Manulife | CQS Investment Management

Investor Report

May 31, 2026

CQS Natural Resources Growth and Income PLC
(the "Company")

Key Facts[1]

Portfolio Managers	Diana Racanelli Craig Bethune
Launch Date	August 2003
Total Gross Assets	£162.5m
Reference Currency	GBP
Ordinary Shares	Net Asset Value: 407.43p Mid-Market Price: 367.00p
Dividend Yield (est.)	8.0%
Net gearing[4]	9.0%
Discount	(9.9%)
Ordinary Shares in Issue	36,313,509
Ongoing Charge Ratio	2.00%
Annual Management Fee	Annual Management Fee 1.0% p.a. on net assets.
Bloomberg	CYN LN
Reuters	CYN.L
Sedol	0035392
Year End	30 June
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AGM	December
Dividend Information 2025/26	6.02p interim paid On 28 November 2025 7.00p paid On 27 February 2026 8.34 paid 29 May 2026
Fiscal Year-End	30 June
Previous Dividend Information	2012/13 Total 5.50p 2013/14 Total 5.60p 2014/15 Total 5.60p 2015/16 Total 5.60p 2016/17 Total 5.60p 2017/18 Total 5.60p 2018/19 Total 5.60p 2019/20 Total 5.60p 2020/21 Total 5.60p 2021/22 Total 5.60p 2022/23 Total 8.60p 2023/24 Total 6.60p 2024/25 Total 8.03p
Investor Report	Monthly Factsheet
Annual Report & Accounts	Published: October
Results Announced	Finals: October Interims: March


Portfolio Managers

Diana Racanelli and Craig Bethune

Description

The Company aims to generate capital growth and income, predominantly from a portfolio of mining and resource equities, and from mining, resource and industrial fixed interest securities.

Key Advantages for the Investor

- Access to under-researched, mid and smaller-cap companies in the Natural Resources sector
- Quarterly dividend paid to shareholders
- Potential inflation hedge

Ordinary Share and NAV Performance[2]

	1 Month (%)	3 Months (%)	6 Months (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)	5 Year (%)	Since Inception (%)
NAV	(3.6)	(7.5)	33.4	106.2	144.5	176.2	1511.8
Share Price	(7.1)	(14.8)	28.7	98.1	146.1	157.4	1543.5
MSCI World Energy Sector Index[3]	(4.9)	3.1	24.1	44.6	58.0	166.0	732.5
MSCI World Metals & Mining Index[3]	8.4	(3.7)	33.0	85.1	99.5	116.7	956.6

Commentary[4]

The Company's NAV fell 3.63% over May, which was aligned with expectations, as the MSCI World Metals & Mining Index and MSCI World Energy Index returned 8.4% and (4.9%), respectively.

Oil remained volatile, down 24% by the end of May. Intramonth volatility remained elevated as optimism sparked by weekly Friday tweets on a potential U.S-Iran peace agreement was repeatedly offset by Monday headlines pointing to continued conflict or delays in reaching a deal. Each additional day of conflict continues to weigh on global production and accelerates inventory depletion. With the last oil exports through the Strait of Hormuz delivered in late April, the full extent of the supply loss will become more evident over time, despite mitigation efforts such as SPR releases. At the time of writing, a 14-point plan has been agreed on between the US and Iran, and we're assessing next steps. We do note that supply constraints will continue for some time, as the oil needs to move first, and then infrastructure needs to be repaired and inventories refilled.

The Company remains allocated to energy and precious metals over the more economically sensitive base metals, reflecting concerns that a higher oil price would hurt emerging market economies the most, which are also key drivers of base metal demand.

Precious metals were modestly lower in May, with gold declining 1.60% and silver essentially flat, as rate pressures continued to weigh on sentiment. Rather than its traditional safe haven status, gold has become more closely tied to inflation and yield expectations as the war in Iran continues. Oil remains a meaningful input cost for the miners, and any sustained energy price elevation could pressure margins at the operating level. That said, longer-term structural drivers for precious metals, including elevated government debt levels and global economic uncertainty, remain intact. Miners' strong current margins also provide a degree of buffer against near-term cost creep.

The Company trimmed its weight in Cenovus when the shares hit all-time highs mid-month. Over the long term, the company's asset base and free cash flow potential remain attractive.

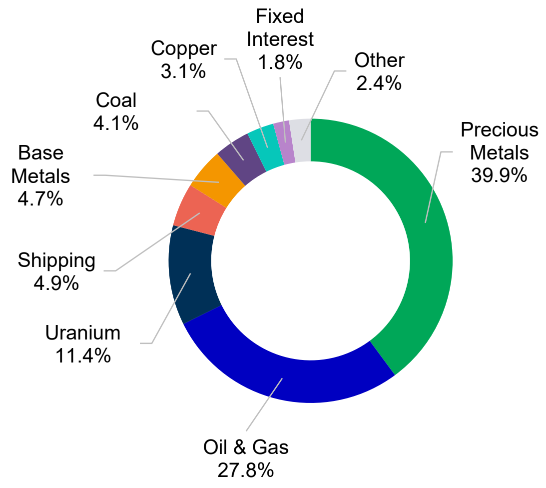
Effective from May 18, 2026, two senior Manulife Investment Management Group portfolio managers, Diana Racanelli and Craig Bethune, will assume responsibility for the management of the portfolio. The previous portfolio managers, Keith Watson and Robert Crayfourd, have resigned from Manulife CQS, and their notice period expired on June 2, 2026. There is no change to the Company's investment process, strategy or operations. Diana Racanelli, CFA and Craig Bethune, CFA, based in Toronto, are senior portfolio managers at Manulife Canada and have been with Manulife Canada for the past 12 years. Together, Diana Racanelli and Craig Bethune manage US$544 million in metals & mining and energy assets, as well as a further US$1,096 million in metals & mining and resources exposure in team-managed assets.

On May 27, 2026, the Company announced that Heads of terms have been agreed to appoint Tufton Investment Management Ltd as investment manager from September 14, 2026 and that Keith Watson and Robert Crayfourd will resume as the Company's portfolio managers at that time. Manulife CQS will remain as investment manager in the interim, with Diana Racanelli and Craig Bethune as interim portfolio managers.

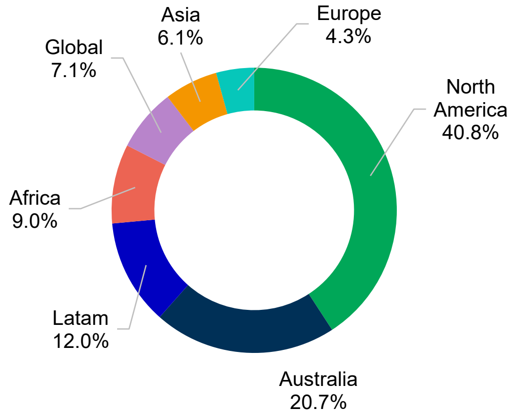
Sources:
1 Manulife | CQS Investment Management and Frostrow LLP as at the last business day of the month indicated at the top of this investor report.
2 Total return performance net of fees and expenses as at the last business day of the month indicated at the top of this investor report.
3 Source: MSCI is total return.
4 All market data sourced from Bloomberg unless otherwise stated. All returns quoted in local currency unless otherwise stated.
The Company may since have exited some or all of the positions detailed in the commentary.

Portfolio Analysis[1,2]

Sector



Region



Top 20 Holdings (% of MV) [1,2]

Name	(% of MV)
NEXGEN ENERGY NPV	5.6
TAMBORAN RESOURCES CORP USD0.001	4.7
SPARTAN DELTA CORP NPV	3.7
EMERALD RESOURCES NPV	3.6
GREATLAND RESOURCES NPV	3.5
BW LPG LTD USD 0.0100	3.1
PREDICTIVE DISCOVERY NPV	2.8
ORA BANDA MINING NPV	2.7
TRANSOCEAN USD0.01	2.6
WEST AFRICAN RESOURCES NPV	2.5
Top 10 Holdings Represent	**34.8**

Name	(% of MV)
EQUINOX GOLD CORP NPV	2.5
CORE NATURAL RESOU USD0.0100	2.5
TALON METALS CORP NPV	2.4
SUNCOR ENERGY NPV	2.3
SOUTHERN CROSS GOLD CONS-CDI NPV	2.3
UR ENERGY NPV	2.2
SILVER MOUNTAIN RESOURCES IN NPV	1.9
AMERICAS GOLD & SI NPV	1.8
G MINING VENTURE CORP 0.000001	1.4
FRONTLINE USD1.0000	1.3
Top 20 Holdings Represent	**55.4**

AIFMD Leverage Limit Report (% of NAV)

	Gross Leverage (%)[3]	Commitment Leverage (%)[3]
CQS Natural Resources Growth and Income	110	110

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2 All holdings data are rounded to one decimal place. Totals may therefore differ to sum of constituents.
3 Manulife | CQS Investment Management, as at the last business day of the month indicated at the top of this investor report. For methodology details see Article 4(3) of Directive 2011/61/EU (AIFMD) and Articles 6, 7, 9 and 10 of Delegated Regulation 231/2013.The AIFMD Leverage Limit Report includes the proceeds from the Tender Pool which were distributed in October 2025.
4 Manulife | CQS Investment Management as at the last business day of the month indicated at the top of this investor report. For methodology details see Article 4(3) of Directive 2011/61/EU (AIFMD) and Articles 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Delegated Regulation 231/2013.These include historic returns and past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The value of investments can go down as well as up. Please read the important legal notice at the end of this document.

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