

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
ENDOWMENT FUND
ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year ended 31 December 2024

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2024 was a successful year for the Edinburgh International Festival given under the banner of Rituals that Unite us. There was a full programme, including twenty-one premieres and new ventures such as the beanbag concerts at the Usher Hall.


The financial market background was calmer in 2024 as inflation concerns abated and interest rates started to fall. Economic growth was muted but positive in general. This meant that by the Trust's year end, total capital had increased to just under £13.2m from just under £13.1m the year before.

Investment income during the year was fell marginally by 3.7% to £494,516 from a record £513,524 in 2023. A larger than usual donation was made to the Festival in 2024 of £590,000 up from £475,000 in 2023 included a one-off donation to support future fundraising which is expected to result in additional income in future years.

Just under half the income was generated for the Trust's sub-fund, the Léan Scully Fund, which was endowed by an extraordinary single legacy from Léan back in 2006. Through its focus on supporting the work of artists early in their careers, her fund continues to champion innovation by the International Festival. Given the closely aligned objectives of this legacy, the trustees decided to merge the funds with the Unrestricted Fund in order to simplify the administration of the Trust but her legacy will continue to be recognised by the Festival with a performance named in her honour each year. The Pirie Rankin Trust was set up with a similar mindset and we were hugely grateful to add this incredible legacy in 2023 which adds in perpetuity to the support we are able to give to the Festival. A performance is also named in honour of Pirie Rankin each year.

Besides box office and fundraising, the international Festival has always depended on a high level of contribution from the public purse. At this time of pressure on public budgets, which is only likely to become more severe, the Trust is glad to be in the position of contributing a continuing and growing source of income, supporting the ability of the International Festival to plan ahead and keep it at the forefront of the world's major festivals. It is critical to the success of Edinburgh as an attractive place to live, to visit and to do business.

The Trust exists only to support the International Festival and that is all its trust deed allow it to do as it is the permanent endowment for the Festival. The capital has mostly been contributed by legacies, large and small, by the foresight of generous people who have chosen this way to make a real difference for future generations. Once again, the Trustees express their profound gratitude for these donations on behalf of all those who experience every year the extraordinary transforming power of art in the Festival.



Date: 13th May 2025

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL ENDOWMENT FUND

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Memorandum and Trust Deed of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

Charity's Aims and Main Objectives for the Year

The Charity has continued to support the Edinburgh International Festival Society (EIFS) for its long-term maintenance and enhancement.

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

Strategies to Achieve the Charity's Objectives

The Trustees meet at least once a year with the Festival Director to ascertain the current financial position of the EIFS and to discuss how donations from the Trust can best assist the International Festival.

Grant making policy

The Trust has established its grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit. The beneficiaries of the Trust's grant making policy are ultimately the supporters of, and those interested in, the Edinburgh International Festival.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees are responsible for two funds, the Unrestricted fund and the Léan Scully EIF restricted fund. The latter arose from the legacy of the late Léan Scully, who died in 2005. The Léan Scully EIF Fund is to be applied in support of the Festival in launching and developing new and emerging artistic careers and for the education of young artists. Given the restriction is essentially the same as the main objects of the Trust, to simplify the administration, the trustees decided to merge the fund with the unrestricted general funds during the year. In order to recognise Léan Scully's contribution to the Trust the intention is to name an event at the EIFS in her honour.

The Trust made the following donations during the year:

1. £225,000 to EIFS from the Léan Scully fund
2. £365,000 to EIFS from the unrestricted fund

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trust's work is reliant on income and investment returns from its share portfolio and donations received.

The total value of the Trust's net assets increased to £13,174,855 (2023: £13,090,588). The unrestricted reserves were £13,174,855 (2023: £8,075,026) and the restricted reserves were £nil (2023: £5,015,562) following the merging of the Léan Scully EIF restricted fund as described above.

Investment income in the year amounted to £494,516 (2023: £513,524), a decrease of 4%. Resources expended in the year amounted to £651,795 (2023: £533,430) including donations to the EIFS of £590,000 (2023: £475,000). Net realised gain on investments totalled £27,552 (2023: £6,077), and unrealised gains on investments totalled £200,794 (2023: £391,448).

Investment Policy

The Trustees delegate management of the Trust's assets to a firm of investment managers. The investment objective is to maximise overall returns through a combination of capital appreciation and investment income over the medium and long term with the aim of preserving the real value of the capital and at least maintaining the level of income in nominal terms.

Investment transactions have been carried out in accordance with the Trust Deed.

In managing the EIFEF investments, we align ourselves with Rathbones Responsible investment approach to invest for everyone's tomorrow as regards Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors. While the paramount objective remains the preservation of investment value by helping identify risk and opportunities for the companies they invest in, their responsible investment approach rest on four pillars. These are ESG Integration (identifying & taking account of ESG issues when evaluating investments), Engagement with Consequences (monitoring & discussing ESG issues with companies to improve practice for benefit of shareholders & society), Voting with Purpose (escalation process to vote against a Board if they consider appropriate steps to address an ESG issues are lacking) and Transparency (provision of regular reports on this responsible investment activity, engagement and voting activity to ensure client transparency).

Reserves Policy

As at the year end total funds amounted to £13,174,855 (2023: £13,090,588), of which £nil (2023: £5,015,652) was restricted. Free reserves at 31 December 2024, being unrestricted general funds not tied up in investments, were £412,526 (2023: £450,021).

The Trustees seek to maintain reserves sufficient to support the Trust's objectives. The Trustees have considered the reserves required, and concluded they are appropriate, and have taken into account the Trust's current and future liabilities. They aim to maintain free reserves sufficient to provide funds to further the Trust's objects and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees plan to continue the Trust's support of the Festival in accordance with the purposes for which the Trust was established and will continue to keep under review means of increasing the level of funding available.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Edinburgh International Festival Endowment Fund is registered as a charity with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and is governed by the Trust Deed dated 12 April 1989.

Constitution and Objectives

The Trust, established as a charity recognised by HM Revenue & Customs, was set up to create a capital fund, the income from which could be applied by the Trustees to support the Edinburgh International Festival Society (EIFS) in special initiatives and to enhance the long-term development and standing of the Festival.

Recruitment and Appointment, Induction and Training of Trustees

New Trustees are appointed based on their knowledge and interest in the Festival and for other skills that they have such as legal knowledge or experience with other voluntary organisations. New Trustees are provided with a copy of the Trust Deed, the latest set of accounts, a copy of the most recent portfolio valuation and copies of the minutes of the latest Trustees meeting. Specific training is provided as required.

Key management personnel

The Trust considers that its key management personnel comprise the Trustees and the Secretary Chris Thomson. No remuneration was payable to the Trustees. The Trust employs no staff.

Organisational Structure and Decision Making

The Trustees meet as and when required, normally on at least two occasions each year. Decisions are made by a majority of the Trustees present at their meetings. All papers are circulated to the Trustees prior to Trustees' meetings and minutes taken of meetings are circulated for comments and approval.

Risk Management

The Trustees have addressed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate its exposure to these risks.

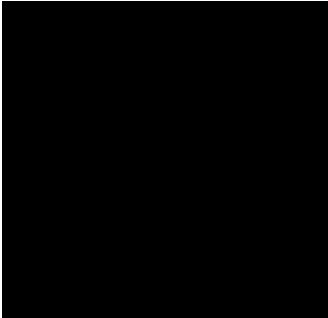

The principal risks faced by the Trust lie in the performance of investments. The Trustees consider variability of investment returns to constitute the charity's major financial risk. This is mitigated by retaining professional investment managers and holding a diversified investment portfolio.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

REFERENCE and ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name	Edinburgh International Festival Endowment Fund
Charity registration number	SC004511
Principal Office	3 Glenfinlas Street Edinburgh EH3 6AQ
Board of Trustees	 (Resigned 9 May 2024)
Secretary	
Statutory Auditor	Whitelaw Wells Chartered Accountants 9 Ainslie Place Edinburgh EH3 6AT
Investment Manager	Rathbone Investment Managers 28 St. Andrew Square Edinburgh EH2 1AF
Solicitors	Murray Beith Murray WS 3 Glenfinlas Street Edinburgh EH3 6AQ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

The law applicable to charities in Scotland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

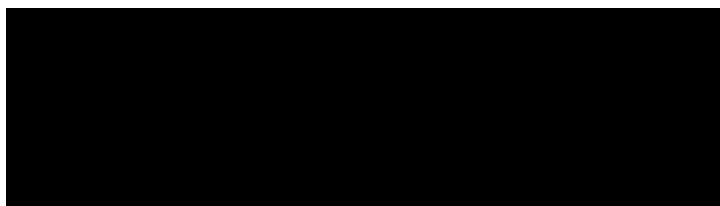
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities & Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the charity's 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.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and each trustee has taken all the steps he ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 13 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:-



EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL ENDOWMENT FUND

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Edinburgh International Festival Endowment Fund for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows 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, Including FRS102 '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 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of the resources 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 Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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 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 in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information.

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 and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' annual report;
- proper accounting records have not been kept; 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 8, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which 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 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act.

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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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

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:

Irregularities that result from fraud are inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error.

From enquiries of those charged with governance, it was determined that the risk of material misstatement from fraud was low with little scope for fraud to occur. Our audit testing is designed to detect material misstatements from fraud where there is not high level collusion.

Our audit testing was designed to detect material misstatements from other irregularities that result from error where there is not high level concealment of the error. In this regard the following audit work was undertaken: applicable laws and regulations were reviewed and discussed with management; senior management meeting minutes were reviewed; internal controls were reviewed; and journals were reviewed. From this audit testing it was determined that the risk of material misstatement in this regard was low.

We performed income and expenditure testing which was designed to identify any irregularities as a result of mistakes or human error. From this audit testing it was determined that the risk of material misstatement in this regard was low.

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 auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44 (1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). 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 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



9 Ainslie Place, Edinburgh, EH3 6AT

13 May 2025

Whitelaw Wells is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL ENDOWMENT FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Restricted Fund - Léan Notes Scully EIF £	Un- restricted fund £	2024 Total £	Restricted Fund - Léan Scully EIF £	Un- restricted fund £	2023 Total £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	4	-	13,200	13,200	-	1,055	1,055
Investments	4	182,237	312,279	494,516	207,974	305,550	513,524
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Total income		182,237	325,479	507,716	207,974	306,605	514,579
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<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Charitable activities	5	226,784	369,716	596,500	191,618	289,462	481,080
Raising funds	6	21,128	34,167	55,295	20,199	32,151	52,350
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Total expenditure		247,912	403,883	651,795	211,817	321,613	533,430
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Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses) on investments		(65,675)	(78,404)	(144,079)	(3,843)	(15,008)	(18,851)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	10						
(realised and unrealised)		5,218	223,128	228,346	165,339	232,186	397,525
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Net income		(60,457)	144,724	84,267	161,496	217,178	378,674
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Transfers between funds	11	(4,955,105)	4,955,105	-	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		(5,015,562)	5,099,829	84,267	161,496	217,178	378,674
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Reconciliation of funds							
Fund balances at 31 December 2023	11	5,015,562	8,075,026	13,090,588	4,854,066	7,857,848	12,711,914
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Fund balances at 31 December 2024	11	-	13,174,855	13,174,855	5,015,562	8,075,026	13,090,588
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All of the results relate to continuing activities.

There are no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities.
The notes on pages 15 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

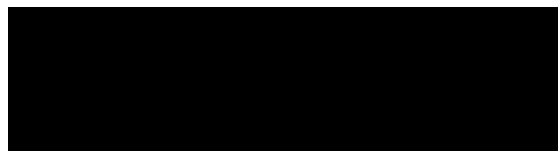
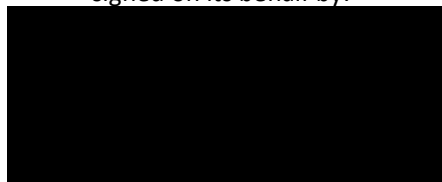
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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Investments	10		12,762,329		12,403,178
Current Assets					
Debtors	8	162,091		157,705	
Cash at bank		268,407		546,650	
Total current assets		430,498			704,355
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					
	9	(17,972)		(16,945)	
Net Current Assets			412,526		687,410
Net Assets			13,174,855		13,090,588
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	11		13,174,855		8,075,026
Restricted funds					
Lean Scully fund	11		-		5,015,562
Total Funds			13,174,855		13,090,588

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 13 May 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



The notes on pages 15 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net cash (used in)/provided operating activities below	(641,954)	(528,135)
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Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends and interest from investments	494,516	513,524
Proceeds from sale of investments	1,930,461	1,184,606
Purchase of investments	(2,061,266)	(1,252,214)
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Net cash provided by investing activities	363,711	445,916
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	(278,243)	(82,219)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	546,650	628,869
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Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	268,407	546,650
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<u>Cash and cash equivalents</u>		
Cash at bank	268,407	546,650
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<u>Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities</u>		
Net income for the year	84,267	378,674
(as per Statement of Financial Activities)		
<u>Adjusted for:</u>		
Dividends and interest from investments	(494,516)	(513,524)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(4,386)	3,621
Increase in creditors	1,027	619
(Gain) on investments	(228,346)	(397,525)
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Net cash provided by operating activities	(641,954)	(528,135)
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 General information

Edinburgh International Festival Endowment Fund (the “charity”) is registered in Scotland. The address of the registered office is given on page 7 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity’s operations and principal activities are disclosed on page 4 and 5 of these financial statements.

1.2 Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

These financial statements are presented in pounds sterling (GBP) as that is the currency in which the charity’s transactions are denominated.

Edinburgh International Festival Endowment Fund meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are denominated in £ sterling.

1.3 Going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have assessed the charity’s ability to continue as a going concern and have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these financial statements and consider that there are no material uncertainties relating to going concern.

1.4 Income recognition

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when the donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

1.5 Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Costs of generating funds comprise the investment management costs. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Trust in meeting its charitable purpose.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

1.5 Expenditure recognition (cont)

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the Trust. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award.

1.6 Investments

Investments are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising, both realised and unrealised, on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Trust does not directly acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments. The main form of financial risk faced by the Trust is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

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 sales proceeds and opening carrying value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair values at the year end and their carrying value. Restricted and unrestricted investment gains are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.7 Financial instruments

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

1.8 Apportionment of Costs

Certain costs have been apportioned between restricted and unrestricted funds on the basis of their relevant share of the total of the investment portfolios.

1.9 Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

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

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

1.11 Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

1.12 Critical judgements and estimates

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

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

1.13 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has a present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligations and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

2. Taxation

The fund has charitable status and is exempt from taxation, other than Value Added Tax. The fund is not registered for Value Added Tax and accordingly any such irrecoverable tax is included in the expenditure concerned.

3. Average number of employees and staff costs

The average number of employees for the year, excluding Trustees, was nil (2023: Nil). The Trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2023: £Nil). Expenses paid to the trustees in the year totalled £Nil (2023: £Nil).

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4. Analysis of income

	Un- Restricted £	restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Voluntary income				
EIF donation	-	12,375	12,375	-
Other donations	-	825	825	1,055
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	-	13,200	13,200	1,055
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Investment income				
Dividends received	180,072	310,104	490,176	505,198
Bank interest received	-	10	10	73
Miscellaneous income	2,165	2,165	4,330	8,254
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Total income	182,237	312,279	494,516	514,579
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5. Analysis of charitable activities

	Restricted - Léan Scully EIF £	Un- restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
EIFS – donations	225,000	365,000	590,000	475,000
Support costs:				
Administration	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Auditor's Remuneration	1,784	2,716	4,500	4,080
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	226,784	369,716	596,500	481,080
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No grants were awarded to individuals during the year (2023: £nil).

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6. Expenditure on Raising Funds

	Restricted - Léan Scully EIF £	Un- restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Investment management costs	21,128	33,947	55,075	51,593
Miscellaneous expenses	-	220	220	757
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	21,128	34,167	55,295	52,350
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7. Net income for the year

	2024 £	2023 £
This is stated after charging:		
Auditor's remuneration: audit	4,500	4,080
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No trustee received any remuneration for services as a trustee (2023: nil). There were no reimbursement of expenses to the trustees in the current year (2023: none).

8. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Accrued income	162,091	157,705
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	162,091	157,705
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9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	17,972	16,945
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	17,972	16,945
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10. Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value at 1 January 2024	12,403,178	11,938,045
Less: Disposals	(1,930,461)	(1,184,606)
Add: Acquisitions at cost	2,061,266	1,252,214
Realised gain/(loss)	27,552	6,077
Unrealised gain/(loss)	200,794	391,448
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Market value at 31 December 2024	12,762,329	12,403,178
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Historical cost at 31 December 2024	10,297,252	9,941,117
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	2024	2023
	£	£
Investments at fair value comprised:		
UK equities	5,067,007	4,629,962
UK fixed interest securities	2,211,020	1,042,585
Overseas equities	2,857,427	5,764,802
Property	2,032,318	212,350
Infrastructure funds	445,067	603,403
Actively Managed Strategies	149,490	150,076
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	12,762,329	12,403,178
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The investments were held within two portfolios representing restricted and unrestricted funds but were merged during the year, as described earlier in the accounts.

There were no investments (2023: nil) exceeding 5% of the portfolio value at the year end.

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10. Investments (continued)

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

11. Statement of Funds

	1 January 2024 £	Income £	Net gains & losses £	Transfers £	Expenditure £	31 December 2024 £
Restricted Funds	5,015,562	182,237	5,218	(4,955,105)	(247,912)	-
Unrestricted Funds	8,075,026	325,479	223,128	4,955,105	(403,883)	13,174,855
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	13,090,588	507,716	228,346	-	(651,795)	13,174,855
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	1 January 2023 £	Income £	Net gains & losses £	Expenditure £	31 December 2023 £
Restricted Funds	4,854,066	207,974	165,339	(211,817)	5,015,562
Unrestricted funds	7,857,848	306,605	232,186	(321,613)	8,075,026
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Total Funds	12,711,914	514,579	397,525	(533,430)	13,090,588
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The restricted fund is the Léan Scully Edinburgh International Festival Fund. The income from this fund is to be used in connection with projects forming part of the Edinburgh International Festival. Given the restriction is essentially the same as the main objects of the Trust, to simplify the administration, the trustees decided to merge the fund with the unrestricted general funds during the year.

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12. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total 2024 £
Restricted fund	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	12,762,329	412,526	13,174,855
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Total funds	12,762,329	412,526	13,174,855
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	Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total 2023 £
Restricted fund	4,778,173	237,389	5,015,562
Unrestricted funds	7,625,005	450,021	8,075,026
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Total funds	12,403,178	687,410	13,090,588
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13. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year (2023: £nil).