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This annual report covers SGH ICE as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of SGH ICE 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 SGH ICE (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 portfolio of 30 - 50 securities that are listed, or due to be listed within the next 12 months, on a recognised stock exchange and cash 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	SG Hiscock & Company Limited
Administrator	Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd (an Apex Group Company)*
Custodian	State Street Australia Limited
Statutory Auditor	BDO Audit Pty Ltd

\*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 Fund's performance was 8.50% (net of fees) for the year ended 30 June 2023. The Fund's benchmark, the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index, returned 9.37% for the same period. The Fund's performance is calculated based on the percentage change in the Fund's redemption price over the period (with any distributions paid during the period reinvested). Returns are disclosed after fees and expenses.

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)	37,928	(142,485)
Distributions - Class A		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	8,760	61,267
Distributions (cents per unit)	3.7401	26.5026
Distributions - Class B		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	481	3,409
Distributions (cents per unit)	3.7401	26.5026
Distributions - Class SGH ICE Professional Investor Fund		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	1,864	11,348
Distributions (cents per unit)	3.7401	26.5026

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 changes in the state of affairs of the Fund that occurred during the financial year.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### 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

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 and its associates

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its associates out of Fund property during the year are disclosed in Note 13 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 13 to the financial statements.

#### Interests in the Fund

The movement in units on issue in the Fund during the year is disclosed in Note 6 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 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 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 14 September 2023



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# DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY JAMES DIXON TO THE DIRECTORS OF EQUITY TRUSTEES LIMITED AS RESPONSIBLE ENTITY FOR SGH ICE

As lead auditor of SGH ICE for the year ended 30 June 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- 1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- 2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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James Dixon Director

**BDO Audit Pty Ltd** 

Melbourne, 14 September 2023

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# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		Year en	ded
	Note	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Investment income			
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost		1,480	29
Dividend and distribution income		16,471	13,136
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)		9	(16)
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		29,210	(144,669)
Other income		-	45
Total investment Income/(loss)		47,170	(131,475)
Expenses			
Management fees and costs		6,501	8,467
Withholding taxes		467	158
Transaction costs		2,274	2,385
Total expenses		9,242	11,010
Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unit holders for the year		37,928	(142,485)
Finance costs attributable to unit holders			
Distributions to unit holders	7	(11,105)	(76,024)
(Increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders	6	(26,823)	218,509
Profit/(loss) for the year		-	-
Other comprehensive income		-	
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-

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

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	A		As at	
		30 June 2023	30 June 2022	
•	Note	\$'000	\$'000	
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	8	42,162	89,390	
Receivables	10	988	1,388	
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold		-	3,178	
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	504,961	481,074	
Total assets		548,111	575,030	
Liabilities				
Distributions payable	7	8,712	73,218	
Payables	11	1,061	1,177	
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased		-	3,000	
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unit holders)		9,773	77,395	
Net assets attributable to unit holders – liability	6	538,338	497,635	

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

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

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

\*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

	Year		ended	
	Note	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000	
Cash flows from operating activities				
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		500,041	572,334	
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		(494,540)	(507,897)	
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)		-	(1)	
Interest income received from financial assets at amortised cost		1,436	30	
Dividends and distributions received		16,496	12,071	
Other income received		-	45	
Management fees and costs paid		(6,617)	(8,661)	
Transaction costs paid		(2,274)	(2,385)	
Other expenses paid		(48)	(40)	
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	9(a)	14,494	65,496	
Cash flows from financing activities				
Proceeds from applications by unit holders		102,549	121,926	
Payments for redemptions by unit holders		(97,267)	(114,713)	
Distributions paid to unit holders		(67,013)	(57,987)	
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		(61,731)	(50,774)	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(47,237)	14,722	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		89,390	74,683	
Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		9	(15)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	8	42,162	89,390	
Non-cash operating and financing activities	9(b)	8,598	7,769	

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 SGH ICE (the "Fund") as an individual entity. The Fund is an Australian registered managed investment scheme which was constituted on 7 February 2006 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 portfolio of 30 - 50 securities that are listed, or due to be listed within the next 12 months, on a recognised stock exchange and cash 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 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 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.

#### b. Financial instruments

- i. Classification
- Financial assets

The Fund classifies its financials 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.

#### b. Financial instruments (continued)

#### i. Classification (continued)

For equity securities, unit trusts and property trusts, 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 cash and cash equivalents 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 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 and loss, these are classified as financial liabilities at amortised cost (due to brokers, distributions payable and management fees and costs payable).

#### 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 the 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. 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 at its fair value. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets 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 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 equivalents, due to brokers and payables are carried at amortised cost.

#### iv. Impairment

At each reporting date, the Fund shall estimate the loss allowance on each of the financial assets carried at amortised cost (cash and cash equivalents, due from broker and receivables) 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 risk increases in credit norease 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 are classified as financial liabilities as the Fund is required to distribute its distributable income in accordance with the Funds' 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 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 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. 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.

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.

#### ii. Dividends and distributions

Dividend income is recognised on the ex-dividend date with any related foreign withholding tax recorded as an expense. The Fund currently incurs withholding tax imposed by certain countries on investment income. Such income is recorded gross of withholding tax in the statement of comprehensive income.

Trust distributions are recognised on an entitlement basis.

#### f. 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.

#### g. 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.

#### h. Distributions

The Fund distributes 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.

#### i. 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.

#### j. 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 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 that are measured 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.

#### k. 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.

#### I. Receivables

Receivables may include amounts for interest, dividends and trust distributions. Dividends and 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.

#### m. 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.

### n. 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.

#### o. 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 cash flows on a gross basis.

#### p. 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 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 4 to the financial statements.

#### q. 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.

#### r. Comparative revisions

Comparative information has been revised where appropriate to enhance comparability. Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current period.

# 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.

All investments present a risk of loss of capital. The maximum loss of capital on long equity securities, unit trusts and property trusts is limited to the fair value of those positions.

The investments of the Fund, and associated risks, are managed by a specialist Investment Manager, SG Hiscock & Company Limited ("SGH") 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 equity securities listed or quoted on recognised securities exchanges. 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.

SGH seeks to mitigate price risk to the Fund by ensuring that the Fund is managed in line with its IMA including a restriction on the maximum holding as a percentage of the overall Fund of any single security which is 15%. In addition, the Fund may invest in no less than 15 securities. SGH monitors the portfolio on a daily basis to ensure compliance with IMA requirements.

The table at Note 3(b) summarises the sensitivities of the Fund's assets and liabilities to price risk. The analysis is based on the reasonably possibly 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.

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.

	New Zealand Dollars A\$'000
As at 30 June 2023	
Cash and cash equivalents	527
Net exposure	527
As at 30 June 2022	
Cash and cash equivalents	517
Net exposure	517

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.

# 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 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.

The Fund's interest bearing financial instruments expose it to risks associated with the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its financial position and cash flows. The impact of interest rate risk on profit and net assets attributable to unit holders is considered immaterial to the Fund.

Any excess cash and cash equivalents are invested at short term market interest rates.

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
As at 30 June 2023				
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	42,162	-	-	42,162
Receivables	-	-	988	988
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	504,961	504,961
Total financial assets	42,162	-	505,949	548,111
Financial liabilities				
Distributions payable	-	-	8,712	8,712
Payables	-	-	1,061	1,061
Total financial liabilities	-	-	9,773	9,773
Net exposure	42,162	-	496,176	538,338
As at 30 June 2022				
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	89,390	-	-	89,390
Receivables	-	-	1,388	1,388
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold	-	-	3,178	3,178
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	1,750	479,324	481,074
Total financial assets	89,390	1,750	483,890	575,030
Financial liabilities				
Distributions payable			73,218	73,218
Pavables	-	-	1,177	1,177
	-	-	3,000	3,000
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased Total financial liabilities	-	-	77,395	77,395
	-	-	11,585	11,595
Net exposure	89,390	1,750	406,495	497,635

#### 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.

	Impac	t on operating	profit/net assets	attributable to	unit holders	
	Price risk		Foreign exchange risk		Interest rate risk	
	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%	+100bps	-100bps
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
As at 30 June 2023	50,496	(50,496)	53	(53)	422	(422)
As at 30 June 2022	48,107	(48,107)	52	(52)	894	(894)

#### 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 Fund does not have a significant concentration of credit risk that arises from an exposure to a single counterparty or group of counterparties having similar characteristics. The main concentration of credit risk, to which the Fund is exposed, arises from cash and cash equivalents and receivable amounts. None of these assets are impaired nor past their due date. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents and receivables amounts.

# 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### 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 or to fund foreign exchange related cash flow requirements.

Liquidity risk is managed by investing the majority of its assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed of.

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.

#### 4. 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 at fair value through profit or loss (see Note 5)

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. For the majority of its investments, the Fund relies on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of its investments.

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

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as listed equity securities and unit trusts) 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.

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 and level 3)

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.

# 4. 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
As at 30 June 2023				
Financial assets				
Equity securities	475,753	-	-	475,753
Unit trusts	17,492	-	-	17,492
Property trusts	11,716	-	-	11,716
Total financial assets	504,961	-	-	504,961
As at 30 June 2022				
Financial assets				
Equity securities	434,618	-	-	434,618
Convertible notes	_ · · · ·	-	1,750	1,750
Unit trusts	31,810	-	-	31,810
Property trusts	12,896	-	-	12,896
Total financial assets	479,324	-	1,750	481,074

#### 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. Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

The following table presents the movement in level 3 instruments for the year ended 30 June 2023 by the class of financial instrument.

	Fixed Interest securities \$'000	Total \$'000
Opening balance - 30 June 2021	-	-
Transfers into/(out) from level 3	-	-
Purchases	1,750	1,750
Sales	-	-
Gains/(losses) recognised in the condensed	-	-
Statement of comprehensive income	-	-
Closing balance - 30 June 2022*	1,750	1,750
Transfers into/(out) from level 3	-	-
Purchases	-	-
Sales	(1,914)	(1,914)
Gains/(losses) recognised in the condensed	164	164
Statement of comprehensive income	-	-
Closing balance - 30 June 2023	-	-

\* Includes unrealised gains/(losses) recognised in profit or loss attributable to balances held at the end of the reporting period.

i. Valuation inputs and relationships to fair value

The following table summarises the quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used in the level 3 fair value measurements. See note 4(b) for the valuation techniques adopted.

Description	Fair value \$'000	Unobservable Inputs	Range of inputs (Probability- weighted average)	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value \$'000
As at 30 June 2023				
Fixed Interest securities	-			-
As at 30 June 2022 Fixed Interest securities	1,750	Historical cost	10%/(10%)	175/(175)

There were no significant inter-relationships between unobservable inputs that materially affect fair values.

# 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (CONTINUED)

#### e. Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3) (continued)

#### ii. Valuation process

Portfolio reviews are undertaken regularly by management to identify securities that potentially may not be actively traded or have stale security pricing. This process identifies securities which possibly could be regarded as being level 3 securities. Further analysis, should it be required, is undertaken to determine the accounting significance of the identification. For certain security types, in selecting the most appropriate valuation model, management performs back testing and considers actual market transactions. Changes in allocation to or from level 3 are analysed at the end of each reporting period.

#### f. 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.

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

	As a	t
	30 June	30 June
	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Equity securities	475,753	434,618
Convertible notes	-	1,750
Unit trusts	17,492	31,810
Property trusts	11,716	12,896
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	504,961	481,074

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 4 to the financial statements.

# 6. 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 ei	nded	Year er	ided
	30 June 2023 Units	2023 2023	<b>2023 2023</b> 2022	30 June 2022
	'000	\$'000	'000	\$'000
Class A				
Opening balance	231,390	399,841	223,366	556,461
Applications	50,493	92,455	47,370	118,591
Redemptions	(50,994)	(92,231)	(39,676)	(99,374)
Reinvestment of distributions	844	1,467	330	832
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-	21,109	-	(176,669)
Closing balance	231,733	422,641	231,390	399,841
Class B				
Opening balance	12,862	23,754	12,862	33,942
Applications	-	-	-	-
Redemptions	-	-	-	-
Reinvestment of distributions	-	-	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-	1,366	-	(10,188)
Closing balance	12,862	25,120	12,862	23,754

# 6. NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS - LIABILITY (CONTINUED)

	Year er	nded	Year er	nded
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2023	2023	2022	2022
	Units		Units	
	'000	\$'000	'000	\$'000
Class SGH ICE Professional Investor Fund				
Opening balance	42,848	74,040	44,459	110,759
Applications	5,496	10,094	1,357	3,335
Redemptions	(2,783)	(5,036)	(5,726)	(15,339)
Reinvestment of distributions	4,101	7,131	2,758	6,937
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-	4,348	-	(31,652)
Closing balance	49,662	90,577	42,848	74,040
Closing balance		538.338		497,635

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 three 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.

Both Classes A and Professional Investor Fund have the same performance fee rate. Class B has no performance fee rate.

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.

#### 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.

### 7. DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNIT HOLDERS

The distributions declared during the year were as follows:

	Year ei	Year ended		nded
	30 June 2023		30 June 2022	30 June 2022
	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU
Distributions - Class A				
December	1,899	0.7796	2,256	1.0000
June (payable)	6,861	2.9605	59,011	25.5026
Total distributions	8,760	3.7401	61,267	26.5026
Distributions - Class B				
December	100	0.7796	129	1.0000
June (payable)	381	2.9605	3,280	25.5026
Total distributions	481	3.7401	3,409	26.5026
Distributions - Class SGH ICE Professional Investor Fund				
December	394	0.7796	421	1.0000
June (payable)	1,470	2.9605	10,927	25.5026
Total distributions	1,864	3.7401	11,348	26.5026
Total distributions	11,105		76,024	

### 8. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	As a	t
	30 June	30 June
	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash at bank	42,162	89,390
Total cash and cash equivalents	42,162	89,390

# 9. 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 er	ided
	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-
(Decrease)/Increase in net assets attributable to unit holders	26,823	(218,509)
Distributions to unit holders	11,105	76,024
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	500,041	572,334
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(494,540)	(507,897)
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(29,210)	144,669
Net foreign exchange (gain)/loss	(9)	15
Net change in receivables	400	(946)
Net change in payables	(116)	(194)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	14,494	65,496

# 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	8,598	7,769
Total non-cash operating and financing activities	8,598	7,769

As described in Note 2(i), 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.

# 10. RECEIVABLES

	As a	ıt
	30 June	30 June
	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Interest receivable	44	-
Dividends and distributions receivable	721	1,213
GST receivable	223	175
Total receivables	988	1,388

# 11. PAYABLES

	As a	ıt
	30 June	30 June
	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Management fees and costs payable	1,061	1,177
Total payables	1.061	1,177

# **12. REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS**

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

	Year er	nded
	30 June 2023 \$	30 June 2022 \$
BDO Audit Pty Ltd		
Audit and other assurance services		
Audit and review of financial statements	14,000	10,000
Total auditor remuneration and other assurance services	14,000	10,000
Taxation services		
Tax compliance services	6,000	6,000
Total remuneration for taxation services	6,000	6,000
Total remuneration of BDO Audit Pty Ltd	20,000	16,000

# 12. REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS (CONTINUED)

	Year er	ided
	30 June 2023 \$	30 June 2022 \$
PricewaterhouseCoopers		
Audit and other assurance services		
Audit of compliance plan	2,346	2,346
Total auditor remuneration and other assurance services	2,346	2,346
Total remuneration of PricewaterhouseCoopers	2,346	2,346

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

# 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Responsible Entity of SGH ICE 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 SG Hiscock & Company Limited to act as Investment Manager for the Fund, State Street Australia Limited to act as Custodian and Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd to act as Administrator 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 Resonsible 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).

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

# 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

#### 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 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 ei	Year ended	
	30 June	30 June	
	2023	2022	
	\$	\$	
Management fees for the year	5,745,779	7,522,180	
Responsible Entity fees for the year	288,185	353,177	
Management fees payable at year end	992,281	1,037,778	
Responsible Entity fees payable at year end	50,306	56,228	

Under the terms of the Fund's Constitution and Product Disclosure Statement, management fees and costs includes responsible entity fees paid to the Responsible Entity, management fees paid to the Investment Manager and other costs (such as custody fees, administration fees and audit fees) paid to other unrelated parties. Please refer to the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement for information on how management fees and costs are calculated.

#### h. 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) hold units in the Fund, as follows:

Unit holder As at 30 June 2023	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 (\$)
EQT Growth Fund SG Hiscock & Company	12,862,605	12,862,605	25,446,092	4.73%	-	-	481,080
Limited Stonehose Core Value	302,450	302,450	558,776	0.10%	-	-	11,312
Portfolio	1,702,492	-	-	0.00%	261,274	(1,963,766)	15,310
As at 30 June 2022							
EQT Growth Fund	12,862,605	12,862,605	23,898,721	4.80%	-	-	3,408,926
SG Hiscock & Company Limited	302,450	302,450	525,840	0.11%	-	-	80,157
Stonehose Core Value Portfolio	1,702,492	1,702,492	2,959,953	0.59%	-	-	451,205

#### i. Investments

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

#### 14. 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 as 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.

# 15. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

There were no outstanding contingent assets, 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 5 to 22 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 14 September 2023



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the unitholders of SGH ICE

# Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

# Opinion

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

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of SGH ICE, is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the Scheme's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) 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 Scheme in accordance with 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 confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Scheme, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

# Other information

The directors of Equity Trustees Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information included in the Director's report but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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 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 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 are responsible for assessing the Scheme's ability 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 either intend to liquidate the Scheme or to cease operations, or has 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<u>http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx</u>) at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**BDO Audit Pty Ltd** 

James Dixon Director

Melbourne, 14 September 2023