2019 - £11,714) were made by the Charity on behalf of BECS. As at the year end, the Charity was holding £300,909 (2019 - £9,311) of cash on behalf of BECS.