

# Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund - W Class

NEUBERGER BERMAN

## Product Disclosure Statement

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### About this PDS

This Product Disclosure Statement ("PDS") has been prepared and issued by Equity Trustees Limited ("Equity Trustees", "our", "we" or "Responsible Entity") and is a summary of the significant information relating to an investment in the Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund - W Class (the "Fund"). It contains a number of references to important information (including a glossary of terms) contained in the Neuberger Berman Reference Guide ("Reference Guide"), which forms part of this PDS.

This PDS relates to the class of interests known as the Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund – W Class. The Responsible Entity has issued other classes of interests in the Fund which differ, and may in the future issue further classes of interests in the Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund. You should carefully read and consider both the information in this PDS, and the information in the Reference Guide, before making a decision about investing in the Fund.

The information provided in this PDS is general information only and does not take account of your personal objectives, financial situation or needs. You should obtain financial and taxation advice tailored to your personal circumstances and consider whether investing in the Fund is appropriate for you in light of those circumstances.

The offer to which this PDS relates is only available to persons receiving this PDS (electronically or otherwise) in Australia.

This PDS does not constitute a direct or indirect offer of securities in the US or to any US Person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933 as amended ("US Securities Act"). Equity Trustees may vary this position and offers may be accepted on merit at Equity Trustees' discretion. The units in the Fund have not been, and will not be, registered under the US Securities Act unless otherwise approved by Equity Trustees and may not be offered or sold in the US to, or for, the account of any US Person (as defined in the Reference Guide) except in a transaction that is exempt from the registration requirements of the US Securities Act and applicable US state securities laws.

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### The Reference Guide

Throughout the PDS, there are references to additional information contained in the Reference Guide. You can obtain a copy of the PDS and the Reference Guide, free of charge, by calling Neuberger Berman Australia on +61 3 9649 0910 or going to [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) or by calling the Responsible Entity.

The information contained in the Reference Guide may change between the day you receive this PDS and the day you acquire the product. You must therefore ensure that you have read the Reference Guide current as at the date of your application.

### Updated information

Information in this PDS is subject to change. We will notify you of any changes that have a material adverse impact on you or other significant events that affect the information contained in this PDS. Any information that is not materially adverse information is subject to change from time to time and may be obtained by calling Neuberger Berman Australia on +61 3 9649 0910 or going to [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto). A paper copy of the updated information will be provided free of charge on request.

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# 1. About Equity Trustees Limited

## The Responsible Entity

### Equity Trustees Limited

Equity Trustees Limited ABN 46 004 031 298 AFSL 240975, a subsidiary of EQT Holdings Limited ABN 22 607 797 615, which is a public company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: EQT), is the Fund's responsible entity and issuer of this PDS. Established as a trustee and executorial service provider by a special Act of the Victorian Parliament in 1888, today Equity Trustees is a dynamic financial services institution which continues to grow the breadth and quality of products and services on offer.

Equity Trustees' responsibilities and obligations as the Fund's responsible entity are governed by the Fund's constitution ("Constitution"), the Corporations Act and general trust law. Equity Trustees has appointed Neuberger Berman Australia Ltd ("Neuberger Berman Australia" or "Investment Manager") as the investment manager of the Fund. Equity Trustees has appointed a custodian to hold the assets of the Fund. The custodian has no supervisory role in relation to the operation of the Fund and is not responsible for protecting your interests.

## The Investment Manager

### Neuberger Berman Australia

Neuberger Berman Australia is the manager of the Fund. It operates under an Australian Financial Services License (AFSL 391401) and, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Neuberger Berman Group LLC, is part of Neuberger Berman.

Founded in 1939, Neuberger Berman is a private, independent, employee-owned global asset management firm with a primary objective: to deliver compelling investment results for its clients over the long term. From offices in 26 countries, and with more than 700 investment professionals and over 2,600 employees in total, Neuberger Berman takes an active approach to the management of equity, fixed income, private equity and debt, hedge fund and quantitative strategies, along with the multi-asset class portfolios that bring them together. As of 30 September 2022, institutions, advisors, families and individuals around the globe have entrusted Neuberger Berman with US\$408 billion of their assets.

# 2. How the Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund - W Class works

The Fund is a registered managed investment scheme governed by the Constitution. The Fund comprises assets which are acquired in accordance with the Fund's investment strategy. Direct investors receive units in the Class when they invest. In general, each unit represents an equal interest in the assets of the Class subject to liabilities; however, it does not give investors an interest in any particular asset of the Class.

If you invest in the Fund through an IDPS (as defined in the Reference Guide) you will not become a unitholder in the Fund. The operator or custodian of the IDPS will be the unitholder entered in the Fund's register and will be the only person who is able to exercise the rights and receive the benefits of a unitholder. Please direct any queries and requests relating to your investment to your IDPS Operator. Unless otherwise stated, the information in this PDS applies to direct investors.

## Applying for units

You can acquire units by completing the Application Form that accompanies this PDS. The minimum initial investment amount for the Class is \$25,000.

Completed Application Forms should be sent along with your identification documents (if applicable) to:

Neuberger Berman Australia Ltd  
C/- LINK Market Services Limited  
Locked Bag 5038  
Parramatta NSW 2124

Please note that cash and cheques cannot be accepted.

We reserve the right to accept or reject applications in whole or in part at our discretion. We have the discretion to delay processing applications where we believe this to be in the best interest of the Fund's investors.

The price at which units are acquired is determined in accordance with the Constitution ("Application Price"). The Application Price on a Business Day is, in general terms, equal to the Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the Class, divided by the number of units on issue and adjusted for transaction costs ("Buy Spread"). At the date of this PDS, the Buy Spread is 0.10%.

The Application Price will vary as the market value of assets in the Class rises or falls.

## Making additional investments

You can make additional investments into the Class at any time by sending us your additional investment amount together with a completed Application Form. The minimum additional investment into the Fund is \$1,000.

## Distributions

An investor's share of any distributable income is calculated in accordance with the Constitution and is generally based on the number of units held by the investor at the end of the distribution period.

The Fund distributes income monthly. Although, Equity Trustees may change the distribution frequency at its discretion, it will not do so without first notifying investors. Distributions are calculated effective the last day of each distribution period and are normally paid to investors as soon as practicable after the distribution calculation date.

Investors in the Fund can indicate a preference to have their distribution:

- reinvested back into the Fund; or
- directly credited to their Australian dollar bank account.

Investors who do not indicate a preference will have their distributions automatically reinvested. Applications for reinvestment will be taken to be received immediately prior to the next Business Day after the relevant distribution period. There is no Buy Spread on distributions that are reinvested.

In some circumstances, the Constitution may allow for an investor's withdrawal proceeds to be taken to include a component of distributable income.

Indirect Investors should review their IDPS Guide for information on how and when they receive any income distribution.

## Access to your money

Investors in the Fund can generally withdraw their investment by completing a written request to withdraw from the Fund and mailing it to:

Neuberger Berman Australia Ltd  
C/- LINK Market Services Limited  
Locked Bag 5038  
Parramatta NSW 2124

The minimum withdrawal amount is \$1,000. Once we receive and accept your withdrawal request, we may act on your instruction without further enquiry if the instruction bears your account number or investor details and your (apparent) signature(s), or your authorised signatory's (apparent) signature(s).

Equity Trustees will generally allow an investor to access their investment within 7 days of acceptance of a withdrawal request by transferring the withdrawal proceeds to such investor's nominated Australian dollar bank account. However, Equity Trustees is allowed to reject withdrawal requests, and also to make payment up to 21 days after acceptance of a request (which may be extended in certain circumstances) as outlined in the Constitution and Reference Guide.

We reserve the right to accept or reject withdrawal requests in whole or in part at our discretion.

The price at which units are withdrawn is determined in accordance with the Constitution ("Withdrawal Price"). The Withdrawal Price on a Business Day is, in general terms, equal to the NAV of the Class, divided by the number of units on issue and adjusted for transaction costs ("Sell Spread"). At the date of this PDS, the Sell Spread is 0.10%.

The Withdrawal Price will vary as the market value of assets in the Class rises or falls.

Equity Trustees reserves the right to fully redeem your investment if your investment balance in the Class falls below \$25,000 as a result of processing your withdrawal request. In certain circumstances, for example, when there is a freeze on withdrawals, where accepting a withdrawal is not in the best interests of investors in the Fund including due to one or more circumstances outside its control or where the Fund is not liquid (as defined in the Corporations Act), Equity Trustees can deny or suspend a withdrawal request and you may not be able to withdraw your funds in the usual processing times or at all. When the Fund is not liquid, an investor can only withdraw when Equity Trustees makes a withdrawal offer to investors in accordance with the Corporations Act. Equity Trustees is not obliged to make such offers.

If you are an Indirect Investor, you need to provide your withdrawal request directly to your IDPS Operator. The time to process a withdrawal request will depend on the particular IDPS Operator and the terms of the IDPS.

### Unit pricing discretions policy

Equity Trustees has developed a formal written policy in relation to the guidelines and relevant factors taken into account when exercising any discretion in calculating unit prices (including determining the value of the assets and liabilities). A copy of the policy and, where applicable and to the extent required, any other relevant documents in relation to the policy will be made available free of charge on request.

### Additional information

If and when the Fund has 100 or more direct investors, it will be classified by the Corporations Act as a 'disclosing entity'. As a disclosing entity, the Fund will be subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations. Investors would then have a right to obtain a copy, free of charge, of any of the following documents:

- the most recent annual financial report lodged with ASIC ("Annual Report");
- any subsequent half yearly financial report lodged with ASIC after the lodgement of the Annual Report; and
- any continuous disclosure notices lodged with ASIC after the Annual Report but before the date of this PDS.

Equity Trustees will comply with any continuous disclosure obligation by lodging documents with ASIC as and when required.

Copies of these documents lodged with ASIC in relation to the Fund may be obtained from ASIC through ASIC's website.

### Further reading

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide about:

- Application cut-off times;
- Application terms;
- Authorised signatories;
- Reports;
- Withdrawal cut-off times;
- Withdrawal terms; and
- Withdrawal restrictions,

under the "Investing in the Neuberger Berman Trusts", "Managing your investment" and "Withdrawing your investment" sections before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at [www.eqf.com.au/insto](http://www.eqf.com.au/insto). The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 3. Benefits of investing in the Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund - W Class

An investment in the Fund provides diversified exposure to global fixed income investments and, more uniquely, access to the investment expertise and extensive industry experience of Neuberger Berman's broad, global fixed income platform comprising over 170 fixed income professionals employed across a number of specialist teams. Currently, the Fund obtains its exposure by investing all its assets in the Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund ("Underlying Fund"), which is a sub-fund of Neuberger Berman Investment Funds plc, an investment company with variable capital constituted as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds under the laws of Ireland and authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland pursuant to the European Communities (Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended ("NBIF UCITS").

The investment strategy for the Fund is to invest in and actively manage, or gain exposure to, a multi-sector fixed income portfolio comprising multiple underlying strategies from across Neuberger Berman's fixed income platform and which is implemented by Neuberger Berman's multi-sector fixed income team ("Investment Team").

The Investment Team's investment philosophy encompasses several key ideas, including:

- At the individual strategy level, a consistent philosophy across Neuberger Berman's fixed income platform is an emphasis on security selection as the key driver of excess returns over time.
- Multi-sector fixed income portfolios are best constructed using a broad range of underlying strategies, which helps provide diversification and portfolio correlation benefits.
- Asset allocation should focus on capital preservation and risk management of potential events with significant impact, but low probability of occurrence.
- Portfolio construction should involve no permanent biases to particular asset classes, but instead recognize that the optimal portfolio to achieve investor objectives changes over time.
- Market mispricings do occur and create opportunities to be taken advantage of by tactically adjusting the portfolio's allocation to the underlying strategies.

Finally, the Investment Team believes that the disciplined valuation approach based on unique insights and conviction which is employed across the Neuberger Berman fixed income platform generates added value and, with consistency, leads to the opportunity for attractive long-term returns.

## 4. Risks of managed investment schemes

All investments carry risks. Different investment strategies may carry different levels of risk, depending on the assets acquired under the strategy. Assets with the highest long-term returns may also carry the highest level of short-term risk. The significant risks below should be considered in light of your risk profile when deciding whether to invest in the Fund. Your risk profile will vary depending on a range of factors, including your age, the investment time frame (how long you wish to invest for), your other investments or assets and your risk tolerance.

The Responsible Entity and Investment Manager do not guarantee the liquidity of the Fund's investments, repayment of capital or any rate of return or the Fund's investment performance. The value of the Fund's investments will vary. Returns are not guaranteed, and you may lose money by investing in the Fund. The level of returns will vary and future returns may differ from past returns. Laws affecting managed investment schemes may change in the future. The structure and administration of the Fund is also subject to change.

In addition, we do not offer advice that takes into account your personal financial situation, including advice about whether the Fund is suitable for your circumstances. If you require personal financial or taxation advice, you should contact a licensed financial adviser and/or taxation adviser.

## Market risk

The market price of investments owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. Investments may decline in value due to factors affecting investment markets generally or particular industries represented in the investment markets. The value of an investment may decline due to general market conditions which are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, supply and demand for particular securities or instruments, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. They may also decline due to factors which affect a particular industry or industries, such as labour shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry. During a general market downturn, multiple asset classes may decline in value simultaneously.

Further, changes in tax, legal and economic policy, political events and technology failure can all directly or indirectly create an environment that may influence the value of your investments, including your investment in the Fund.

## International investing risk

The Fund will hold investments in global debt securities. Certain countries may impose restrictions on the ability of locally domiciled companies to make payments of principal, dividends or interest to investors located outside the country, due to blockage of foreign currency exchanges or otherwise. Generally, there may be less publicly available information about foreign companies due to less rigorous disclosure or accounting standards and regulatory practices. In addition, the Fund could be subject to risks associated with adverse political and economic developments in certain countries, which could cause the Fund to lose money on these investments.

## Emerging markets risk

Emerging markets are markets in certain countries which may not be as developed, efficient or liquid as Australian markets. Therefore, the value of securities in these markets may often be more volatile. Emerging markets risk is also caused by exposure to economic structures that are less diverse and mature, and to political systems that are less stable, than those of developed countries. In addition, issuers in emerging markets may experience a greater degree of change in earnings and business prospects than would companies in developed markets.

## Regulatory risk

This is the risk that domestic or international laws or regulations are changed adversely or that regulatory supervision of transactions and reporting is performed by the Investment Manager at less than an appropriate standard. The Investment Manager aims to manage this risk by regularly and closely reviewing changes in the regulatory environment.

## Currency risk

The Fund will invest in securities denominated in currencies other than Australian dollars. If these currencies change in value relative to the Australian dollar, the value of the investment can change.

## Inflation risk

Inflation risk is the risk that returns will not be sufficiently higher than inflation to enable an investor to meet their financial goals.

## Credit risk

The issuer or party to a transaction may not repay the principal, make interest payments or fulfil other financial obligations in full and/or on time.

The market value of an investment can also fall significantly when the perceived risk of a debt security increases or its credit rating declines, and can negatively impact on the performance of the Fund.

## Interest rate risk

The risk that the investment value or future returns of an asset may be adversely impacted by changes in interest rates. The value of fixed rate securities (such as bonds) in which the Fund may invest generally will have an inverse relationship with interest rates. For example, the value of a bond may fall when interest rates rise, and vice versa. Generally, the longer the maturity of the bond, the greater its sensitivity to changes in interest rates (i.e. duration) and the greater the impact that changes in interest rates will have on the value of the bond.

## Fixed income securities risk

Fixed income securities are subject to the risk of an issuer's ability to meet principal and interest payments on the obligation (credit risk), and may also be subject to price volatility due to factors such as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity (market risk). In addition, the Investment Manager may invest the Fund in fixed income securities which are interest rate sensitive. An increase in interest rates will generally reduce the value of fixed income securities, while a decline in interest rates will generally increase the value of fixed income securities. The performance of the Fund will therefore depend in part on the ability to anticipate and respond to such fluctuations in market interest rates, and to utilise appropriate strategies to maximise returns, while attempting to minimise the associated risks to investment capital. Fixed income securities are also exposed to the risk that their or their issuers' credit ratings may be downgraded, which can cause a significant drop in the value of such securities. In the event of such downgrading, the value of the Fund may be adversely affected. The Investment Manager may or may not be able to dispose of the fixed income securities that are being downgraded.

## High yield securities risk

In respect of lower rated or unrated (i.e. below investment grade or high yield) securities, such securities are more likely to react to developments affecting market and credit risk than more highly rated securities, which primarily react to movements in the general level of interest rates. Investors should carefully consider the relative risks of investing in high yield securities and understand that such securities generally are not meant for short-term investing.

The risk of loss due to default by these issuers is significantly greater because lower rated and unrated securities of comparable quality generally are unsecured and frequently are subordinated to the prior payment of senior indebtedness. In addition, investors in such securities may find it more difficult to sell high yield securities or may be able to sell the securities only at prices lower than if such securities were widely traded.

## Security selection risk

The Investment Manager may make investment decisions that result in low returns. This risk is mitigated to some extent by the knowledge and experience of the Investment Manager.

## Liquidity risk

There may be times when there may be a limited secondary market for the securities in which the Fund may invest and that may affect the ability of the Fund to realise investments or to meet withdrawal requests (for example, in a falling market where debt securities may become less liquid). The Investment Manager and the Responsible Entity attempt to mitigate the liquidity risk factor by generally investing in securities that are believed to offer sufficient liquidity.

## Fund risk

Risks particular to the Fund include that it could terminate, the fees and expenses could change, the Investment Manager or Responsible Entity could be replaced and the investment professionals could change. There is also a risk that investing in the Fund may give different results than investing directly in the underlying assets of the Fund themselves because of income or capital gains accrued in the Fund and the consequences of investment and withdrawal by other investors.

## Pandemic and other unforeseen event risk

Health crises, such as pandemic and epidemic diseases, as well as other catastrophes that interrupt the expected course of events, such as natural disasters, war or civil disturbance, acts of terrorism, power outages and other unforeseeable and external events, and the public response to or fear of such diseases or events, have and may in the future have an adverse effect on the economies and financial markets either in specific countries or worldwide and consequently on the value of the Fund's investments. Further, under such circumstances the operations, including functions such as trading and valuation, of the Investment Manager and other service providers could be reduced, delayed, suspended or otherwise disrupted.

## 5. How we invest your money

**Warning:** When choosing to invest in the Fund, you should consider the likely investment returns, the risks of investing and your investment time frame.

### Investment objective

The Fund aims to maximize total return from high current income and long-term capital appreciation by opportunistically investing in a diversified mix of fixed rate and floating rate debt securities under varying market environments.

### Benchmark

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (AUD Hedged Total Return)  
Investors should note that the Investment Manager does not intend for the Fund to track the Benchmark, which is included for performance comparison purposes only.

### Minimum suggested time frame

The minimum suggested investment time frame for the Fund is 5 years.

### Risk level

Medium.

There is medium level risk of loss of investment over one year. An investment in the Fund has the potential to produce medium level returns over the minimum suggested timeframe.

### Investor suitability

The Fund is designed for investors seeking high current income via exposure to global fixed income markets and who understand and accept that the Fund is expected to experience medium to high levels of volatility.

### Investment style and approach

The Investment Team's investment style can be defined as relative value with an emphasis on applying active management to seek to maximise risk-adjusted returns. A relative value investment style involves fundamentally analysing the value of a particular debt security by assigning an internal credit rating to that security and then using that rating to compare the security's value to other analysed securities in the same industry and similarly rated securities across other industries.

The Investment Team's approach in constructing a multi-sector fixed income portfolio for the Fund involves 2 key components: (1) selecting from among the various high performing strategies across Neuberger Berman's fixed income platform, each of which is managed by a sector specialty team implementing a disciplined investment process with a focus on security selection and an emphasis on downside protection; and (2) both strategically and tactically allocating among the selected underlying strategies in order to achieve the Fund's objective. This may be achieved through investing directly in those strategies, or by gaining exposure to them through another Neuberger Berman fund (or funds).

By constructing a portfolio built on a foundation of strong performance from the underlying strategies coupled with a principal-protection oriented asset allocation strategy, the Investment Team aims to achieve the objectives of maximising total return and diversification, and maintaining a level of capital preservation for investors.

Under normal market conditions, the Investment Team seeks to maintain the average credit rating of the portfolio, based on the weighted average credit quality of the underlying securities, at investment grade. Credit quality ratings are obtained from Barclays, which bases its ratings on the conservative average of Moody's, S&P's and Fitch's ratings.

### Investment guidelines and restrictions

The Fund is authorised to invest in:

- (a) debt securities, including:
  - (i) fixed and floating rate debt securities, including bonds issued by U.S. and non-U.S. governments, government agencies and corporate entities;
  - (ii) corporate bonds, debentures and notes (including freely transferable and unleveraged structured notes, contingent convertible bonds and freely transferable promissory notes);
  - (iii) privately issued asset-backed securities, structured securities (including mortgage-backed securities such as pass-through certificates, collateralised mortgage obligations and interest and principal only components of mortgage-backed securities and collateralised loan obligations with respect to mezzanine floating rate debt) that derive interest and principal payments from specified assets (such as residential and commercial mortgages, credit card debt and pools of other types of receivables such as loans);
  - (iv) payment-in-kind bonds (which are bonds that pay interest in the form of additional bonds of the same kind), participation interests in loans (and which are securitised and freely transferable);
  - (v) deferred payment securities (securities which pay regular interest after a predetermined date) and zero coupon securities; and
  - (vi) debt securities of the types described above issued by issuers in emerging market countries;
- (b) collective investment schemes, investment companies, unit trusts and other types of funds, including the Underlying Fund, a sub-fund of NBIF UCITS;
- (c) participatory notes;
- (d) derivative instruments, including: swaps (which may include foreign exchange, interest rate, credit default and total return swaps); futures; and forwards;
- (e) spot foreign exchange contracts; and
- (f) money market instruments, including bank deposits, fixed or floating rate instruments (including commercial paper), floating or variable rate notes, bankers acceptances, certificates of deposit, debentures and short-dated government or corporate bonds, cash and cash equivalents (including treasury bills), that are rated as investment grade by a recognised rating agency.

Currently, the Fund obtains its exposure by investing all its assets in the Underlying Fund. In the event that the Fund invests directly (other than via the Underlying Fund), the Investment Manager will endeavour to meet the following investment guidelines and restrictions in investing and managing the Fund:

- (a) The Fund will invest primarily in debt securities issued by U.S. corporations or by the U.S. government and its agencies. Such securities will be listed, dealt or traded on recognised markets and may be rated investment grade or below investment grade by recognised rating agencies, or non-rated.
- (b) Although the Fund's investments will be concentrated in the U.S., the Fund may also invest in debt securities issued by non-U.S. governments and their agencies and corporations located globally up to one third of its NAV. This may include investing in debt securities issued by companies located in, and governments and government agencies of, emerging market countries.

- (c) The Fund may invest up to 10% of its NAV in securities which are issued or guaranteed by a single sovereign issuer and which are below investment grade.
- (d) Although the maximum proportion of the Fund's NAV that can be subject to total return swaps is 20%, the expected proportion is 0%.
- (e) The Fund will not utilise securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements or margin lending.

Although there are no constraints on the Fund's investments in terms of credit rating or country exposure, it is the intention of the Investment Manager to create a well-diversified portfolio.

Derivatives may be used for hedging purposes, efficient portfolio management and/or investment purposes.

## Asset allocation

The Fund invests substantially all its assets in the Underlying Fund, which generally adheres to the following asset allocation ranges:

- Debt securities: 80 – 100%
- Cash: 0 – 20%

## Changing the investment strategy

The investment strategy and asset allocation parameters may be changed. If a change is to be made, investors in the Fund will be notified in accordance with the Corporations Act.

## Labour, environmental, social and ethical considerations

EQT has delegated the investment function (including ESG responsibilities) to the Investment Manager and the Investment Manager has contemplated that 'Labour, Environmental, Social and Ethical considerations will be taken into account in relation to the investment of the fund.

The analysis of environmental, social and governance ("ESG") considerations is an important component of the Investment Team's fundamental credit research, and can help to identify business risks which would cause deterioration in the credit profile of a corporate issuer of debt securities. Additionally, the Investment Team is directly engaged in the ESG research process and derives ESG scores as part of its credit analysis, which is overseen by the team's most senior investment professionals.

## Fund performance

Up to date information on the performance of the Fund will be available by calling Neuberger Berman Australia on +61 3 9649 0910. A free paper copy of the information will also be available on request.

## 6. Fees and costs

### DID YOU KNOW?

Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long-term returns.

For example, total annual fees and costs of 2% of your investment balance rather than 1% could reduce your final return by up to 20% over a 30-year period (for example, reduce it from \$100,000 to \$80,000).

You should consider whether features such as superior investment performance or the provision of better member services justify higher fees and costs.

You may be able to negotiate to pay lower fees. Ask the Fund or your financial adviser.

### TO FIND OUT MORE

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Moneysmart** website ([www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au)) has a managed funds fee calculator to help you check out different fee options.

The information in the following Fees and Costs Summary can be used to compare costs between different simple managed investment schemes. Fees and costs can be paid directly from an investor's account or deducted from investment returns. For information on tax please see Section 7 of this PDS.

## Fees and Costs Summary

Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund - W Class		
Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
<b>Ongoing annual fees and costs<sup>1</sup></b>		
<i>Management fees and costs</i> The fees and costs for managing your investment <sup>2</sup>	0.75% of the NAV of the Class	The management fees component of management fees and costs are accrued daily and paid from the Class monthly in arrears and reflected in the unit price. Otherwise, the fees and costs are variable and deducted and reflected in the unit price of the Class as they are incurred.
<i>Performance fees</i> Amounts deducted from your investment in relation to the performance of the product	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Transaction costs</i> The costs incurred by the scheme when buying or selling assets	0.00% of the NAV of the Class	Transaction costs are variable and deducted from the Class as they are incurred and reflected in the unit price. They are disclosed net of amounts recovered by the buy-sell spread. Any transaction costs at the interposed vehicle level are reflected in the value of the Fund's investment in the relevant interposed vehicle, and therefore reflected in the unit price.
<b>Member activity related fees and costs (fees for services or when your money moves in or out of the scheme)</b>		
<i>Establishment fee</i> The fee to open your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Contribution fee</i> The fee on each amount contributed to your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Buy-sell spread</i> An amount deducted from your investment representing costs incurred in transactions by the scheme	0.10% upon entry and 0.10% upon exit	These costs are an additional cost to the investor but are incorporated into the unit price and arise when investing application monies and funding withdrawals from the Class and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into the Class as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Class as part of a redemption.
<i>Withdrawal fee</i> The fee on each amount you take out of your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable

Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
<i>Exit fee</i> The fee to close your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Switching fee</i> The fee for changing investment options	Not applicable	Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> All fees quoted above are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST) and net of any Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC). See below for more details as to how the relevant fees and costs are calculated.

<sup>2</sup> The management fee component of management fees and costs can be negotiated. See "Differential fees" in the "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs" below.

## Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs

### Management fees and costs

The management fees and costs include amounts payable for administering and operating the Fund, investing the assets of the Fund, expenses and reimbursements in relation to the Fund and indirect costs if applicable.

Management fees and costs do not include performance fees or transaction costs, which are disclosed separately.

Management fees and costs for the Class can be split into the:

- management fees component; and
- indirect costs and other expenses component.

The management fees component of management fees and costs of 0.75% p.a. of the NAV of the Class is payable to the Responsible Entity of the Fund for managing the assets and overseeing the operations of the Fund. The management fees component is accrued daily and paid from the Class monthly in arrears and reflected in the unit price. As at the date of this PDS, the management fees component covers certain ordinary expenses such as Responsible Entity fees, investment management fees, custodian fees, and administration and audit fees.

The indirect costs and other expenses component of 0.00% p.a. of the NAV of the Class may include other ordinary expenses of operating the Fund, as well as management fees and costs (if any) arising from interposed vehicles in or through which the Fund invests. The indirect costs and other expenses component is variable and reflected in the unit price of the Class as the relevant fees and costs are incurred. They are borne by investors, but they are not paid to the Responsible Entity or Investment Manager. The indirect costs and other expenses component is based on the relevant costs incurred during the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Actual indirect costs and other expenses for the current and future years may differ. If in future there is an increase to indirect costs disclosed in this PDS, updates will be provided on Equity Trustees' website at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) where they are not otherwise required to be disclosed to investors under law.

From time to time, abnormal or extraordinary expenses (such as costs of legal proceedings, costs to defend claims, termination and wind up costs, investor meetings, changes to the constitution or changing the Responsible Entity) may be incurred. Such abnormal or extraordinary expenses are expected to occur infrequently and are in addition to the above ordinary expenses and are fully recoverable from the Fund as long as they are properly incurred in operating the Fund.

### Transaction costs

In managing the assets of the Fund, the Fund may incur transaction costs such as brokerage, buy-sell spreads in respect of the underlying investments of the Fund, settlement costs, clearing costs and applicable stamp duty when assets are bought and sold. Transaction costs also include costs incurred by interposed vehicles in which the Fund invests (if any), that would have been transaction costs if they had been incurred by the Fund itself. Transaction costs are an additional cost to the investor where they are not recovered by the Buy/Sell Spread, and are generally incurred when the assets of the Fund are changed in connection with day-to-day trading or when there are applications or withdrawals which cause net cash flows into or out of the Fund.

The Buy/Sell Spread that is disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is a reasonable estimate of transaction costs that the Class will incur when buying or selling assets of the Class. These costs are an additional cost to the investor but are incorporated into the unit price and arise when investing application monies and funding withdrawals from the Class and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into the Class as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Class as part of a redemption and not paid to Equity Trustees or the Investment Manager. The estimated Buy/Sell Spread is 0.10% upon entry and 0.10% upon exit. The dollar value of these costs based on an application or a withdrawal of \$25,000 is \$25 for each individual transaction. The Buy/Sell Spread can be altered by the Responsible Entity at any time and [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) will be updated as soon as practicable to reflect any change. The Responsible Entity may also waive the Buy/Sell Spread in part or in full at its discretion. The transaction costs figure in the Fees and Costs Summary is shown net of any amount recovered by the Buy/Sell Spread charged by the Responsible Entity.

Transaction costs generally arise through the day-to-day trading of the Class's assets and are reflected in the Class's unit price as an additional cost to the investor, as and when they are incurred.

The gross transaction costs for the Class are 0.02% p.a. of the NAV of the Class, which is based on the relevant costs incurred during the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

However, actual transaction costs for the current and future years may differ.

### Can the fees change?

Yes, all fees can change without investor consent, subject to the maximum fee amounts specified in the Constitution. The current maximum management fee to which Equity Trustees is entitled is 2.00% of the GAV of the Class. However, Equity Trustees does not intend to charge that amount and will generally provide investors with at least 30 days' notice of any proposed increase to the management fees component of management fees and costs. In most circumstances, the Constitution defines the maximum level that can be charged for fees described in this PDS. Equity Trustees also has the right to recover all reasonable expenses incurred in relation to the proper performance of its duties in managing the Fund and as such these expenses may increase or decrease accordingly, without notice.

### Payments to IDPS Operators

Subject to the law, annual payments may be made to some IDPS Operators because they offer the Fund on their investment menus. Product access is paid by the Investment Manager out of its investment management fee and is not an additional cost to the investor.

### Differential fees

The Investment Manager may from time to time negotiate a different fee arrangement (by way of a rebate or waiver of fees) with certain investors who are Australian Wholesale Clients. Please contact the Investment Manager on +61 3 9649 0910 for further information.

## Example of annual fees and costs for an investment option

This table gives an example of how the ongoing annual fees and costs in the investment option for this product can affect your investment over a 1-year period. You should use this table to compare this product with other products offered by managed investment schemes.

EXAMPLE – Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund - W Class		
BALANCE OF \$50,000 WITH A CONTRIBUTION OF \$5,000 DURING THE YEAR		
Contribution Fees	Nil	For every additional \$5,000 you put in, you will be charged \$0
Plus Management fees and costs	0.75% p.a.	And, for every \$50,000 you have in the Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund - W Class you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$375 each year
Plus Performance fees	Not applicable	And, you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$0 in performance fees each year
Plus Transaction costs	0.00% p.a.	And, you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$0 in transaction costs
Equals Cost of Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund - W Class		If you had an investment of \$50,000 at the beginning of the year and you put in an additional \$5,000 during that year, you would be charged fees and costs of: \$375* <b>What it costs you will depend on the investment option you choose and the fees you negotiate.</b>

\* Additional fees may apply. Please note that this example does not capture all the fees and costs that may apply to you such as the Buy/Sell Spread.

This example assumes the \$5,000 contribution occurs at the end of the first year, therefore the fees and costs are calculated using the \$50,000 balance only.

**Warning: If you have consulted a financial adviser, you may pay additional fees. You should refer to the Statement of Advice or Financial Services Guide provided by your financial adviser in which details of the fees are set out.**

ASIC provides a fee calculator on [www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au), which you may use to calculate the effects of fees and costs on account balances.

The indirect costs and other expenses component of management fees and costs and transaction costs may also be based on estimates. As a result, the total fees and costs that you are charged may differ from the figures shown in the table.

### Further reading

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide about fees and costs under the "Fees and other costs" section before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto). The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 7. How managed investment schemes are taxed

**Warning: Investing in a registered managed investment scheme (such as the Fund) is likely to have tax consequences. You are strongly advised to seek your own professional tax advice about the applicable Australian tax (including income tax, GST and duty) consequences and, if appropriate, foreign tax consequences which may apply to you based on your particular circumstances before investing in the Fund.**

The Fund is an Australian resident for tax purposes and does not generally pay tax on behalf of its investors. Australian resident investors are assessed for tax on any income and capital gains generated by the Fund to which they become presently entitled or, where the Fund has made a choice to be an Attribution Managed Investment Trust ("AMIT") and the choice is effective for the income year, are attributed to them.

### Further reading

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide about Taxation under the "Other important information" section before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto). The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 8. How to apply

To invest please complete the Application Form accompanying this PDS, send funds (see details in the Application Form) and your completed Application Form to:

Neuberger Berman Australia Ltd  
C/- LINK Market Services Limited  
Locked Bag 5038  
Parramatta NSW 2124

Please note that cash and cheques cannot be accepted and all applications must be made in Australian dollars.

### Who can invest?

Eligible persons (as detailed in the 'About this PDS' section) can invest, however individual investors must be 18 years of age or over. Investors investing through an IDPS should use the application form provided by their IDPS Operator.

### Cooling off period

If you are a Retail Client (as defined in the Corporations Act) who has invested directly in the Fund, you may have a right to a 'cooling off' period in relation to your investment in the Fund for 14 days from the earlier of:

- confirmation of the investment being received; and
- the end of the fifth business day after the units are issued.

A Retail Client may exercise this right by notifying Equity Trustees in writing. A Retail Client is entitled to a refund of their investment adjusted for any increase or decrease in the relevant Application Price between the time we process your application and the time we receive the notification from you, as well as any other tax and other reasonable administrative expenses and transaction costs associated with the acquisition and termination of the investment.

The right of a Retail Client to cool off does not apply in certain limited situations, such as if the issue is made under a distribution reinvestment plan, switching facility or represents additional contributions required under an existing agreement. Also, the right to cool off does not apply to you if you choose to exercise your rights or powers as a unit holder in the Fund during the 14 day period. This could include selling part of your investment or switching it to another product.

Indirect Investors should seek advice from their IDPS Operator as to whether cooling off rights apply to an investment in the Fund by the IDPS. The right to cool off in relation to the Fund is not directly available to an Indirect Investor. This is because an Indirect Investor does not acquire the rights of a unit holder in the Fund. Rather, an Indirect Investor directs the IDPS Operator to arrange for their monies to be invested in the Fund on their behalf. The terms and conditions of the IDPS Guide or similar type document will govern an Indirect Investor's investment in relation to the Fund and any rights an indirect investor may have in this regard.

## Complaints resolution

Equity Trustees has an established complaints handling process and is committed to properly considering and resolving all complaints. If you have a complaint about your investment, please contact us on:

Phone: 1300 133 472  
Post: Equity Trustees Limited  
GPO Box 2307, Melbourne VIC 3001  
Email: [compliance@eqt.com.au](mailto:compliance@eqt.com.au)

We will acknowledge receipt of the complaint within 1 Business Day or as soon as possible after receiving the complaint. We will seek to resolve your complaint as soon as practicable but not more than 30 calendar days after receiving the complaint.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your complaint, you may be able to lodge a complaint with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority ("AFCA").

Contact details are:  
Online: [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)  
Phone: 1800 931 678  
Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)  
Post: GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001.

The external dispute resolution body is established to assist you in resolving your complaint where you have been unable to do so with us. However, it's important that you contact us first.

## 9. Other information

### Consent

The Investment Manager has given and, as at the date of this PDS, has not withdrawn:

- its written consent to be named in this PDS as the investment manager of the Fund; and

- its written consent to the inclusion of the statements made about it which are specifically attributed to it, in the form and context in which they appear.

The Investment Manager has not otherwise been involved in the preparation of this PDS or caused or otherwise authorised the issue of this PDS. None of the Investment Manager nor their employees or officers accept any responsibility arising in any way for errors or omissions, other than those statements for which they have provided their written consent to Equity Trustees for inclusion in this PDS.

### Further reading

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide about:

- Your privacy;
- The Constitution;
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing ("AML/CTF");
- Indirect Investors;
- Information on underlying investments;
- Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"); and
- Common Reporting Standard ("CRS"),

under the "Other important information" section before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto). The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

# NEUBERGER BERMAN STRATEGIC INCOME FUND – W CLASS APPLICATION FORM

This application form accompanies the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS)/Information Memorandum (IM) relating to units in the following product/s issued by Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298, AFSL 240975). The PDS/IM contains information about investing in the Fund/Trust. You should read the PDS/IM in its entirety before applying.

- Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund – W Class

The law prohibits any person passing this Application Form on to another person unless it is accompanied by a complete PDS/IM.

- If completing by hand, use a black or blue pen and print within the boxes in BLOCK LETTERS, if you make a mistake, cross it out and initial. DO NOT use correction fluid
- The investor(s) must complete and sign this form
- Keep a photocopy of your completed Application Form for your records

U.S. Persons: This offer is not open to any U.S. Person. Please refer to the PDS/IM for further information.

## **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and Common Reporting Standard (CRS)**

We are required to collect certain information to comply with FATCA and CRS, please ensure you complete section 7.

### **If investing with an authorised representative, agent or financial adviser**

Please ensure you, your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser also complete Section 6.

### **Provide certified copies of your identification documents**

Please refer to section 9 on AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements.

### **Send your documents & make your payment**

See section 2 for payment options and where to send your application form.

## SECTION 1 – YOUR CONSUMER ATTRIBUTES

To assist the RE in meeting the Design and Distribution Obligations, you are required to indicate the purpose of your investment by responding to each of the questions set out below. Your responses should reflect your objectives and needs for this Investment. Please tick **only 1 box** for each question below.

The below only needs to be answered where you are a **direct retail investor** (i.e., does not apply to Indirect or intermediated investments such as those made by platforms, custodians, etc.). **If you are not a retail investor you may be required to provide a wholesale certificate to support your application.**

Further information in relation to these questions can be found in the Target Market Determination (TMD) for the Fund. If you wish to access the TMD, please visit <https://www.eqt.com.au/insto/>

### 1. Have you received advice prior to applying to invest in the Fund?

- I/We have received personal advice in relation to my investment in this Fund
- I/We have not received any advice in relation to my investment in this Fund

### 2. What is your primary investment objective(s)?

- Capital growth       Capital preservation       Income Distribution

### 3. What percentage of your total investable assets are you directing to this fund?

- Solution/Standalone (up to 100%)       Major allocation (up to 75%)
- Core component (up to 50%)       Minor allocation (up to 25%)
- Satellite allocation (up to 10%)

### 4. Please select your Intended investment timeframe

- Short term (up to and including 2 years)       Medium term (More than 2 years but less than 5 years)
- Medium to long term (equal to 5 years but less than 7 years)       Long term (7 years or more)

### 5. What is your tolerance for risk?

- Low risk and return- I/we can tolerate up to 1 period of underperformance over 20 years and a low target return from this investment.       Medium risk and return - I/we can tolerate up to 4 periods of underperformance over 20 years and a moderate target return from this investment.
- High risk and return- I/we can tolerate up to 6 periods of underperformance over 20 years in order to achieve higher returns this investment.       Very High risk and return - I/we can tolerate more than 6 periods of underperformance over 20 years (high volatility and potential losses) in order to achieve accelerated returns from this investment.
- Extremely high – I/We can tolerate significant volatility and losses as I/we are seeking to obtain accelerated returns

### 6. Under normal circumstances, within what period do you expect to be able to access your funds for this investment?

- Within one week       Within one month
- Within three months       Within one year
- Within five years       Within ten years
- More than 10 years       At the Issuer's discretion

#### Please note:

- Failure to complete the above questions may result in your application not being accepted;
- Acceptance of your application should not be taken as a representation or confirmation that an investment in the Fund is, or is likely to be, consistent with your intentions, objectives and needs as indicated in your responses to these questions; and
- For further information on the suitability of this product, please refer to your financial adviser and/or the TMD

## SECTION 1.2 – ARE YOU AN EXISTING INVESTOR IN THE FUND/TRUST AND WISH TO ADD TO YOUR INVESTMENT?

Do you have an existing investment in the Fund/Trust and the information provided remains current and correct?

- Yes**, if you can tick both of the boxes below, complete Sections 2 and 8
- I/We confirm there are no changes to our identification documents previously provided and that these remain current and valid.
- I/We confirm there have been no changes to our FATCA or CRS status

Existing investor number:

If there have been changes in your identification documents or FATCA/CRS status since your last application, please complete the full Application Form as indicated below.

- No**, please complete sections relevant to you as indicated below:

### Investor Type:

- Individuals/Joint:** complete section 2, 3, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8 & 9
- Companies:** complete section 2, 4, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8 & 9
- Custodians on behalf of underlying clients:** complete section 2, 4, 5, 5.1, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8 & 9
- Trusts/superannuation funds:**
- with an individual trustee – complete sections 2, 3, 5, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8 & 9
  - with a company as a trustee – complete sections 2, 4, 5, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8 & 9

If you are an Association, Co-operative, Partnership, Government Body or other type of entity not listed above, please contact Equity Trustees.

## SECTION 2 – INVESTMENT DETAILS

Investment to be held in the name(s) of (must include name(s) of investor(s))

Postal address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country

Email address

Contact no.

FUND/TRUST NAME	APIR CODE	APPLICATION AMOUNT (AUD)
Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund – W Class	ETL1411AU	\$

The minimum initial investment is \$25,000.

### Distribution Instructions

If you do not select a distribution option, we will automatically reinvest your distribution. If you select cash, please ensure you provide your bank details below.

- Reinvest distributions** if you select this option your distribution will be reinvested in the Fund/Trust
- Pay distributions to the bank** if you select this option your distribution will be paid to the bank account below

### Investor bank details

For withdrawals and distributions (if applicable), these must match the investor(s)' name and must be an AUD-denominated bank account with an Australian domiciled bank.

Financial institution name and branch location

BSB number

Account number

Account name

### Payment method

- Direct credit – pay to:

Financial institution name and branch location	Australia & New Zealand banking Group Limited 115 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000
BSB number	012 003
Account number	838 104 575
Account name	EQT AREF Neuberger Berman EMQT – Applications Account
Reference	<Investor Name>

## Source of investment

Please indicate the source of the investment amount (e.g. retirement savings, employment income):

### Send your completed Application Form to:

C/- LINK Market Services Limited  
Locked Bag 5038  
Parramatta NSW 2124  
Fax Number: +61 2 9287 0377 Email: [nb@linkmarketservices.com.au](mailto:nb@linkmarketservices.com.au)

**Please ensure you have completed all relevant sections and signed the Application Form**

**SECTION 3 – INVESTOR DETAILS – INDIVIDUALS/JOINT**

Please complete if you are investing individually, jointly or you are an individual or joint trustee.

**See Group A AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements in Section 9**

**Investor 1**

Title	First name(s)	Surname
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb	State	Postcode	Country
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Email address

(Statements will be sent to this address, unless you elect otherwise in Section 6)

Contact no.

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Tax File Number\* – or exemption code

Country of birth

Occupation

Does the investor named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person?

No

Yes, please give details:

**Investor 2**

Title	First name(s)	Surname
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb	State	Postcode	Country
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Email address

(Statements will be sent to this address, unless you elect otherwise in Section 6)

Contact no.

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Tax File Number\* – or exemption code

Country of birth

Occupation

Does the investor named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person?

No

Yes, please give details:

**If there are more than 2 registered owners, please provide details as an attachment.**

## SECTION 4 – INVESTOR DETAILS – COMPANIES/CORPORATE TRUSTEE

Please complete if you are investing for a company or where the company is acting as trustee.

**See Group B AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements in Section 9**

Full company name (as registered with ASIC or relevant foreign registered body)

Registered office address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country





Australian Company Number

Tax File Number\* – or exemption code



Australian Business Number\* (if registered in Australia) or equivalent foreign company identifier

### Contact Person

Title

First name(s)

Surname




Email address

(Statements will be sent to this address, unless you elect otherwise in Section 6)

Contact no.



**Principal place of business:** If the principal place of business is the same as the registered office street address, state 'As above' below. Otherwise provide address details. For foreign companies registered with ASIC please provide a local agent name and address if you do not have a principal place of business in Australia.

**Principal Place of Business Address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)**

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country





### Registration details

Name of regulatory body

Identification number (e.g. ARBN)



### Controlling Persons, Directors and Beneficial Owners

All beneficial owners who own, hold or control either directly or indirectly 25% or more of the issued capital of a proprietary or private company that is not regulated i.e. does not have an AFSL or ACLN etc., will need to provide Group A AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements specified in Section 9. In the case of an unregulated public company not listed on a securities exchange, provide the details of the senior managing official(s) as controlling person(s) (e.g. managing director, senior executive(s) etc. who is/are authorised to sign on the company's behalf, and make policy, operational and financial decisions) in the following sections. All proprietary and private companies, whether regulated or unregulated, must provide the names of all of the directors.

**Names of the Directors of a Proprietary or Private Company whether regulated or unregulated**

1	2
3	4

If there are more than 4 directors, please write the other names below.

**Names of the Beneficial Owners or Senior Managing Official(s)**

**Select:**

- Beneficial owner 1 of an unregulated proprietary or private company; OR
- Senior Managing Official of an unregulated, unlisted, public (e.g. Limited) company

Title	First name(s)	Surname

Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb	State	Postcode	Country

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Does the beneficial owner named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person?

- No
- Yes, please give details:

**Select:**

- Beneficial owner 2 of an unregulated proprietary or private company; OR
- Senior Managing Official of an unregulated, unlisted, public (e.g. Limited) company

Title	First name(s)	Surname

Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb	State	Postcode	Country

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Does the beneficial owner named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person?

- No
- Yes, please give details:

**If there are more than 2 beneficial owners or managing officials, please copy and complete this page for the other persons or alternatively, provide the additional details as an attachment.**

## SECTION 5 – INVESTOR DETAILS – TRUSTS/SUPERANNUATION FUNDS

Please complete if you are investing for a trust or superannuation fund.

**See Group C AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements in section 9**

Full name of trust or superannuation fund

Full name of business (if any)

Country where established

Australian Business Number\* (if obtained)

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Tax File Number\* – or exemption code

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Trustee details – How many trustees are there?

- Individual trustee(s)** – complete Section 3 – Investor details – Individuals/Joint
- Company trustee(s)** – complete Section 4 – Investor details – Companies/Corporate Trustee
- Combination** – trustee(s) to complete each relevant section

### Type of Trust

- Registered Managed Investment Scheme**

Australian Registered Scheme Number (ARSN)

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- Regulated Trust** (including self-managed superannuation funds and registered charities that are trusts)

Name of Regulator (e.g. ASIC, APRA, ATO, ACNC)

Registration/Licence details or ABN

- Other Trust** (unregulated)

Please describe

#### Beneficiaries of an unregulated trust

Please provide details below of any beneficiaries who directly or indirectly are entitled to an interest of 25% or more of the trust.

1	2
3	4

If there are no beneficiaries of the trust, describe the class of beneficiary (e.g. the name of the family group, class of unit holders, the charitable purpose or charity name):

**Other Trust** (unregulated) Continued

**Settlor details**

Please provide the full name and last known address of the settlor of the trust where the initial asset contribution to the trust was greater than \$10,000.

- This information is not required if the initial asset contribution was less than \$10,000, and/or
- This information is not required if the settlor is deceased

Settlor's full name and last known address


Beneficial owners of an unregulated trust

Please provide details below of any beneficial owner of the trust. A beneficial owner is any individual who directly or indirectly has a 25% or greater interest in the trust or is a person who exerts control over the trust. This includes the appointer of the trust who holds the power to appoint or remove the trustees of the trust.

**All beneficial owners will need to provide Group A AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements in Section 9**

**Beneficial owner 1 or Controlling Person 1**

Select:

- Beneficial owner 1; OR
- Controlling Person – What is the role e.g. Appointer:

Title	First name(s)	Surname

Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb	State	Postcode	Country

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)  /  /

Does the beneficial owner named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person?

- No
- Yes, please give details:

**Beneficial owner 2 or Controlling Person 2**

Select:

- Beneficial owner 2; OR
- Controlling Person – What is the role e.g. Appointer:

Title	First name(s)	Surname

Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb	State	Postcode	Country

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)  /  /

Does the beneficial owner named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person?

No  Yes, please give details:

**If there are more than 2 beneficial owners or controlling persons, please copy and complete this page for the other persons or alternatively, provide the additional details as an attachment.**

## **SECTION 5.1 – CUSTODIAN ATTESTATION: CHAPTER 4, PARTS 4.4.18 AND 4.4.19 OF THE AML/CTF RULES**

**If you are a Company completing this Application Form on behalf of an individual, another company, a trust or other entity, in a Custodial capacity, please complete this section.**

In accordance with Chapter 4, part 4.4.19 (1)(a) to (d) of the AML/CTF Rules, does the Custodian meet the definition (see 'Section 10 – Glossary') of a Custodian?

No  Yes

In accordance with Chapter 4, part 4.4.19 (e) of the AML/CTF Rules, do you, in your capacity as Custodian attest that prior to requesting this designated service from Equity Trustees, it has carried out and will continue to carry out, all applicable customer identification procedures on the underlying account holder named or to be named in the Fund's register, including conducting ongoing customer due diligence requirements in accordance with Chapter 15 of the AML/CTF Rules?

No  Yes

If you answered YES to all of the above questions, then Equity Trustees is able to apply the Chapter 4, part 4.4 Custodian rules to this account and will rely upon the customer due diligence conducted by the Custodian on the underlying account holder named or to be named in the Fund's register.

If requested to do so at any time after the provision of this designated service, the Custodian agrees to honour any reasonable request made by Equity Trustees for information or evidence about the underlying account holder in order to allow Equity Trustees to meet its obligations under the AML/CTF Act.

No  Yes

Excepting the below circumstances where the custodian answered NO or did not complete any of the above questions, no other information about the underlying account holder is required to be collected. However, further information about you as the Custodian and as a company is required to be collected and verified as required by the AML/CTF rules. Please complete the rest of this form for the Custodian.

### **Excepting circumstances:**

If you answered NO or did not complete any of the above questions, then we are unable to apply the Chapter 4, part 4.4 Custodian rules to this application. We are therefore obligated to conduct full Know Your Client procedures on the underlying account holder named or to be named in the Fund's register including any named nominee, as well as the trustees, beneficial owners and controlling persons of the underlying named account in addition to the Custodian. Therefore, please complete the relevant forms and provide identity documents for all parties connected to this account.

## SECTION 6 – AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT AND/OR FINANCIAL ADVISER

Please complete if you are appointing an authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser.

**See Group D AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements in Section 9**

- I am an **authorised representative or agent** as nominated by the investor(s)

You must attach a valid authority such as Power of Attorney, guardianship order, grant of probate, appointment of bankruptcy etc. that is a certified copy. The document must be current and complete, signed by the investor or a court official and permits the authorised representative or agent to transact on behalf of the investor.

Full name of authorised representative or agent

Role held with investor(s)

Signature

Date



- I am a **financial adviser** as nominated by the investor

Name of adviser

AFSL number



Dealer group

Name of advisory firm



Postage address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country





Email address

Contact no.



### Financial Advice (only complete if applicable)

- The investor has received personal financial product advice in relation to this investment from a licensed financial adviser and that advice is current.

### Financial Adviser Declaration

- I/We hereby declare that I/we are not a US Person as defined in the PDS/IM.
- I/We hereby declare that the investor is not a US Person as defined in the PDS/IM.
- I/We have attached the relevant CIP documents;

Signature

Date

## Access to information

Unless you elect otherwise, your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser will also be provided access to your investment information and/or receive copies of statements and transaction confirmations. By appointing an authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser you acknowledge that you have read and agreed to the terms and conditions in the PDS/IM relating to such appointment.

- Please tick this box if you DO NOT want your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser to have access to information about your investment.
- Please tick this box if you DO NOT want copies of statements and transaction confirmations sent to your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser.
- Please tick this box if you want statements and transaction confirmations sent ONLY to your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser.

## SECTION 7 – FOREIGN ACCOUNT TAX COMPLIANCE ACT (FATCA), COMMON REPORTING STANDARD (CRS) SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM – ALL INVESTORS MUST COMPLETE

### Sub-Section I – Individuals

Please fill this Sub-Section I only if you are an individual. If you are an entity, please fill Sub-Section II.

#### 1. Are you a US tax resident (e.g. US citizen or US resident)?

- Yes: provide your US Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and continue to question 2

Investor 1

Investor 2


- No: continue to question 2

#### 2. Are you a tax resident of any other country outside of Australia?

- Yes: state each country and provide your TIN or equivalent (or Reason Code if no TIN is provided) for each jurisdiction below and skip to question 12

##### Investor 1

Country/Jurisdiction of tax residence	TIN	If no TIN available enter Reason A, B or C
1		
2		

##### Investor 2

Country/Jurisdiction of tax residence	TIN	If no TIN available enter Reason A, B or C
1		
2		

*If more space is needed please provide details as an attachment.*

- No: skip to question 12

#### Reason Code:

If TIN or equivalent is not provided, please provide reason from the following options:

- Reason A: The country/jurisdiction where the investor is resident does not issue TINs to its residents.
- Reason B: The investor is otherwise unable to obtain a TIN or equivalent number (Please explain why the investor is unable to obtain a TIN in the below table if you have selected this reason).
- Reason C: No TIN is required. (Note. Only select this reason if the domestic law of the relevant jurisdiction does not require the collection of the TIN issued by such jurisdiction).

If Reason B has been selected above, explain why you are not required to obtain a TIN:

	Reason B explanation
Investor 1	
Investor 2	