

Second Quarter Report for 2004

We are pleased to present this Second Quarter Report for the six months ended June 30, 2004.

An update of Management's Discussion and Analysis since the Annual Report for 2003 is as follows:

Net Loss – Most of the reported loss consists of unrealized depreciation of investments, due to the decline in the price of gold over recent months. In fact, no investments were sold during the period, however Gold Trust's financial reporting follows the new CICA Accounting Guideline 18 which will become mandatory at the end of this fiscal year. This new methodology may result in substantial changes in net income from reporting period to period due to unrealized appreciation, or depreciation, of investments being included in the net income calculation. The expenses of Gold-Trust for the six months amounted to \$171,912 and net loss including unrealized depreciation amounted to \$1,988,619. The Trustees are seeking to increase the size of Gold-Trust on a non-dilutive basis to reduce the ratio of expenses for the benefit of all Unitholders.

Net Assets – Declining gold prices, from \$416.25 on December 31, 2003 to \$395.80 per ounce on June 30, decreased total net assets after expenses by \$1,988,619; from \$37,462,309 at year-end to \$35,473,690 on June 30. Of these assets 97% was invested in gold. The holdings of 87,200 ounces of unencumbered gold consisted of 82,619 fine ounces of physical gold bullion and 4,581 ounces in certificate form held in safekeeping by a Canadian chartered bank which provides segregated and insured treasury vault storage for the physical gold bullion.

Liquidity – All of the gold and interest-bearing cash deposits, which are the assets of Central Gold-Trust, are readily marketable, exchangeable and highly liquid.

According to legal and tax counsel, the units of Gold-Trust, traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange with symbol GTU.UN, qualify for investment by individuals and most types of retirement accounts and financial institutions in Canada.

Your Trustees and the Administrator are committed to the sound and secure stewardship of your Gold-Trust investment holdings in "The Gold Bullion Trust".

Sincerely,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

(Signed:) "J.C. STEFAN SPICER"

August 9, 2004

President & CEO

CENTRAL GOLD-TRUST STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS (expressed in U.S. dollars)

June 30, 2004
(unaudited)

	June 30 2004	December 31 2003
Net Assets:		
Gold at market, (cost \$30,203,760) (note 3)	\$34,513,760	36,297,000
Interest-bearing cash deposits	1,010,458	1,208,448
Prepaid expenses & other	6,107	2,464
	35,530,325	37,507,912
Accrued liabilities	(56,635)	(45,603)
Net assets representing unitholders' equity	\$35,473,690	37,462,309
Represented by:		
Capital: 2,300,000 units issued and outstanding	\$31,508,019	31,508,019
Retained earnings (inclusive of unrealized appreciation of investments)	3,965,671	5,954,290
	\$35,473,690	37,462,309
Net asset value per unit (expressed in US dollars):	\$ 15.42	16.29
Net asset value per unit (expressed in Canadian dollars)	\$ 20.67	21.05
Exchange rate: U.S. \$1.00 = Cdn.	\$ 1.3404	1.2924

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (expressed in U.S. dollars)

June 30, 2004
(unaudited)

	6 mos. ended June 30, 2004	3 mos. ended June 30, 2004
Net assets at beginning of period	\$37,462,309	38,021,705
Net loss (inclusive of unrealized depreciation of investments)	(1,988,619)	(2,548,015)
Decrease in net assets during the period	(1,988,619)	(2,548,015)
Net assets at end of period	\$35,473,690	35,473,690

CENTRAL GOLD-TRUST STATEMENT OF LOSS (expressed in U.S. dollars)

June 30, 2004
(unaudited)

	6 months ended June 30, 2004	3 months ended June 30, 2004
Income:		
Interest	\$ 10,359	\$ 4,376
Unrealized depreciation of investments	(1,827,066)	(2,459,637)
	(1,816,707)	(2,455,261)
Expenses:		
Administration fees (note 4)	\$ 57,641	28,310
Legal fees	28,088	22,406
Unitholder Information Trustee fees and expenses (note 4)	24,403	9,159
Audit fees	19,735	8,485
Audit fees	17,898	11,898
Safekeeping insurance and bank charges	16,537	8,132
Registrar and transfer agent fees	8,156	4,938
Miscellaneous	229	219
Foreign currency exchange gain	(775)	(793)
Total operating expenses	171,912	92,754
Net loss (inclusive of unrealized depreciation of investments)	\$(1,988,619)	\$(2,548,015)
Net loss per unit: (inclusive of unrealized depreciation of investments)	\$ (0.86)	\$ (1.11)

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended June 30, 2004

1. Central Gold-Trust ("Gold-Trust") is a self-governing limited purpose trust established under the laws of Ontario on April 28, 2003.

2. The accounting policies used in the preparation of these unaudited interim financial statements conform with those presented in the December 31, 2003 audited financial statements of Central Gold-Trust. These unaudited interim financial statements do not include all of the disclosures included in the annual financial statements and accordingly should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements.

3. Details of gold bullion holdings at June 30, 2004, are as follows:

Gold holdings at June 30

Gold bullion in fine ounces		82,619
Gold certificates in fine ounces		4,581
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Total fine ounces of gold		87,200
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Cost		\$ 30,203,760
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Market Value:	Per Fine Ounce	Total
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June 30, 2004	\$ 395.80	\$ 34,513,760

4. Gold-Trust is party to an agreement with Central Gold Managers Inc. (the "Administrator"), which is related to Gold-Trust through certain of its officers and Trustees. The Administrator furnishes administrative services to Gold-Trust. For such services, Gold-Trust has agreed to pay an administrative fee, on a monthly basis, equal to 0.40% per annum for the first U.S.\$100,000,000 of Gold-Trust's total assets, 0.30% per annum for any excess over U.S.\$100,000,000 up to U.S.\$200,000,000 and 0.20% per annum for any excess over U.S.\$200,000,000 of total assets. No Trustees fees are paid by Gold-Trust to Trustees who are members of the Executive Committee of Gold-Trust. The Administrator and the Trustees have consented to reduced fees at three-quarters of stated rates during this initial stage of Gold-Trust's development.



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Stock Exchange Listing

TSX: Units
Symbol: GTU.UN

Unit Asset Value Information
is available daily by calling
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www.gold-trust.com



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SECOND QUARTER REPORT TO UNITHOLDERS

For the six months ended

June 30, 2004