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### ASA Limited (ASA / NYSE)

as of 5/12/2005

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#### Portfolio Mgr. , Tenure

Ronald L. McCarthy , 11/1/1988

#### Summary Information as of 11/30/2004

**Category:** Sector - Precious Metals

**Inception Date:** 9/1/1958

**Outstanding Shares:** 9,600,000

**Admin Fees:** N/A

**Expense Ratio:** 1.03

**Portfolio Turnover:** 2%

**Total Net Assets:** \$479.53 (Millions)

**Leveraged Assets:** N/A

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**% Leveraged Assets:** N/A

#### Description

ASA Limited is a diversified closed-end investment company whose investment objective is income and capital appreciation. The fund will invest at least 50% of its assets in common shares of gold-mining companies in Bermuda.

#### Price Information as of 5/12/2005

**NAV:** 39.42

**Net chg:** -1.06

**Prior Week:** 40.48

**52-Week NAV Ret:** 4.02%  
(as of 5/13/2005)

**Mkt Price:**

**Daily Volume (in 00's):** N/A

**52-Week Avg Volume (in 00's):** 694  
(as of 5/13/2005)

**Last Distribution Paid:** \$0.1

**Ex-Dividend Date:** 11/17/2004

#### Average Annual Total Return as of 4/30/2005

MARKET  
PRICE

NAV

#### Premium / Discount as of 4/30/2005

**Current (as of 5/13/2005):** -14.64%

|                         |         |         |                   |         |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| <b>YTD:</b>             | -13.37% | -12.33% | <b>YTD Min:</b>   | -12.64% |
| <b>1 yr:</b>            | 1.76%   | 4.1%    | <b>YTD Max:</b>   | -11.49% |
| <b>5 yr:</b>            | 21%     | 21.36%  | <b>YTD Avg:</b>   | -12.06% |
| <b>10 yr:</b>           | 0.99%   | 3.11%   | <b>5-yr Avg:</b>  | -12.08% |
| <b>Since Inception:</b> | N/A     | N/A     | <b>10-yr Avg:</b> | -5.42%  |

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### Top 10 Holdings as of 2/28/2005

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Gold Fields Limited                  | 26.2% |
| AngolGold Ashanti Limited            | 19.4% |
| Newcrest Mining Limited-ADRs         | 9.3%  |
| Anglo American Platinum Corp Limited | 7.4%  |
| Anglo American PLC                   | 7.3%  |
| Newmont Mining Corporation           | 5.3%  |
| Impala Platinum Holdings Limited     | 5.2%  |
| Compania de Minas Buenaventura-ADRs  | 4.7%  |
| Harmony Gold Mining Co Ltd-ADRs      | 4.2%  |
| Placer Dome Incorporated             | 4.2%  |

### Top 10 Sectors as of 2/28/2005

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| Gold Mining | 80.6% |
|-------------|-------|

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