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This annual report covers BNP Paribas China Equity Trust as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of BNP Paribas China Equity Trust is Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) (AFSL 240975).

The Responsible Entity's registered office is:

Level 1, 575 Bourke Street,
Melbourne, VIC 3000.

Directors' report

The directors of Equity Trustees Limited, the Responsible Entity of BNP Paribas China Equity Trust (the "Fund"), present their report together with the financial statements of the Fund for the period 4 June 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Principal activities

The Fund was constituted on 4 June 2020 and registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 5 June 2020.

The Fund has remained dormant and has held no investments since its inception on 4 June 2020.

The Fund did not have any employees during the reporting period.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the Fund's activities during the reporting period.

The various service providers for the Fund are detailed below:

Service	Provider
Trustee	Equity Trustees Limited
Investment Manager	BNP Paribas Asset Management Australia Limited
Sub Investment Manager	BNP Paribas Asset Management Asia Limited
Custodian and Administrator	BNP Paribas Fund Services Australasia Pty Limited
Statutory Auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers

Directors

The following persons held office as directors of Equity Trustees Limited during or since the end of the period and up to the date of this report:

Philip D Gentry	Chairman
Harvey H Kalman	(resigned 1 September 2020)
Ian C Westley	(resigned 3 July 2020)
Michael J O'Brien	
Russell W Beasley	(appointed 1 September 2020)

Review and results of operations

The Fund has remained dormant since its inception on the 4 June 2020.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

Ian C Westley resigned as a director of Equity Trustees Limited on 3 July 2020.

Harvey H Kalman resigned as a director of Equity Trustees Limited on 1 September 2020.

Russell W Beasley was appointed as a director of Equity Trustees Limited on 1 September 2020.

On 21 June 2021, the name of the Fund was changed from BNP Paribas Environmental Equity Trust (Hedged) to BNP Paribas China Equity Trust.

In the opinion of the directors, there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund that occurred during the financial period.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2021 that has significantly affected, or may have a significant effect on:

- i. the operations of the Fund in future financial years;
- ii. the results of those operations in future financial years; or
- iii. the state of the affairs of the Fund in future financial years.

Directors' report (continued)

Likely developments and expected results of operations

Once seeded, the Fund will be managed in accordance with the investment objectives and guidelines as set out in the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The results of the Fund's operations will be affected by a number of factors, including the performance of investment markets in which the Fund invests. Investment performance is not guaranteed and future returns may differ from past returns. As investment conditions change over time, past returns should not be used to predict future returns.

Indemnification and insurance of officers

No insurance premiums are paid for out of the assets of the Fund in regards to insurance cover provided to the officers of Equity Trustees Limited. So long as the officers of Equity Trustees Limited act in accordance with the Fund's Constitution and the Law, the officers remain indemnified out of the assets of the Fund against losses incurred while acting on behalf of the Fund.

Indemnification of auditor

The auditor of the Fund is in no way indemnified out of the assets of the Fund.

Fees paid to and interests held in the Fund by the Responsible Entity or its associates

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its associates out of Fund property during the period are disclosed in Note 10 to the financial statements.

No fees were paid out of Fund property to the directors of the Responsible Entity during the period.

The number of interests in the Fund held by the Responsible Entity or its associates as at the end of the financial period are disclosed in Note 10 to the financial statements.

Environmental regulation

The operations of the Fund are not subject to any particular or significant environmental regulations under Commonwealth, State or Territory law.

Rounding of amounts to the nearest dollar

Amounts in the Directors' report have been rounded to the nearest dollar in accordance with *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*, unless otherwise indicated.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the Auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 4.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors of Equity Trustees Limited through a delegated authority given by Equity Trustees Limited's Board.



Philip D Gentry
Chairman

Melbourne
16 September 2021



Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the audit of BNP Paribas China Equity Trust (formerly known as "BNP Paribas Environmental Equity Trust (Hedged)") for the period 4 June 2020 to 30 June 2021, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Sagonas', is positioned above the printed name.

George Sagonas
Partner
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Melbourne
16 September 2021

Statement of comprehensive income

	For the period 4 June 2020 to 30 June 2021 \$
Investment income	
Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-
Dividend income	-
Trust distribution income	-
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)	-
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	-
Total investment income/(loss)	-
Expenses	
Interest expense	-
Management fees	-
Custody and administration fees	-
Transaction costs	-
Withholding taxes	-
Total expenses	-
Profit/(loss) for the period	-
Finance costs attributable to unit holders	
Profit/(loss) for the period	-
Other comprehensive income	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	-

The above statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of financial position

	As at 30 June 2021 \$
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	-
Receivables	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-
Total assets	<u>-</u>
Liabilities	
Distributions payable	-
Payables	-
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unit holders)	<u>-</u>
Net assets attributable to unit holders - equity	<u>-</u>

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of changes in equity

	For the period 4 June 2020 to 30 June 2021 \$
Total equity at the beginning of the financial period	-
Comprehensive income for the financial period	
Profit/(loss) for the period	-
Other comprehensive income	-
Total comprehensive income	-
Transactions with unit holders	
Applications	-
Redemptions	-
Reinvestment of distributions	-
Distributions paid and payable	-
Total transactions with unit holders	-
Total equity at the end of the financial period	-

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of cash flows

	For the period 4 June 2020 to 30 June 2021 \$
Cash flows from operating activities	
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	-
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	-
Interest income received from financial assets at amortised cost	-
Dividends received	-
Interest expense paid	-
GST received/(paid)	-
Other income received	-
Management fees paid	-
Transaction costs paid	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	-
Cash flows from financing activities	
Proceeds from applications by unit holders	-
Payments for redemptions by unit holders	-
Distributions paid to unit holders	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	-
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	-

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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1. General information

These financial statements cover BNP Paribas China Equity Trust (the "Fund") as an individual entity. The Fund is an Australian registered managed investment scheme which was constituted on 4 June 2020 and will terminate in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution or by Law.

The Responsible Entity of the Fund is Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) (AFSL 240975) (the "Trustee"). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 1, 575 Bourke Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000. The financial statements are presented in the Australian currency unless otherwise noted.

The Fund has remained dormant and has held no investments since its inception on 4 June 2020.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on the date the Directors' declaration was signed. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to the period presented, unless otherwise stated in the following text.

a. Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia. The Fund is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities, except where otherwise stated.

The statement of financial position is presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and does not distinguish between current and non-current. All balances are expected to be recovered or settled within 12 months, except for investments in financial assets and liabilities and net assets attributable to unit holders.

The Fund manages financial assets at fair value through profit or loss based on the economic circumstances at any given point in time, as well as to meet any liquidity requirements. As such, it is expected that a portion of the portfolio will be realised within 12 months, however, an estimate of that amount cannot be determined as at reporting date.

In the case of net assets attributable to unit holders, the units are redeemable on demand at the unit holder's option. However, holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term. As such, the amount expected to be settled within 12 months cannot be reliably determined.

i. Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

The financial statements of the Fund also comply with IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

ii. New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 July 2021 and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements.

None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

b. Financial instruments

i. Classification

- Financial assets

The Fund classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured at fair value through profit or loss; and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

b. Financial instruments (continued)

i. Classification (continued)

- Financial assets (continued)

The Fund classifies its financial assets based on its business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.

The Fund's portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Fund's documented investment strategy. The Fund's policy is for the Investment Manager to evaluate the information about these financial assets on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

For cash and cash equivalents, these assets are held in order to collect the contractual cash flows. The contractual terms of these assets give rise, on specified dates, to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Consequently, these are measured at amortised cost.

- Financial liabilities

For financial liabilities that are not classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss, these are classified as financial liabilities at amortised cost.

ii. Recognition and derecognition

The Fund recognises financial assets and financial liabilities on the date it becomes party to the contractual agreement (trade date) and recognises changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities from this date.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

iii. Measurement

- Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

At initial recognition, the Fund measures a financial asset and a financial liability at its fair value. Transaction costs of financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss' category are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within 'net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss' in the period in which they arise.

For further details on how the fair value of financial instruments is determined please see Note 4 to the financial statements.

- Financial instruments at amortised cost

For financial assets and financial liabilities at amortised cost, they are initially measured at fair value including directly attributable costs and are subsequently measured using the effective interest rate method less any allowance for expected credit losses.

Cash and cash equivalent are carried at amortised cost.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

b. Financial instruments (continued)

iv. Impairment

At each reporting date, the Fund shall estimate a loss allowance on each of the financial assets carried at amortised cost (cash and cash equivalents) at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses. Significant financial difficulties of the counterparty, probability that the counterparty will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that the asset is credit impaired. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the net carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due. Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit impaired.

The expected credit loss (ECL) approach is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Fund expects to receive. The shortfall is then discounted at an approximation to the asset's original effective interest rate.

The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within other expenses. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the statement of comprehensive income.

v. Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position when the Fund has a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts, and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

As at the end of the reporting period, there are no financial assets or liabilities offset or with the right to offset in the statement of financial position.

c. Net assets attributable to unit holders

Units are redeemable at the unit holders' option, however, applications and redemptions may be suspended by the Responsible Entity if it is in the best interests of the unit holders.

The units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash based on the redemption price which is equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value attributable to the unit holders.

The units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the reporting date if the holder exercises the right to put the units back to the Fund.

The Fund's units are classified as equity as they satisfy the following criteria under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*:

- the puttable financial instrument entitles the holder to a pro-rata share of net assets in the event of the Fund's liquidation;
- the puttable financial instrument is in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments and class features are identical;
- the puttable financial instrument does not include any contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset, or to exchange financial instruments with another entity under potentially unfavourable conditions to the Fund, and it is not a contract settled in the Fund's own equity instruments; and
- the total expected cash flows attributable to the puttable financial instrument over the life are based substantially on the profit or loss.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

d. Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions and other short term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Payments and receipts relating to the purchase and sale of investment securities are classified as cash flows from operating activities, as trading of these securities represents the Fund's main income generating activity.

e. Expenses

All expenses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on an accruals basis.

f. Income tax

Under current legislation, the Fund is not subject to income tax provided it attributes the entirety of its taxable income to its unit holders.

g. Distributions

The Fund may distribute its distributable income, in accordance with the Fund's Constitution, to unit holders by cash or reinvestment. The distributions are recognised in the statement of changes in equity.

h. Foreign currency translation

i. *Functional and presentation currency*

Balances included in the Fund's financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (the "functional currency"). This is the Australian dollar, which reflects the currency of the economy in which the Fund competes for funds and is regulated. The Australian dollar is also the Fund's presentation currency.

ii. *Transactions and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translations at period end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when fair value was determined.

The Fund does not isolate that portion of unrealised gains or losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss which is due to changes in foreign exchange rates. Such fluctuations are included in the net gains or losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

i. Receivables

Receivables may include amounts for interest. Where applicable, interest is accrued on a daily basis. Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recorded as receivables.

j. Payables

Payables include liabilities and accrued expenses owed by the Fund which are unpaid as at the end of the reporting period.

A separate distribution payable is recognised in the statement of financial position.

Distributions declared effective 30 June in relation to unit holders who have previously elected to reinvest distributions are recognised as reinvested effective 30 June of the same financial period.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

k. Applications and redemptions

Applications received for units in the Fund are recorded net of any entry fees payable prior to the issue of units in the Fund. Redemptions from the Fund are recorded gross of any exit fees payable after the cancellation of units redeemed.

l. Goods and services tax (GST)

The GST incurred on the costs of various services provided to the Fund by third parties such as management, administration and custodian services where applicable, have been passed onto the Fund. The Fund qualifies for Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC) at a rate of at least 55%. Hence, fees for these services and any other expenses have been recognised in the statement of comprehensive income net of the amount of GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Amounts payable are inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO is included in receivables in the statement of financial position. Cash flows relating to GST are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis.

m. Use of estimates and judgements

The Fund makes estimates, assumptions and judgements that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the current and next financial year. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

For the majority of the Fund's financial instruments, quoted market prices are readily available. However, certain financial instruments, for example over-the-counter derivatives or unquoted securities, are fair valued using valuation techniques. Where valuation techniques (for example, pricing models) are used to determine fair values, they are validated and periodically reviewed by experienced personnel of the Investment Manager.

Models use observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations, require management to make estimates and judgements. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments.

The Fund estimates that the resultant expected credit loss (ECL) derived from using impairment model, has not materially impacted the Fund.

n. Comparative period

The Fund was constituted on 4 June 2020 and registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 5 June 2020. The reporting period covers the period 4 June 2020 to 30 June 2021, hence there is no comparative information.

o. Rounding of amounts

The Fund is an entity of a kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191* relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the financial statements. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded off to the nearest dollar, unless otherwise indicated.

3. Financial risk management

The Fund has remained dormant since its inception. Therefore, the Fund does not have any exposure to market risk (which incorporates price risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

4. Fair value measurement

The Fund measures and recognises financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss on a recurring basis.

The Fund has no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis in the current reporting period.

AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1);
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly (level 2); and
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (level 3).

The Fund values its investments in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2 to the financial statements.

The Fund remained dormant since it was constituted and did not hold any financial instruments.

5. Net assets attributable to unit holders - equity

The Fund shall classify a financial instrument as an equity instrument from the date when the instrument has all the features and meets the conditions as set out in Note 2(c).

	For the period	
	4 June 2020 to	
	30 June 2021	
	Units	\$
Opening balance	-	-
Applications	-	-
Redemptions	-	-
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders		
Distributions paid and payable	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-
Closing balance	-	-
Closing balance		

Net assets attributable to unit holders are classified as equity at 30 June 2021. Refer to Note 2 for further details.

As stipulated within the Fund's Constitution, each unit represents a right to an individual share in the Fund and does not extend to a right in the underlying assets of the Fund.

There are no separate classes of units and each unit has the same rights attaching to it as all other units of the Fund.

Units are redeemed on demand at the unit holders' option. However, holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term. As such, the amount expected to be settled within twelve months after the end of the reporting period cannot be reliably determined.

6. Distributions to unit holders

There were no distributions declared for the period ended 30 June 2021.

7. Cash and cash equivalents

	As at
	30 June 2021
	\$
Cash at bank	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	-

8. Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

a. Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	For the period 4 June 2020 to 30 June 2021 \$
Profit/(loss) for the period	-
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-
Distributions to unit holders	-
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	-
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	-
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	-
Net foreign exchange (gain)/loss	-
Net change in receivables	-
Net change in payables	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	-

9. Remuneration of auditor

During the period the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the Fund:

	For the period 4 June 2020 to 30 June 2021 \$
PricewaterhouseCoopers	
<i>Audit and other assurance services</i>	
Audit of financial statements	4,100
Audit of compliance plan	2,346
Total remuneration for audit services	6,446
<i>Taxation services</i>	
Tax compliance services	-
Total remuneration for taxation services	-
Total remuneration of PricewaterhouseCoopers	6,446

The auditor's remuneration is borne by the Investment Manager, BNP Paribas Asset Management Australia Limited. Fees are stated exclusive of GST.

10. Related party transactions

The Responsible Entity of BNP Paribas China Equity Trust is Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) (AFSL 240975). Accordingly, transactions with entities related to the Responsible Entity are disclosed below.

The Responsible Entity has contracted services to BNP Paribas Asset Management Australia Limited to act as Investment Manager and BNP Paribas Fund Services Australasia Pty Limited to act as Custodian and Administrator for the Fund. The contracts are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

10. Related party transactions (continued)

a. Key management personnel

i. Directors

Key management personnel includes persons who were directors of Equity Trustees Limited at any time during or since the end of the financial period and up to the date of this report:

Philip D Gentry	Chairman
Harvey H Kalman	(resigned 1 September 2020)
Ian C Westley	(resigned 3 July 2020)
Michael J O'Brien	
Russell W Beasley	(appointed 1 September 2020)

ii. Other key management personnel

There were no other key management personnel with responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Fund, directly or indirectly during the financial period.

b. Transactions with key management personnel

There were no transactions with key management personnel during the reporting period.

c. Key management personnel unit holdings

Key management personnel did not hold units in the Fund as at 30 June 2021.

d. Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel are paid by EQT Services Pty Ltd. Payments made from the Fund to Equity Trustees Limited do not include any amounts directly attributable to the compensation of key management personnel.

e. Key management personnel loans

The Fund has not made, guaranteed or secured, directly or indirectly, any loans to key management personnel or their personally related entities at any time during the reporting period.

f. Related party unit holdings

Parties related to the Fund (including Equity Trustees Limited, its related parties and other schemes managed by Equity Trustees Limited and the Investment Manager) held no units in the Fund as at 30 June 2021.

g. Investments

The Fund did not hold any investments in Equity Trustees Limited or its related parties during the period.

11. Events occurring after the reporting period

No significant events have occurred since the end of the period which would impact on the financial position of the Fund as disclosed in the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the period ended on that date.

12. Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2021.

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

- a. The financial statements and notes set out on pages 5 to 17 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - i. complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - ii. giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its performance for the financial period ended on that date.
- b. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- c. Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements also comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors of Equity Trustees Limited through a delegated authority given by Equity Trustees Limited's Board.



Philip D Gentry
Chairman

Melbourne
16 September 2021



Independent auditor's report

To the unitholders of BNP Paribas China Equity Trust (formerly known as "BNP Paribas Environmental Equity Trust (Hedged)")

Our opinion

In our opinion:

The accompanying financial report of BNP Paribas China Equity Trust (formerly known as "BNP Paribas Environmental Equity Trust (Hedged)") (the Fund) is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the period 4 June 2020 to 30 June 2021
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

What we have audited

The financial report comprises:

- the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021
- the statement of comprehensive income for the period 4 June 2020 to 30 June 2021
- the statement of changes in equity for the period 4 June 2020 to 30 June 2021
- the statement of cash flows for the period 4 June 2020 to 30 June 2021
- the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information
- the directors' declaration.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

Other information

The directors of Equity Trustees Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report for the period 4 June 2020 to 30 June 2021, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, 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.

Responsibilities of the directors of the Responsible Entity for the financial report

The directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors of the Responsible Entity determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for assessing the ability of the Funds to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors of the Responsible Entity either intend to liquidate the Funds or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is 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 the Australian Auditing Standards 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 the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'George Sagonas'.

George Sagonas
Partner

Melbourne
16 September 2021