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This annual report covers Smarter Money Higher Income Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of Smarter Money Higher Income Fund is Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) (AFSL 240975).

The Responsible Entity's registered office is:

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

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors of Equity Trustees Limited, the Responsible Entity of Smarter Money Higher Income Fund (the "Fund"), present their report together with the financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2023.

### Principal activities

The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of Australian cash, exchange traded derivatives, over-the-counter derivatives, bonds and hybrid securities in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund did not have any employees during the year.

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

The various service providers for the Fund are detailed below:

Service	Provider
Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited
Investment Manager	Coolabah Capital Investments (Retail) Pty Limited
Custodian and Administrator	Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd (an Apex Group Company)*
Statutory Auditor	Ernst & Young

\*Effective on 21 October 2022, Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd changed its name to Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd.

### Directors

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

Philip D Gentry	Chairman
Michael J O'Brien	
Russell W Beasley	
Mary A O'Connor	
David B Warren	(appointed 6 March 2023)

### Review and results of operations

During the year, the Fund continued to invest its funds in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The performance of the Smarter Money Higher Income Fund Assisted Investor Class was 4.32% (net of fees), Smarter Money Higher Income Fund Direct Investor Class was 4.47% (net of fees), Smarter Money Higher Income Fund Institutional Class A was 4.56% (net of fees), the Smarter Money Fund Base Fee Class was 4.33% (net of fees) and Zero Fee Class was 4.14% (net of fees) for the year ended 30 June 2023. The Fund's benchmark, the Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA's) cash rate plus 1.5% returned 4.39% for the same period.

The performance of the Smarter Money Higher Income Fund USD Investor Class was 5.17% (net of fees) for the year ended 30 June 2023. The Fund's benchmark, the midpoint of the US Federal Funds Target Range plus 1.5% was 5.39% for the same period.

Fund's performance is calculated based on the percentage change in the Redemption Price in the Fund over the period (With any distributions paid during the period reinvested). Returns are disclosed after fees and expenses but before taxes.

The performance of the Fund, as represented by the results of its operations, was as follows:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unit holders for the year (\$'000)	36,814	(15,190)
<b>Direct Investor Class</b>		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	6,424	3,056
Distributions cents per unit (CPU)	3.2000	0.8200
<b>Institutional Class A</b>		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	4,189	1,308
Distributions cents per unit (CPU)	3.4103	0.8200

**DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**Review and results of operations (continued)**

	Year ended	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
<b>Assisted Investor Class</b>		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	15,290	4,014
Distributions cents per unit (CPU)	3.2000	0.8200
<b>USD Investor Class</b>		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	107	9
Distributions cents per unit (CPU)	23.2635	0.8104
<b>Base Fee Class</b>		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	54	-*
Distributions cents per unit (CPU)	3.2000	0.8200
<b>Zero Fee Class</b>		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	676	32
Distributions cents per unit (CPU)	3.2000	0.6200

\*During the year ended 30 June 2022, a total distribution of \$17.37 was declared to Base Fee Class unit holders.

**Significant changes in the state of affairs**

David B Warren was appointed as a director of Equity Trustees Limited on 6 March 2023.

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 year.

**Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year**

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2023 that has significantly affected, or may have a significant effect on:

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

**Likely developments and expected results of operations**

The Fund will continue to 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 and auditors**

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 Responsible Entity has not, during or since the end of the financial year, except to the extent permitted by law, indemnified or agreed to indemnify the auditor of the Fund against a liability incurred as auditor.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **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 year are disclosed in Note 16 to the financial statements.

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

The number of interests in the Fund held by the Responsible Entity or its associates as at the end of the financial year are disclosed in Note 16 to the financial statements.

### **Interests in the Fund**

The movement in units on issue in the Fund during the year is disclosed in Note 9 to the financial statements.

The value of the Fund's assets and liabilities is disclosed in the statement of financial position and derived using the basis set out in Note 2 to the financial statements.

### **Environmental regulation**

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

### **Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars**

Amounts in the Directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars 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 5.

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  
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## **Auditor's independence declaration to the directors of Equity Trustees Limited as Responsible Entity for Smarter Money Higher Income Fund**

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Smarter Money Higher Income Fund for the financial year ended 30 June 2023, I declare 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;
- b. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit; and
- c. No non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ernst &amp; Young'.

Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jonathan Hall'.

Jonathan Hall  
Partner  
28 September 2023

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

	Note	Year ended	
		30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
<b>Investment income</b>			
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost		765	78
Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		31,947	17,788
Distribution income		632	848
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)		-	66
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		10,935	(26,932)
Management fees and costs reimbursements	16	3	-
Other income		13	1
<b>Total investment income/(loss)</b>		<b>44,295</b>	<b>(8,151)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Interest expense from financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		-	179
Interest expense from financial liabilities at amortised cost		4	-
Management fees and costs	16	5,217	5,988
Performance fees	16	1,659	1
Transaction costs		104	83
Withholding taxes		211	699
Other expenses		286	89
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>7,481</b>	<b>7,039</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unit holders for the year</b>		<b>36,814</b>	<b>(15,190)</b>
<b>Finance costs attributable to unit holders</b>			
Distributions to unit holders	10	(26,740)	(8,419)
(Increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders	9	(10,074)	23,609
<b>Profit/(loss) for the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	Note	As at	
		30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	11	11,238	29,267
Margin accounts		6,277	16,496
Receivables	13	5,421	5,421
Due from brokers – receivable for securities sold		6,430	2,597
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	687,496	931,982
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>716,862</b>	<b>985,763</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Distributions payable	10	8,465	2,008
Payables	14	794	481
Due to brokers – payable for securities purchased		4,600	1,180
Margin accounts		257	1,193
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	7	868	8,030
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unit holders)</b>		<b>14,984</b>	<b>12,892</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unit holders - liability</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>701,878</b>	<b>972,871</b>

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

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

	Year ended	
	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
<b>Total equity at the beginning of the financial year</b>	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	-	-
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners	-	-
<b>Total equity at the end of the financial year*</b>	-	-

\*Under Australian Accounting Standards, net assets attributable to unit holders are classified as a liability rather than equity. As a result, there was no equity at the start or end of the financial year.

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

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

	Note	Year ended	
		30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Proceeds from sale/maturity of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		1,450,842	1,879,903
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		(1,202,996)	(2,046,859)
Interest income received from financial assets at amortised cost		757	86
Interest income received from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		31,958	16,539
Movement in margin accounts		9,283	(2,808)
Distribution income received		632	848
Other income received		13	1
Interest expense paid on financial liability at amortised cost		(4)	-
Interest expense paid on financial liability at fair value through profit or loss		-	(184)
Management fees and costs paid		(5,335)	(5,922)
Performance fees paid		(1,228)	(1)
Other expenses paid		(601)	(900)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	12 (a)	<b>283,321</b>	<b>(159,297)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from applications by unit holders		244,845	662,474
Payments for redemptions by unit holders		(531,953)	(482,993)
Distributions paid to unit holders		(14,242)	(9,967)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</b>		<b>(301,350)</b>	<b>169,514</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(18,029)</b>	<b>10,217</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		29,267	18,984
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		-	66
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	11	<b>11,238</b>	<b>29,267</b>
<b>Non-cash operating and financing activities</b>			
Issue of units under the distribution reinvestment plan	12 (b)	6,041	3,248

*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 Smarter Money Higher Income Fund (the "Fund") as an individual entity. The Fund is an Australian registered managed investment scheme which was constituted on 30 July 2014 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 "Responsible Entity"). 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 invests in a diversified portfolio of Australian cash, exchange traded derivatives, over-the-counter derivatives, bonds and hybrid securities in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

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 all years 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 do 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 and financial liabilities 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 and amended standards adopted by the Fund**

There are no standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2022 that have a material impact on the amounts recognised in the prior periods or will affect the current or future periods.

### **iii. 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 2023 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.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### 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.

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 its 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 equity securities and derivatives, the contractual cash flows of these instruments do not represent solely payments of principal and interest. Consequently, these investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

For debt securities, the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, however they are neither held for collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business objective. Consequently, the debt securities are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

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

- Financial liabilities

The Fund makes short sales in which a borrowed security is sold in anticipation of a decline in the market value of that security, or it may use short sales for various arbitrage transactions. Short sales are held for trading and are consequently classified as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. Derivative contracts that have a negative fair value are presented as liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

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 (due to brokers, margin accounts, distributions payable and management fees and costs payable).

#### ii. Recognition/derecognition

The Fund recognises financial assets and financial liabilities on the date it becomes a 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 right to receive cash flows from the financial assets has expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires. 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 '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 5 to the financial statements.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### b. Financial instruments (continued)

#### iii. Measurement (continued)

- 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 according to their classification using the effective interest rate method less any allowance for expected credit losses.

Cash and cash equivalents, due from brokers, receivables and margin accounts are carried at amortised cost.

#### iv. Impairment

At each reporting date, the Fund shall estimate a loss allowance on each of the financial assets at amortised cost (cash and cash equivalents, due from brokers, receivables and margin accounts) 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 counter party, probability that the counter party 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.

Financial assets and liabilities that have been offset are disclosed in Note 4.

#### 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 are classified as financial liabilities as the Fund is required to distribute its distributable income in accordance with the Fund's Constitution.

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.

#### 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 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.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### e. Margin accounts

Margin accounts comprise cash held as collateral for derivative transactions such as forward currency contracts. The margin account is intended to offset unrealised market value of derivative positions and neutralise counterparty credit risk. Hence if there is any significant increase in the market value of the derivative position, the Fund will receive collateral from the respective counterparty and this will be recorded as a margin liability of the Fund and vice versa. If cash has been paid to a counterparty, the cash is held by the counterparty and is only available to offset derivative position liabilities. It is not included as a component of cash and cash equivalents and is presented separately in the statement of financial position.

### f. Investment income

#### i. Interest income

Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost is recognised using the effective interest method and includes interest from cash and cash equivalents. Interest from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is determined based on the contractual coupon interest rate and includes interest from debt securities measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and of allocating the interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts throughout the expected life of the financial instrument, or a shorter period where appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Fund estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instruments (for example, prepayment options) but does not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees paid or received between the parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, including transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

Interest income on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is also recognised in the statement of comprehensive income. Changes in fair value of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in accordance with the policies described in Note 2(b) to the financial statements.

#### ii. Distributions

Trust distributions are recognised on an entitlement basis.

### g. Expenses

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

As per the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement (PDS), ordinary expenses such as investment management fees, Responsible Entity fees, custodian fees, administration and audit fees, and other ordinary expenses of operating the Fund are covered by the management fees and costs.

Interest expense from financial liability at amortised cost is recognised using the effective interest method and includes interest expenses from the credit facility.

### h. Income tax

Under current legislation, the Fund is not subject to income tax provided it distributes the entirety of its taxable income to its unit holders on present entitlement basis.

The Fund currently incurs withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income or gains are recorded gross of withholding taxes in the statement of comprehensive income. Withholding taxes are included in the statement of comprehensive income as an expense.

#### i. 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 comprehensive income as finance costs attributable to unit holders.

#### j. Increase/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unit holders. As the Fund's units are classified as financial liabilities, movements in net assets attributable to unit holders are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as finance costs.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### k. 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 year 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/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

#### l. Due from/to brokers

Amounts due from/to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet delivered by the end of the year. The due from brokers balance is held for collection and is recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

#### m. Receivables

Receivables may include amounts for interest and trust distributions. Trust distributions are accrued when the right to receive payment is established. Where applicable, interest is accrued on a daily basis. Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recorded as receivables.

#### n. Payables

Payables include liabilities, accrued expenses owed by the Fund and any distributions declared 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 1 July of the following financial year.

#### o. 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.

#### p. 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 on to 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.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### q. 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. Please see Note 3 for more information on credit risk.

For more information on how fair value is calculated refer to Note 5 to the financial statements.

### r. 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 to the nearest thousand dollars unless otherwise indicated.

## 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including market risk (which incorporates price risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

The Fund's overall risk management programme focuses on ensuring compliance with the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement and the investment guidelines of the Fund. It also seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Fund is exposed and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Fund's financial performance. The Fund's policy allows it to use derivative financial instruments in managing its financial risks.

All investments present a risk of loss of capital. The maximum loss of capital on debt securities is limited to the fair value of those positions. The maximum loss of capital on long futures and forward currency contracts is limited to the notional contract values of those positions.

The investments of the Fund, and associated risks, are managed by a specialist Investment Manager Coolabah Capital Investments (Retail) Pty Ltd, under an Investment Management Agreement (IMA) approved by the Responsible Entity, and containing the investment strategy and guidelines of the Fund, consistent with those stated in the Product Disclosure Statement.

The Fund uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods are explained below.

### a. Market risk

#### i. Price risk

The Fund is exposed to price risk on debt securities and derivatives. Price risk arises from investments held by the Fund for which prices in the future are uncertain. Where non-monetary financial instruments are denominated in currencies other than the Australian dollar, the price in the future will also fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates which are considered a component of price risk.

### 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### a. Market risk (continued)

##### i. Price risk (continued)

Price risk is managed by the reasonably possible movements approach. This approach is determined based on management's best estimate, having regard to a number of factors, including the historical correlation of the Fund's investments with the relevant benchmarks and market volatility. However, actual movements in the risk variables may be greater or less than anticipated due to a number of factors, including unusually large market shocks resulting from changes in the performance of the economies, markets and securities in which the Fund invests. As a result, historic variations in the risk variables are not a definitive indicator of future variations in the risk variables.

The table at Note 3(b) summarises the sensitivities of the Funds assets and liabilities to price risk. The analysis is based on the reasonably possible shift that the investment portfolio in which the Fund invests moves by +/- 10% (2022: +/-10%).

##### ii. Foreign exchange risk

The Fund operates internationally and holds both monetary and non-monetary assets denominated in currencies other than the Australian dollar. Foreign exchange risk arises as the value of monetary securities denominated in other currencies fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. The foreign exchange risk relating to non-monetary assets and liabilities is a component of price risk and not foreign exchange risk. However, the Investment Manager monitors the exposure of all foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities.

Foreign exchange risk is managed by entering into forward currency contracts that hedge any movement in exchange rates with respect to the Australian dollar.

The table below summarises the fair value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities, monetary and non-monetary, which are denominated in a currency other than the Australian dollar.

	US Dollars A\$'000	Euros A\$'000
<b>As at 30 June 2023</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	32	199
Receivables	173	671
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold	2,408	982
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	30,503	45,677
Due to brokers – payable for securities purchased	(3,619)	(981)
Margin accounts	(21)	(236)
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	(17)	-
<b>Net exposure</b>	<b>29,459</b>	<b>46,312</b>
Notional exposure from forward currency contracts		
Buy foreign currency	1,581	-
Sell foreign currency	(30,083)	(46,282)
<b>As at 30 June 2022</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	609	1,308
Margin accounts	27	-
Receivables	322	27
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	38,502	5,866
Margin accounts	(949)	(244)
<b>Net exposure</b>	<b>38,511</b>	<b>6,957</b>
Notional exposure from forward currency contracts		
Buy foreign currency	71,907	1
Sell foreign currency	(108,960)	(7,610)

The table at Note 3(b) summarises the sensitivities of the Fund's monetary assets and liabilities to foreign exchange risk. The analysis is based on the reasonably possible shift that the Australian dollar weakened and strengthened by 10% (2022: +/-10%) against the material foreign currencies to which the Fund is exposed.

##### iii. Interest rate risk

The Fund is exposed to cash flow interest rate risk on financial instruments with variable interest rates. Financial instruments with fixed rates expose the Fund to fair value interest rate risk.

### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### a. Market risk (continued)

##### iii. Interest rate risk (continued)

The Fund's interest bearing financial instruments expose it to risks associated with the effects of fluctuation in the prevailing levels of market interest rate on its financial positions and cash flows. The risk is measured using sensitivity analysis.

Interest rate risk management is undertaken by maintaining as close to a fully invested position as possible thus limiting the exposure of the Fund to interest rate risk.

The Fund's main interest rate risk arises from its investments in floating rate notes.

Interest rate risk is managed by using derivatives such as interest rate futures and bond futures to reduce interest rate risks incurred by investment in floating interest rate notes. The Fund cannot invest in fixed-rate (i.e. not floating-rate) debt securities with a term to maturity of longer than 24 months unless it reduces the interest rate risk.

The table below summarises the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk at the end of the reporting period.

	Floating interest rate \$'000	Fixed interest rate \$'000	Non- interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>As at 30 June 2023</b>				
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	11,193	-	45	11,238
Margin accounts	6,277	-	-	6,277
Receivables	-	-	5,421	5,421
Due from brokers – receivable for securities sold	-	-	6,430	6,430
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	518,387	167,863	1,246	687,496
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>535,857</b>	<b>167,863</b>	<b>13,142</b>	<b>716,862</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Distributions payable	-	-	8,465	8,465
Payables	-	-	794	794
Due to brokers – payable for securities purchased	-	-	4,600	4,600
Margin accounts	257	-	-	257
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	868	868
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,727</b>	<b>14,984</b>
Net increase/(decrease) in exposure from interest rate futures	-	-	-	-
<b>Net exposure</b>	<b>535,600</b>	<b>167,863</b>	<b>(1,585)</b>	<b>701,878</b>
<b>As at 30 June 2022</b>				
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	1,890	-	27,377	29,267
Margin accounts	16,496	-	-	16,496
Receivables	-	-	5,421	5,421
Due from brokers – receivable for securities sold	-	-	2,597	2,597
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	337,839	591,037	3,106	931,982
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>356,225</b>	<b>591,037</b>	<b>38,501</b>	<b>985,763</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Distributions payable	-	-	2,008	2,008
Payables	-	-	481	481
Due to brokers – payable for securities purchased	-	-	1,180	1,180
Margin accounts	1,193	-	-	1,193
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	8,030	8,030
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,699</b>	<b>12,892</b>
Net increase/(decrease) in exposure from interest rate futures	-	-	-	-
<b>Net exposure</b>	<b>355,032</b>	<b>591,037</b>	<b>26,802</b>	<b>972,871</b>

The table at Note 3(b) summarises the impact of an increase/decrease in interest rates on the Fund's operating profit and net assets attributable to unit holders through changes in fair value or changes in future cash flows. The analysis is based on the reasonably possible shift that the interest rates changed by +/- 200 basis points (2022: +/- 200 basis points) from the year end rates with all other variables held constant.

### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### b. Summarised sensitivity analysis

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's operating profit and net assets attributable to unit holders to market risks. The reasonably possible movements in the risk variables have been determined based on management's best estimate, having regard to a number of factors, including historical levels of changes in foreign exchange rates, interest rates and the historical correlation of the Fund's investments with the relevant benchmark and market volatility. However, actual movements in the risk variables may be greater or less than anticipated due to a number of factors, including unusually large market movements resulting from changes in the performance of and/or correlation between the performances of the economies, markets and securities in which the Fund invests. As a result, historic variations in risk variables should not be used to predict future variances in the risk variables.

	Impact on operating profit/net assets attributable to unit holders					
	Price risk		Foreign exchange risk		Interest rate risk	
	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%	+200bps	-200bps
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
As at 30 June 2023	68,663	(68,663)	(39)	39	10,712	(10,712)
As at 30 June 2022	92,395	(92,395)	110	(110)	7,100	(7,100)

#### c. Credit risk

The Fund is exposed to credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay its obligations in full when they fall due, causing a financial loss to the Fund.

The main concentration of credit risk, to which the Fund is exposed, arises from the Funds investment in debt securities. The Fund is also exposed to counterparty credit risk on derivative financial instruments, cash and cash equivalents, amounts due to from brokers and other receivables.

The Fund determines credit risk and measures expected credit losses for financial assets measured at amortised cost using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management consider both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any expected credit loss. At 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022, all receivables, amounts due from brokers, cash and short-term deposits are held with counterparties with a credit rating of A+ or higher and are either callable on demand or due to be settled within 1 week. Management consider the probability of default to be close to zero as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

#### i. Debt securities

The Fund invests into debt securities subject to its limits as set out in the Product Disclosure Statement. The overall credit risk of the debt securities held is actively monitored by the Investment Manager. The credit rating used for debt securities is based on the following order, where available: Standard & Poor's Rating Services, Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings. Where credit rating is not provided by the credit rating agencies, the security issuer's own credit rating may be used, or otherwise the security is treated as unrated.

An analysis of debt by rating is set out in the table below.

	Year ended	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Floating rate notes rating</b>		
AAA to A	212,304	5,509
A- to BBB+	259,646	220,918
BBB to BBB-	44,122	104,284
BB+ to BB-	2,315	7,128
<b>Total</b>	<b>518,387</b>	<b>337,839</b>
<b>Fixed interest notes rating</b>		
AAA to A	52,876	558,442
A- to BBB	114,987	32,595
<b>Total</b>	<b>167,863</b>	<b>591,037</b>

### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### c. Credit risk (continued)

##### ii. Derivative financial instruments

The Fund also restricts its exposure to credit losses on the trading of derivative instruments it holds by entering into master netting arrangements with counterparties (approved brokers) with whom it undertakes a significant volume of transactions. Credit risk associated with favourable contracts is reduced by master netting arrangement to the extent that if an event of default occurs, all amounts with the counterparty are closed and settled on a net basis. The Fund's overall exposure to credit risk on derivative instruments subject to a master netting arrangement can change substantially within a short period, as it is affected by each transaction subject to the arrangements. Refer to Note 4 to the financial statements for further analysis of the Fund's master netting arrangements.

##### iii. Settlement of securities transactions

All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered low, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made once the securities purchased have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligations.

##### iv. Cash and cash equivalents, due from brokers and margin accounts

The exposure to credit risk for cash and cash equivalents, due from brokers and margin accounts is low as the counterparties have a rating of A+ (as determined by Standard & Poor's) or higher.

The counterparties rating as at 30 June 2023 were Australia and New Zealand Banking Group with a rating of AA- (30 June 2022: AA-), Commonwealth Bank of Australia with a credit rating AA- (30 June 2022: AA-), Arab Bank Australia Limited with an unrated credit rating (30 June 2022: BBB), Bell Potter with an unrated credit rating (30 June 2022: unrated credit rating) and JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A with a credit rating of A+ (30 June 2022: A+).

##### v. Other

The Fund is not materially exposed to credit risk on other financial assets.

##### vi. Maximum exposure to credit risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk before any credit enhancements at the end of each reporting period is the carrying amount of the financial assets. None of these assets are impaired nor past due but not impaired.

#### d. Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle its obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous.

Exposure to liquidity risk for the Fund may arise from the requirement to meet daily unit holder redemption requests, margin calls on derivative transactions or to fund foreign exchange related cash flow requirements.

Liquidity risk is managed by the Fund's investment in financial instruments, which under normal market conditions are readily convertible to cash, as the majority are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX). In addition, the Fund maintains sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet normal operating requirements.

In order to manage the Fund's overall liquidity, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer or adjust redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unit holders. The Fund did not reject or withhold any redemptions during 2023 and 2022.

##### i. Maturities of non-derivative financial liabilities

All non-derivative financial liabilities of the Fund in the current period have maturities of less than 1 month.

##### ii. Maturities of net settled derivative financial instruments

The table below analyses the Fund's net settled derivative financial instruments based on their contractual maturity. The Fund may, at its discretion, settle financial instruments prior to their original contractual settlement date, in accordance with its investment strategy, where permitted by the terms and conditions of the relevant instruments.

### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### d. Liquidity risk (continued)

##### ii. Maturities of net settled derivative financial instruments (continued)

	Less than 1 month \$'000	1 to 6 months \$'000	6 to 12 months \$'000	Over 12 months \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>As at 30 June 2023</b>					
Net settled derivatives					
Futures contracts	-	1,143	-	-	1,143
Forward currency contracts	(769)	4	-	-	(765)
<b>Total net settled derivatives</b>	<b>(769)</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>378</b>
<b>As at 30 June 2022</b>					
Net settled derivatives					
Futures contracts	-	479	-	-	479
Forward currency contracts	(5,370)	(33)	-	-	(5,403)
<b>Total net settled derivatives</b>	<b>(5,370)</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(4,924)</b>

### 4. OFFSETTING FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is 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. The gross and net positions of financial assets and liabilities that have been offset in the statement of financial position are disclosed in the first three columns of the tables below.

	Effects of offsetting on the statement of financial position			Related amounts not offset		
	Gross amounts of financial instruments \$'000	Gross amounts set off in the statement of financial position \$'000	Net amount of financial instruments presented in the statement of financial position \$'000	Amounts subject to master netting arrangement \$'000	Collateral received/ pledged \$'000	Net amount \$'000
<b>As at 30 June 2023</b>						
<b>Financial assets</b>						
Futures contracts	1,160	-	1,160	-	4,977	6,137
Forward currency contracts	86	-	86	-	620	706
Interest rate swaps	-	-	-	-	680	680
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,277</b>	<b>7,523</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
Futures contracts	17	-	17	-	247	264
Forward currency contracts	851	-	851	-	-	851
Interest rate swaps	-	-	-	-	10	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>1,125</b>
<b>As at 30 June 2022</b>						
<b>Financial assets</b>						
Futures contracts	993	-	993	-	10,454	11,447
Forward currency contracts	2,113	-	2,113	-	5,470	7,583
Interest rate swaps	-	-	-	-	572	572
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,106</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,106</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,496</b>	<b>19,602</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
Futures contracts	514	-	514	-	1,193	1,707
Forward currency contracts	7,516	-	7,516	-	-	7,516
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,030</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,030</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>9,223</b>

#### 4. OFFSETTING FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

##### a. Master netting arrangement – not currently enforceable due to a termination trigger event

Agreements with derivative counterparties are based on the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) Master Agreement. Under the terms of these arrangements, only when certain credit events occur (such as termination trigger event arising from an event of default), the net position owing/receivable to a single counterparty in the same currency will be taken as owing and all the relevant arrangements terminated. As the Fund does not presently have a legally enforceable right of set-off arising from a termination trigger event, these amounts have not been offset in the statement of financial position, but have been presented separately in the above table.

#### 5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

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

- Financial assets/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (see Note 6 and Note 7)
- Derivative financial instruments (see Note 8)

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.

##### a. Fair value in an active market (level 1)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs.

The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Fund is the current bid price; the quoted market price for financial liabilities is the current asking price. When the Fund holds derivatives with offsetting market risks, it uses mid-market prices as a basis for establishing fair values for the offsetting risk positions and applies this bid or asking price to the net open position, as appropriate.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

##### b. Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (level 2)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of a substantially similar other instrument, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

The Fund invests in debt securities, corporate and government bonds and treasury securities. In the absence of a quoted price in an active market, they are valued using observable inputs such as recently executed transaction prices in securities of the issuer or comparable issuers and yield curves. Adjustments are made to the valuations when necessary to recognise differences in the instrument's terms. To the extent that the significant inputs are observable, the Fund categorises these investments as level 2.

The fair value of derivatives that are not exchange traded is estimated at the amount that the Fund would receive or pay to terminate the contract at the end of the reporting period taking into account current market conditions (volatility and appropriate yield curve) and the current creditworthiness of the counterparties. The fair value of a forward contract (other than a forward currency contract) is determined as a net present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at appropriate market rates as at the valuation date.

Some of the inputs to these models may not be market observable and are therefore estimated based on assumptions. The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Fund holds. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including liquidity risk and counterparty risk.

## 5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (CONTINUED)

### c. Recognised fair value measurements

The table below presents the Fund's financial assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value as at 30 June 2023.

	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>As at 30 June 2023</b>				
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Floating rate notes	-	518,387	-	518,387
Fixed interest notes	-	167,863	-	167,863
Forward currency contracts	-	86	-	86
Futures contracts	1,160	-	-	1,160
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>686,336</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>687,496</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Futures contracts	17	-	-	17
Forward currency contracts	-	851	-	851
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>868</b>

As at 30 June 2022

<b>Financial assets</b>				
Floating rate notes	-	337,839	-	337,839
Fixed interest notes	-	591,037	-	591,037
Forward currency contracts	-	2,113	-	2,113
Futures contracts	993	-	-	993
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>930,989</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>931,982</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Futures contracts	514	-	-	514
Forward currency contracts	-	7,516	-	7,516
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>7,516</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,030</b>

### d. Transfer between levels

Management's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

There were no transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period.

### e. Financial instruments not carried at fair value

The financial instruments not measured at fair value through profit or loss include:

- i. Cash and cash equivalents, balances due from/to brokers and receivables/payables under sale and repurchase agreements. These are short-term financial assets and financial liabilities whose carrying amounts approximate fair value, because of their short-term nature and the high credit quality of counterparties; and
- ii. Net assets attributable to unit holders. The Fund routinely redeems and issues the units at the amount equal to the proportionate share of net assets of the Fund at the time of redemption, calculated on a basis consistent with that used in these financial statements. Accordingly, the carrying amount of net assets attributable to unit holders approximates their fair value. Any difference is not material in the current year or prior year.

## 6. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	As at	
	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Floating rate notes	518,387	337,839
Fixed interest notes	167,863	591,037
Forward currency contracts	86	2,113
Futures contracts	1,160	993
<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>687,496</b>	<b>931,982</b>

## 6. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

An overview of the risk exposures and fair value measurements relating to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is included in Note 3 and Note 5 to the financial statements.

## 7. FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	As at	
	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Futures contracts	17	514
Forward currency contracts	851	7,516
<b>Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>8,030</b>

An overview of the risk exposures and fair value measurements relating to financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss is included in Note 3 and Note 5 to the financial statements.

## 8. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In the normal course of business the Fund enters into transactions in various derivative financial instruments which have certain risks. A derivative is a financial instrument or other contract which is settled at a future date and whose value changes in response to the change in a specified interest rate, financial instrument price, commodity price, foreign exchange rate, index of prices or rates, credit rating or credit index or other variable.

Derivative financial instruments require no initial net investment or an initial net investment that is smaller than would be required for other types of contracts that would be expected to have a similar response to changes in market factors.

Derivative transactions include many different instruments such as forwards, futures and options. Derivatives are considered to be part of the investment process and the use of derivatives is an essential part of the Fund's portfolio management. Derivatives are not managed in isolation. Consequently, the use of derivatives is multifaceted and includes:

- hedging to protect an asset or liability of the Fund against a fluctuation in market values, foreign exchange risk or to reduce volatility;
- a substitution for trading of physical securities; and
- adjusting asset exposures within the parameters set in the investment strategy, and adjusting the duration of fixed interest portfolios or the weighted average maturity of cash portfolios.

While derivatives are used for trading purposes, they are not used to gear (leverage) a portfolio. Gearing a portfolio would occur if the level of exposure to the markets exceeds the underlying value of the Fund.

To mitigate leverage risk, the Fund monitors the overall exposures that leverage grants it, along with the potentially increased risks, and ensures that risks remain within internally set parameters.

The Fund holds the following derivatives:

### a. Futures contracts

Futures are contractual obligations to buy or sell financial instruments on a future date at a specified price established in an organised market. The futures contracts are collateralised by cash or marketable securities. Changes in futures contracts' values are usually settled net daily with the exchange. Interest rate futures are contractual obligations to receive or pay a net amount based on changes in interest rates at a future date at a specified price, established in an organised financial market.

### b. Forward currency contracts

Forward currency contracts are primarily used by the Fund to economically hedge against foreign currency exchange rate risks on its non-Australian dollar denominated trading securities. The Fund agrees to receive or deliver a fixed quantity of foreign currency for an agreed upon price on an agreed future date. Forward currency contracts are valued at the prevailing bid price at the end of each reporting period. The Fund recognises a gain or loss equal to the change in fair value at the end of each reporting period.

## 8. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Fund's derivative financial instruments measured at fair value at year end are detailed below:

	Contractual/ notional \$'000	Assets \$'000	Liabilities \$'000
<b>As at 30 June 2023</b>			
Futures contracts	(169,969)	1,160	17
Forward currency contracts	77,135	86	851
<b>Total derivatives</b>	<b>(92,834)</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>868</b>
<b>As at 30 June 2022</b>			
Futures contracts	(577,864)	993	514
Forward currency contracts	179,024	2,113	7,516
<b>Total derivatives</b>	<b>(398,840)</b>	<b>3,106</b>	<b>8,030</b>

Information about the Fund's exposure to credit risk, foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk and about the methods and assumptions used in determining fair values is provided in Note 3 and Note 5 to the financial statements. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the reporting period is the carrying amount of each class of derivative financial instruments disclosed above.

## 9. NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS - LIABILITY

The Fund's units are classified as a liability as they do not meet the definition of a financial instrument to be classified as equity.

Movements in the number of units and net assets attributable to unit holders during the year were as follows:

	Year ended		Year ended	
	30 June 2023 Units '000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 Units '000	30 June 2022 \$'000
<b>Direct Investor Class</b>				
Opening balance	319,367	311,042	338,089	336,984
Applications	22,603	22,181	193,344	192,111
Redemptions	(169,850)	(166,562)	(213,074)	(210,776)
Reinvestment of distributions	1,618	1,583	1,008	1,002
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-	2,878	-	(8,279)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>173,738</b>	<b>171,122</b>	<b>319,367</b>	<b>311,042</b>
<b>Institutional Class A</b>				
Opening balance	192,555	188,184	44,454	44,382
Applications	7,213	7,094	189,700	188,866
Redemptions	(135,592)	(133,891)	(42,630)	(42,173)
Reinvestment of distributions	2,350	2,310	1,031	1,026
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-	1,987	-	(3,917)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>66,526</b>	<b>65,684</b>	<b>192,555</b>	<b>188,184</b>
<b>Assisted Investor Class</b>				
Opening balance	478,176	462,761	432,475	429,002
Applications	204,392	199,137	267,785	264,242
Redemptions	(235,575)	(229,963)	(223,318)	(219,878)
Reinvestment of distributions	2,202	2,140	1,234	1,220
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-	4,851	-	(11,825)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>449,195</b>	<b>438,926</b>	<b>478,176</b>	<b>462,761</b>
<b>USD Investor Class</b>				
Opening balance	1,079	1,619	2,426	3,381
Applications	94	146	5,536	7,869
Redemptions	(720)	(1,148)	(6,883)	(10,166)
Reinvestment of distributions	6	8	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-	17	-	535
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>1,619</b>

**9. NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS - LIABILITY (CONTINUED)**

	Year ended		Year ended	
	30 June 2023 Units '000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 Units '000	30 June 2022 \$'000
<b>Base Fee Class</b>				
Opening balance	2	2	2	2
Applications	2,385	2,318	-	-
Redemptions	(91)	(89)	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-	8	-	-
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>2,296</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Zero Fee Class</b>				
Opening balance	9,288	9,263	-	-
Applications	13,868	13,969	9,288	9,386
Redemptions	(298)	(300)	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-	333	-	(123)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>22,858</b>	<b>23,265</b>	<b>9,288</b>	<b>9,263</b>
<b>Closing balance</b>		<b>701,878</b>		<b>972,871</b>

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 six separate classes of units (2022: six separate classes of units). Each unit within the same class has the same rights as all other units within that class. Each unit class has a different management fee rate.

As the units on issue comprise multiple classes of units with non-identical features, the Fund's net assets attributable to unit holders cannot be classified as equity; and therefore, have continued to be classified as a liability in accordance with AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*.

Units are redeemed 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 twelve months after the end of the reporting period cannot be reliably determined.

**Capital risk management**

The Fund considers its net assets attributable to unit holders as capital, notwithstanding that net assets attributable to unit holders are classified as a liability. The amount of net assets attributable to unit holders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily applications and redemptions at the discretion of unit holders.

Daily applications and redemptions are reviewed relative to the liquidity of the Fund's underlying assets on a daily basis by the Responsible Entity. Under the terms of the Fund's Constitution, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer or adjust redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unit holders.

**10. DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNIT HOLDERS**

The distributions declared during the year were as follows:

	Year ended		Year ended	
	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2023 CPU	30 June 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 CPU
<b>Distributions - Direct Investor Class</b>				
September	1,296	0.5000	795	0.2000
December	1,402	0.6500	838	0.2000
March	1,728	0.9000	784	0.2200
June (payable)	1,998	1.1500	639	0.2000
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>6,424</b>	<b>3.2000</b>	<b>3,056</b>	<b>0.8200</b>

#### 10. DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNIT HOLDERS (CONTINUED)

	Year ended		Year ended	
	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2023 CPU	30 June 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 CPU
<b>Distributions - Institutional Class A</b>				
September	926	0.5000	152	0.2000
December	1,036	0.6500	309	0.2000
March	1,322	0.9000	462	0.2200
June (payable)	905	1.3603	385	0.2000
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>4,189</b>	<b>3.4103</b>	1,308	0.8200
<b>Distributions - Assisted Investor Class</b>				
September	2,582	0.5000	937	0.2000
December	3,264	0.6500	991	0.2000
March	4,278	0.9000	1,130	0.2200
June (payable)	5,166	1.1500	956	0.2000
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>15,290</b>	<b>3.2000</b>	4,014	0.8200
<b>Distributions - USD Investor Class</b>				
September	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-
March	-	-	-	-
June (payable)	107	23.2635	9	0.8104
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>23.2635</b>	9	0.8104
<b>Distributions - Base Fee Class</b>				
September	2	0.5000	-*	0.2000
December	10	0.6500	-.**	0.2000
March	16	0.9000	-.***	0.2200
June (payable)	26	1.1500	-.****	0.2000
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>3.2000</b>	-	0.8200
<b>Distributions - Zero Fee Class</b>				
September	92	0.5000	-	-
December	128	0.6500	-.*****	0.2000
March	193	0.9000	13	0.2200
June (payable)	263	1.1500	19	0.2000
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>3.2000</b>	32	0.6200
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>26,740</b>		8,419	

\* As at 30 September 2021, a total distribution of \$4 was declared to Base Fee Class unit holders.

\*\* As at 31 December 2021, a total distribution of \$4 was declared to Base Fee Class unit holders.

\*\*\* As at 31 March 2022, a total distribution of \$5 was declared to Base Fee Class unit holders.

\*\*\*\* As at 30 June 2022, a total distribution of \$4 was declared to Base Fee Class unit holders.

\*\*\*\*\* As at 31 December 2021, a total distribution of \$93 was declared to Zero Fee Class unit holders.

#### 11. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	As at	
	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Cash at bank	11,238	29,267
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>11,238</b>	<b>29,267</b>

## 12. 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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	10,074	(23,609)
Distributions to unit holders	26,740	8,419
Proceeds from sale/maturity of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	1,450,842	1,879,903
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(1,202,996)	(2,046,859)
Net (gains)/losses on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(10,935)	26,932
Movement in margin accounts	9,283	(2,808)
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents	-	(66)
Net change in receivables	-	(1,270)
Net change in payables	313	61
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	<b>283,321</b>	<b>(159,297)</b>

### b. Non-cash operating and financing activities

The following distribution payments to unit holders were satisfied by the issue of units under the distribution reinvestment plan

	6,041	3,248
<b>Total non-cash operating and financing activities</b>	<b>6,041</b>	<b>3,248</b>

As described in Note 2(j), income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unit holders. The change in this amount for the year (as reported in (a) above) represents a non-cash financing cost as it is not settled in cash until such time as it becomes distributable.

## 13. RECEIVABLES

	As at	
	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Interest receivable	5,303	5,306
GST receivable	115	115
Management fees and costs reimbursement receivable	3	-
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b>5,421</b>	<b>5,421</b>

## 14. PAYABLES

	As at	
	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Management fees and costs payable	363	481
Performance fees payable	431	-
<b>Total payables</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>481</b>

## 15. REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

During the year, the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditors of the Fund:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	\$	\$
<b>Ernst &amp; Young</b>		
<i>Audit and other assurance services</i>		
Audit and review of financial statements	22,275	21,213
<b>Total auditor remuneration and other assurance services</b>	<b>22,275</b>	<b>21,213</b>
<i>Taxation services</i>		
Tax compliance services	11,853	11,077
<b>Total remuneration for taxation services</b>	<b>11,853</b>	<b>11,077</b>
<b>Total remuneration of Ernst &amp; Young</b>	<b>34,128</b>	<b>32,290</b>
<b>PricewaterhouseCoopers</b>		
<i>Audit and other assurance services</i>		
Audit of compliance plan	2,346	1,805
<b>Total auditor remuneration and other assurance services</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>1,805</b>
<b>Total remuneration of PricewaterhouseCoopers</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>1,805</b>

The auditors' remuneration is borne by the Fund. Fees are stated exclusive of GST.

## 16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Responsible Entity of Smarter Money Higher Income Fund is Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) (AFSL 240975). Accordingly, transactions with entities related to Equity Trustees Limited are disclosed below.

The Responsible Entity has contracted services to Coolabah Capital Investments (Retail) Pty Limited to act as Investment Manager for the Fund and Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd to act as Custodian, Administrator and Registrar for the Fund. The contracts are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

### a. Key management personnel

#### i. Directors

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

Philip D Gentry	Chairman
Michael J O'Brien	
Russell W Beasley	
Mary A O'Connor	
David B Warren	(appointed 6 March 2023)

#### ii. Responsible Entity

Other than fees paid to the Responsible Entity, there were no other transactions.

#### iii. Other key management personnel

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

### 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 2023 (30 June 2022: nil).

## 16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

### d. Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel were 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 the key management personnel or their personally related entities at any time during the reporting period.

### f. Other transactions within the Fund

Apart from those details disclosed in this note, no key management personnel have entered into a material contract with the Fund during the financial year and there were no material contracts involving management personnel's interests existing at year end.

### g. Responsible Entity fees, Investment Manager's fees and other transactions

Under the terms of the Fund's Constitution and Product Disclosure Statement for the Fund, the Responsible Entity and the Investment Manager are entitled to receive fees.

The Investment Manager is also entitled to a performance fee.

The transactions during the year and amounts payable as at year end between the Fund, the Responsible Entity and the Investment Manager were as follows:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	\$	\$
Management fees and costs for the year	5,217,074	5,987,528
Performance fees for the year	1,659,330	511
Management fees and costs reimbursement for the year	2,769	-
Management fees and costs payable at year end	363,061	480,951
Performance fees payable at year end	430,793	-
Management fees and costs reimbursement at year end	2,769	-

Equity Trustees Limited earned \$398,330 (2022: \$477,094) for Responsible Entity services provided to the Fund, paid from management costs.

For information on how management and performance fees are calculated please refer to the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement.

The management fees and costs borne by the Fund are paid to the Investment Manager, who in turn provides the on-payment of the fees to the respective service providers. Expense recoveries include Responsible Entity fees, custodian and administrator fees, audit fees and other expenses.

Investment Management fees reimbursed represent monies put into the Fund to ensure that the Fund's overall management costs remain within that disclosed in the Product Disclosure Statement.

### h. Related party unit holdings

Parties related to the Fund (including Equity Trustees Limited, its related parties and other funds managed by Equity Trustees Limited and the Investment Manager) held units in the Fund as follows.

Unit holder	Number of units held opening	Number of units held closing	Fair value of investment	Interest held	Number of units acquired	Number of units disposed	Distributions paid/payable by the Fund
			\$	%			\$
<b>As at 30 June 2023</b>							
Coolabah Capital Investments Pty Limited	511	513	713	-	2	-	117
Coolabah Capital Investments (Retail) Pty Limited (Trustee for the Coolabah Capital Investments (Retail) Unit Trust)	2,122	2,172	2,119	-	50	-	69

## 16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

### h. Related party unit holdings (continued)

	Number of units held opening	Number of units held closing	Fair value of investment \$	Interest held %	Number of units acquired	Number of units disposed	Distributions paid/payable by the Fund \$
As at 30 June 2022							
Coolabah Capital Investments Pty Limited	509	511	761	0.0000	2	-	3
Coolabah Capital Investments (Retail) Pty Limited (Trustee for the Coolabah Capital Investments (Retail) Unit Trust)	2,098	2,122	2,051	0.0000	24	-	17

### i. Investments

The Fund did not hold any investments in Equity Trustees Limited or its related parties during the year (2022: nil).

## 17. EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

No significant events have occurred since the end of the year which would impact on the financial position of the Fund disclosed in the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the year ended on that date.

## 18. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

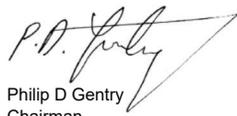
There were no outstanding contingent assets and liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022.

## DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the opinion of the Directors of the Responsible Entity:

- a. The financial statements and notes set out on pages 6 to 31 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 2023 and of its performance for the financial year 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  
28 September 2023

## Independent Auditor's Report to the unitholders of Smarter Money Higher Income Fund

### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Smarter Money Higher Income Fund (the Fund), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of 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 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

### 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 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 and 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.

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

### Information other than the financial report and auditor's report thereon

The Directors of the Equity Trustees Limited (Responsible Entity) are responsible for the other information. The other information is the directors' report accompanying the financial report.

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, 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 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 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 Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Fund 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 this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ▶ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- ▶ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- ▶ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors of the Responsible Entity.
- ▶ Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors of the Responsible Entity of the Funds' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ▶ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.



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We communicate with the Directors of the Responsible Entity regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jonathan Hall' in a cursive script.

Jonathan Hall  
Partner  
Sydney  
28 September 2023