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BlackRock Energy and Resources Income Trust plc

March 2024

Key risk factors

Capital at risk. The value of investments and the income from them can fall as well as rise and are not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Overseas investments will be affected by currency exchange rate fluctuations.

The Company invests in economies and markets which may be less developed. Compared to more established economies, the value of investments may be subject to greater volatility due to increased uncertainty as to how these markets operate.

BlackRock Energy and Resources Income Trust plc invests in mining shares which typically experience above average volatility when compared to other investments. Trends which occur within the general equity market may not be mirrored by mining securities.

The Company may from time to time utilise gearing. A fuller definition of gearing is given in the glossary.

Options

The Company may write options for income generation and efficient portfolio management. Any use of derivatives for efficient portfolio management and options for investment purposes will be made on the basis of the same principles of risk spreading and diversification that apply to the Company's direct investments. A fuller definition of the options strategy is given in the glossary.

The latest performance data can be found on the BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited website at:

The information contained in this release was correct as at 31 March 2024 Information on the Company's up to date net asset values can be found on the London Stock Exchange Website at:

https://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html

Company objective

To achieve an annual dividend target and, over the long term, capital growth by investing primarily in securities of companies operating in the mining and energy sectors.

Fund information (as at 31/03/24)			
Net asset value – capital only:	129.38p		
Net asset value cum income:1	129.54p		
Share price:	113.50p		
Discount to NAV (cum income):	12.4%		
Net yield:	3.9%		
Gearing - cum income:	12.3%		
Total assets:	£163.7m		
Ordinary shares in issue: ²	126,386,194		
Gearing range (as a % of net assets):	0-20%		
Ongoing charges: ³	1.19%		

The figures shown relate to past performance. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future results and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy.

A full disclosure of portfolio investments for the Company as at 31 December 2023 has been made available on the Company's website at the link given below: https://www.blackrock.com/uk/individual/literature/policies/beri-portfolio-disclosure.pdf

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¹ Includes net revenue of 0.16p.

² Excluding 9,200,000 ordinary shares held in treasury.

³ The Company's ongoing charges are calculated as a percentage of average daily net assets and using the management fee and all other operating expenses excluding finance costs, direct transaction costs, custody transaction charges, VAT recovered, taxation and certain other non-recurring items for the year ended 30 November 2023. In addition, the Company's Manager has also agreed to cap ongoing charges by rebating a portion of the management fee to the extent that the Company's ongoing charges exceed 1.25% of average net assets.

Annual performance to the last quarter end (as at 31 December 2023)

Sterling	31/12/22 31/12/23 %	31/12/21 31/12/22 %	31/12/20 31/12/21 %	31/12/19 31/12/20 %	31/12/18 31/12/19 %
Net asset value	-3.2	35.3	28.1	16.9	12.4
Share price	-10.4	36.6	34.2	18.8	5.3

Cumulative performance (as at 31/03/24)

Sterling	1M%	3M%	6M%	1Y%	3Y%	5Y%
Net asset value	8.5	1.5	1.3	0.6	54.0	99.1
Share price	9.2	-0.2	-0.4	-9.2	39.7	88.3

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The above Net Asset Value (NAV) performance statistics are based on a NAV including income with any dividends reinvested on the ex-dividend date, net of ongoing charges. The Company does not have in place any performance fee arrangements. A fuller definition of ongoing charges, which include the annual management fee, is given in the glossary.

Share price performance figures are calculated on a mid market basis in sterling terms with income reinvested on the ex-dividend date.

The performance of the Company's portfolio, or Net Asset Value ("NAV") performance, is not the same as share price performance and shareholders may not realise returns which are the same as NAV performance.

Sources: BlackRock, Datastream.

The latest performance data can be found on the BlackRock website at <u>blackrock.com/uk/beri</u>

Ten largest investments (in % total assets order as at 31/03/24)

Company	Region of Risk	% of Total Assets
Rio Tinto	Global	4.4
Teck Resources	Global	3.9
Glencore	Global	3.2
Shell	Global	3.1
ВНР	Global	3.0
NextEra Energy	United States	2.9
Anglo American	Global	2.7
Canadian Natural Resources	Canada	2.6
Filo Corp	Latin America	2.5
ConocoPhillips	Global	2.4

Sector allocations (as at 31/03/24)	% of Total Assets
Mining:	7.550.5
Diversified	21.8
Copper	6.5
Steel	4.3
Industrial Minerals	3.5
Metals & Mining	2.7
Gold	2.5
Aluminium	2.0
Nickel	1.3
Platinum Group Metals	0.2
Subtotal Mining:	44.8
Traditional Energy:	
E&P	13.8
Integrated	8.4
Distribution	3.4
Oil Services	2.7
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	1.4
Refining & Marketing	1.0
Subtotal Traditional Energy:	30.7
Energy Transition:	
Energy Efficiency	10.2
Electrification	7.0
Renewables	5.1
Transport	3.0
Subtotal Energy Transition:	25.3
Net Current Liabilities	-0.8
Total^	100.0

^ Total Assets for the purposes of these calculations exclude bank overdrafts, and the net current liabilities figure shown in the tables above therefore exclude bank overdrafts equivalent to 5.9% of the Company's net asset value.

Allocations are as of the date shown and do not necessarily represent current or future portfolio holdings.

Risk: The specific companies identified and described above do not represent all of the companies purchased or sold, and no assumptions should be made that the companies identified and discussed were or will be profitable.

Comments from the Portfolio Managers

Please note that the commentary below includes historic information on sector performance, commodity price performance and the Company's NAV performance.

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The Company's Net Asset Value (NAV) per share increased by 8.5% during the month of March (in GBP terms).

Global equity markets rose in March supported by central bank commentary. The US Federal Reserve maintained guidance for three interest rate cuts in 2024, which was supportive for equity markets given US jobs data and CPI indicated higher growth and stickier inflation than previously forecast. Bond yields continued to react to these data, moving higher towards month end. Economic survey data in Europe and China was consistent with economic growth, further supporting equity market confidence. Geopolitical risk remained elevated with continuing attacks on shipping in the Red Sea, underlining the importance of energy security and resilient supply chains. Against this backdrop, global equity markets, represented by the MSCI All Country World Index, had increased by 3.1%.

March was a positive month for the mining sector, outperforming broader equity markets. Improvements in economic data from the US and China helped boost investor sentiment and demand for mining stocks during the period. China's manufacturing PMI rose above 50 for the first time since September 2023, increasing from 49.1 to 50.8. Copper stood out among industrial metals, delivering strong performance driven by tight physical markets and rising demand for its use in electricity grids. The severity of the constraints on copper supply was highlighted by refining charges in China falling close to zero, having been ~US\$80 six months ago (lower refining charges suggest refiners are struggling for materials and are cutting charges to be more competitive as a result). On the other hand, ongoing weakness in China's property market started to translate into some softness in steel demand and iron ore prices came under pressure. The Chinese government announced plans to reinstate pollution control measures, which is expected to result in production cuts for highly polluting industries such as iron ore and cement. For reference, the prices for iron ore (62% fe) and nickel fell by 13.2% and 6.2% respectively, whereas zinc rose by 0.5%. Meanwhile, precious metals performance was strong during the month due to concerns around inflation and robust physical demand for gold. Gold, silver, platinum prices rose by 8.3%, 9.6% and 2.3% respectively.

Within the energy sector, sticky inflation and geopolitical risk was supportive for commodities and commodity equities, where higher oil prices are beginning to drive positive revisions to consensus energy earnings. Refining margins remain above pre-covid levels suggesting demand strength and tightness in supply, whilst Ukraine targeting Russian refineries was also a contributing factor.

M&A activity has remained a feature in the energy sector in recent months and Exxon announced it was contesting Chevron's acquisition of Hess, which is going to arbitration, contributing to share price volatility. Brent and WTI oil prices rose by 1.9% and 6.0%, ending the month at \$87/bbl and \$84/bbl respectively. The US Henry Hub natural gas price fell by 10.3% during the month to end at \$1.76/mmbtu.

Within the energy transition theme, a number of large clean power utility companies have held a capital markets days in recent months and during March NextEra Energy announced increased investment in renewable power and electricity grids. These capex commitments provide strong support to the view that renewable energy installations may continue to see an acceleration over the coming years.

All data points in US dollar terms unless otherwise specified. Commodity price moves sourced from Thomson Reuters Datastream.

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Sector Allocation (as at 31/03/2024)	% of Total Assets^
Mining	44.8
Traditional Energy	30.7
Energy Transition	25.3
Net Current Liabilities	-0.8
Total	100.0

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overdrafts, and the net current liabilities figure shown in the tables above
therefore exclude bank overdrafts equivalent to 5.9% of the Company's
net asset value.

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Country allocations (as at 31/03/2024)	% of Total Assets
Global	54.9
USA	19.8
Canada	10.0
Latin America	4.3
Germany	2.5
Other Africa	2.5
Australia	2.2
United Kingdom	2.0
France	2.0
Ireland	0.6
Net Current Liabilities	-0.8
Total	100.0

Key company details

Fund characteristics:	
Launch date	13 December 2005
Dealing currency	Sterling
Association of Investment Companies sector (AIC)	Commodities and natural resources
Benchmark	n/a
Traded	London Stock Exchange
Management	
Alternative Investment Fund Manager (with effect from 2 July 2014)	BlackRock Fund Managers Limited
Portfolio managers	Mark Hume & Tom Holl
Annual management fee	0.8% of gross assets per annum. The Company is also entitled to a rebate of the management fee in the event that the Company's Ongoing Charges exceed 1.25% of net assets per annum.

Financial calendar:		Fund codes:
Year end	30 November	ISIN
Results announced	July (half yearly) January/February (final)	Sedol
Annual General Meeting	March	Bloomberg
Dividends paid	April/July/October and	Reuters
Dividends paid	January (quarterly)	Ticker

Non-Mainstream Pooled Investments status

The Company currently conducts its affairs so that its securities can be recommended by Independent Financial Advisers to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's (FCA) rules in relation to Non-Mainstream Pooled Investments (NMPI) and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The securities are excluded from the FCA's restrictions which apply to non-mainstream pooled investments because they are shares in an investment trust.

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Glossary of Terms

Discount/premium

Investment trust shares frequently trade at a discount or premium to NAV. This occurs when the share price is less than (a discount) or more than (a premium) to the NAV. The discount or premium is the difference between the share price (based on mid-market share prices) and the NAV, expressed as a percentage of the NAV.

Discounts and premiums are mainly the consequence of supply and demand for the shares on the stock market.

Gearing

Investment companies can borrow to purchase additional investments. This is called 'gearing'. It allows investment companies to take advantage of a long-term view on a sector or to take advantage of a favourable situation or a particularly attractive stock without having to sell existing investments.

Gearing works by magnifying the company's performance. If a company 'gears up' and then markets rise and the returns on the investments outstrip the costs of borrowing, the overall returns to investors will be even greater. But if markets fall and the performance of the assets in the portfolio is poor, then losses suffered by the investor will also be magnified.

Net yield

The net yield is calculated using total dividends declared in the last 12 months (as at date of this factsheet) as a percentage of month end share price.

NAV (Net Asset Value)

A company's undiluted NAV is its available shareholders' funds divided by the number of shares in issue (excluding treasury shares), before making any adjustment for any potentially dilutive securities which the Company may have in issue, such as subscription shares, convertible bonds or treasury shares. A diluted NAV is calculated on the assumption that holders of any convertibles have converted, subscription shares have been exercised and treasury shares are re-issued at the mid-market price, to the extent that the NAV per share is higher than the price of each of these shares or securities and that they are 'in the money'.

The aim is to ensure that shareholders have a full understanding of the potential impact on the Company's NAV if these instruments had been exercised on a particular date.

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Ongoing charges ratio

Ongoing charges (%) =

<u>Annualised ongoing charges</u>
Average undiluted net asset value in the period

Ongoing charges are those expenses of a type which are likely to recur in the foreseeable future, whether charged to capital or revenue, and which relate to the operation of the investment company as a collective fund, excluding the costs of acquisition/disposal of investments, financing charges and gains/losses arising on investments. Ongoing charges are based on costs incurred in the year as being the best estimate of future costs and include the annual management fee.

Options

An option is a contract that offers the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy (call) or sell (put) a security or other financial asset at an agreed-upon price (the strike price) during a certain period of time or on a specific date (exercise date) for a fee (the premium). The sale of call or put options on stocks that are believed to be overpriced or underpriced, based on the assumption that the options will not be exercised, is referred to as an 'options overwriting' strategy. The seller of the option collects a premium but if the option subsequently expires without being exercised, there will be no down side for the seller. However, if the stock rises above the exercise price the holder of the option is likely to exercise the option and this strategy can reduce returns in a rising market.

The Company writes options to generate income and for efficient portfolio management. Risk is mitigated by ensuring that any call options are covered (meaning that call options are only written in respect of stocks already owned within the Company's portfolio such that, if the options are exercised, the Company does not need to purchase stock externally at fluctuating market prices to meet its obligations under the options contract). Any use of derivatives for efficient portfolio management and options for investment purposes will be made on the basis of the same principles of risk spreading and diversification that apply to the Company's direct investments.

Share buyback

Share buyback is when a company buys back its own shares from investors. Once shares are repurchased they may either be cancelled or held in treasury for redistribution at a future point in time. A company will typically use share buyback powers to increase demand for its shares when its stock is undervalued in the market. Share buybacks reduce the number of shares in circulation, which can increase the share value and the earnings per share (EPS).

Risk Warnings

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Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current or future results and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product or strategy.

Changes in the rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to diminish or increase. Fluctuation may be particularly marked in the case of a higher volatility fund and the value of an investment may fall suddenly and substantially. Levels and basis of taxation may change from time to time.

Trust specific risks:

Gearing risk. Investment strategies, such as borrowing, used by the Trust can result in even larger losses suffered when the value of the underlying investments fall.

Emerging markets. Emerging market investments are usually associated with higher investment risk than developed market investments. Therefore, the value of these investments may be unpredictable and subject to greater variation.

Mining investments. Mining shares typically experience above average volatility when compared to other investments. Trends which occur within the general equity market may not be mirrored within mining securities.

Exchange rate risk. The return of your investment may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

Derivative Risk general. The Fund uses derivatives as part of its investment strategy. Compared to a fund which only invests in traditional instruments such as stocks and bonds, derivatives are potentially subject to a higher level of risk.

Counterparty Risk. The insolvency of any institutions providing services such as safekeeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives or other instruments, may expose the Fund to financial loss.

Non-investment grade risk. Non-investment grade fixed income securities are more sensitive to changes in interest rates and present greater 'Credit Risk' than higher rated fixed income securities.

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