

Charity registration number 1194756

THE KARIN BRASS MEMORIAL FUND ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Karin Brass Memorial Fund was established under the Will dated 19 November 2019 of the late Karin Maria Brass and is registered with the Charity Commission under No. 1194756.

Settlor

The late Karin Maria Brass

Trustees

Miss JS Portrait OBE Mr PL Hunkin DL

Charity number

1194756

Registered office

BDB Pitmans LLP
One Bartholomew Close

London EC1A 7BL

Administrator

Miss Sarah Hovil

Co-opted

Mrs Nicole Eastmond (volunteer)

Auditor

WBV Limited
The Third Floor

Langdon House, Langdon Road SA1 Swansea Waterfront

Swansea Wales SA1 8QY

Solicitors

Portrait Solicitors (up to 31 July 2022)

21 Whitefriars Street

London EC4Y 8JJ

BDB Pitmans LLP (from 1 August 2022)

One Bartholomew Close

London EC4Y 7BL Sarah Hovill

Investment advisors

Close Brothers Group plc

10 Crown Place

London EC2A 4FT

Investment powers

The Will empowers the Trustees to appoint investment advisers who have discretion to invest the funds within

guidelines established by the Trustees.

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity as set out in the Will are for general charitable purposes.

Grants Policy

The Trustees have given the investment managers a mandate for total return and plan to distribute 2.5%-3% annually of the annual capital value being all the income less administrative costs and any balance required from capital. They will keep this policy under constant review to take account of financial markets and the economic position.

Charity and Public Benefit

The Trustees are fully aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to it. They consider the full information which follows in this Annual Report about the charity's aims, activities and achievements in the areas of interest that the charity supports, demonstrates the benefit to its beneficiaries and through them to the public that arise from those activities.

Achievements and performance

At the year end the net asset value of the charity stood at £11,090,742. The Trustees are aware that further assets will be transferred to the charity from the Settlor's Estate in due course.

The Trustees met twice during the year – being the second year of the charity – to make grants and to review the financial position, awarding a total of £100,000

The charity's principal source of income is from the endowment fund and the charity will continue to pay out to charity beneficiaries in accordance with the charity's objects.

Reserves policy and going concern

The Trustees normally make one-off grants which are paid very shortly after they have been approved. Having assessed the charity's financial position and plans for the foreseeable future, the Trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties that would prevent the Financial Statements from being prepared on a going concern basis.

Investment powers and policy

The Will empowers the Trustees to appoint investment advisers who have discretion to invest the funds of the charity within the guidelines established by the Trustees.

TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Risk assessment

The Trustees will be examining the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the charity may be exposed. The Trustees will liaise with the auditors to review the risks and will remain vigilant.

The Trustees have identified the uncertainty of financial returns which constitute a significant risk. The negative total return has resulted in the Trustees moving to an income distribution basis.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were: Miss JS Portrait OBE
Mr PL Hunkin DL

The Trustees were appointed by the Settlor and are provided with the relevant information relating to their responsibility as Trustees. They are responsible for the overall direction and supervision of the charity. They have delegated day to day operations to the charity administrator, Miss Sarah Hovil. The Trustees have co-opted the assistance of Mrs Nicole Eastmond on a totally voluntary basis in relation to an area of their grant-making.

The Trustees are fully aware of the Charity Governance Code recently updated which sets out the principles and recommended practice for good governance within the sector and the Trustees have reviewed the charity's governance arrangements against the principles within the Code and believe that they are complying with the Code while maintaining the need to operate efficiently.

The Trustees are fully aware of the duties set out in the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016. They do not undertake fund-raising from the general public and do not use professional fund-raisers or commercial participators.

The income of the charity is not bound by any regulatory scheme and the Trustees do not consider it necessary to comply with any voluntary Code of Practice relating to fund-raising, as they do not undertake any fund-raising activities.

Grants approved during the year

The Trustees met once for a Trust meeting and once for an investment meeting with their investment managers during the second year of the charity. They made the following awards totalling £100,000:-

Neath Port Talbot Cancer Challenge Registered Charity No. 1070021 - £50,000

Addenbrooke's Hospital Trust Registered Charity No. 1170103 - £20,000

Support Dogs Registered Charity No. 1088281 - £10,000

Sals Shoes Registered Charity No. 1171670 - £10,000

Save the Children Registered Charity No. 213890 - £10,000

TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Date: 10 November 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

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 England and Wales 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 Trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Trust 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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust 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 Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE KARIN BRASS MEMORIAL FUND

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Karin Brass Memorial Fund for the year ended 5 April 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and 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 Financial Reporting Standard 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 5 April 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of 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 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 Trust 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 Trust'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 other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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 (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require 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 report; or
- sufficient 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE KARIN BRASS MEMORIAL FUND

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees responsibilities, 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 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.

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

- Enquiring of management, including obtaining and reviewing of supporting documentation concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
- Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances on non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- The systems and controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Discussions within the engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the Financial Statements and any potential indicators of fraud. As part of this process we did not identify any significant areas where there was potential for fraud.
- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the company operates in, with a focus on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the Financial Statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the company. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Companies Act 2006, the Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 and relevant tax legislation.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE KARIN BRASS MEMORIAL FUND

Audit response to risks identified

Our procedures to risks identified included the following:

- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations discussed above;
- Enquiring of management for details of actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud:
- In addressing the risk of management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries
 and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates indicate
 any potential bias; and evaluating the rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside
 the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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

Other matters

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

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE KARIN BRASS MEMORIAL FUND

WBV Limited

Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor 24/11/2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

		Unrestricted (Jnrestricted
		funds 2023	funds
	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Income from:			-
Investment income	3	195,551	21,825
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	100,000	95,000
Investment management fees		48,741	2,083
Legal and accountancy fees	7	40,836	18,479
Total expenditure		189,577	115,562
Net gains/(losses) on investments	8	2,907,020	104,318
Net movement in funds		2,912,994	10,581
Fund balances at 6 April 2022		8,177,748	7,290,648
Fund balances at 5 April 2023		11,090,742	7,301,229

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

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5 APRIL 2023

		20	23	20:	22
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets Investments	10		11,025,620		7,306,929
Current assets Cash at bank and in hand		71,422		-	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(6,300)		(5,700)	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			65,122		(5,700)
Total assets less current liabilities			11,090,742		7,301,229
Charity funds Unrestricted funds General unrestricted funds Endowment funds	12	2,923,575 8,167,167		10,581 7,290,648	
		5	11,090,742		7,301,229
			11,090,742		7,301,229

Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Karin Brass Memorial Fund is a charity in England/Wales. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on the contents page of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are that of making charitable donations to other charities or voluntary bodies.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

1.4 Income

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

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

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

1.6 Fixed asset investments

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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.

3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Income from listed investments Interest receivable	176,605 18,946	21,558 267
	195,551	21,825

Income from investments were attributable to unrestricted funds.

4 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Neath Port Talbot Cancer Challenge Sal's Shoes Ty Olwen Trust Fund Royal Opera House Covent Garden Foundation DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal Addenbrooke's Hospital Trust Save the Children Fund Support Dogs	50,000 10,000 - - 20,000 10,000 10,000	25,000 25,000 25,000 20,000

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

5 Trustees

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

6 Employees

Total

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2022	2023	
Number	Number	
-	-	

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

7 Legal and accountancy fees

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
Legal fees Audit fees	34,836 6,000	12,779 5,700
	40,836	18,479

Legal fees of £11,940 were payable to Portrait Solicitors, a firm in which Miss Portrait, a Trustee of the Charity, was then a partner. Legal fees of £22,896 were payable to BDB Pitmans LLP during the year. Miss Portrait was not a partner of BDB Pitmans LLP and has since retired.

8 Gains and losses on investments

	funds	Unrestricted funds
Gains/(losses) arising on:	2023 £	2022 £
Revaluation of investments	2,907,020	104,318

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Fixed asset investments

Listed investments	Cash in portfolio	Total
£		£
7,150,619	156,310	7,306,929
986,776	(986,776)	***
2,907,020	- 2	2,907,020
₩	27,922	27,922
=	783,749	783,749
(163,083)	163,083	-
10,881,332	144,288	11,025,620
10,881,332	144,288	11,025,620
	7,150,619 986,776 2,907,020 (163,083) 10,881,332	investments £ 7,150,619

New funds introduced are made up of the following trusts:

H Lobstein 1961 Settlement
HJH Rees Will Trust
£204,798
£578,951
£783,749

Investment income and fees are made up of investment income £195,551 less other fees of £167,629.

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Accruals and deferred income 6,300 5,700

2023

2022 £

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

12 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent an expendable capital endowment fund. Income and capital gains arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objectives of the Charity's and are included as unrestricted income.

	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
Endowments			
H Lobstein Will Trust	1,299,335	705	1,300,040
HJH Rees Will Trust	3,154,998	670,048	3,825,046
H Lobstein 1961 Settlement	923,887	204,811	1,128,698
H Lobstein Fixed Trust	1,912,428	955	1,913,383
	7,290,648	876,519	8,167,167

13 Unrestricted funds

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

	At 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 5 April 2023 £
General funds	10,581	195,551	(189,577)	2,907,020	2,923,575
Endowment funds	7,290,648	876,519	-	-	8,167,167
	7,301,229	1,072,070	(189,577)	2,907,020	11,090,742
Previous year:	At 6 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	At 5 April 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	_	21,825	(115,562)	104,318	10,581
Endowment funds	7,290,648		-	-	7,290,648
	7,290,648	21,825	(115,562)	104,318	7,301,229
				-	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

14 Related party transactions

During the year legal fees of £11,940 were payable to Portrait Solicitors, a firm in which Miss Portrait, a Trustee of the Charity, was then a partner.

There were no other disclosable related party transactions during the year.

