# HAMILTON SIRIUS FUND

ARSN 144 611 236

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors of Hamilton Asset Management Limited, the Responsible Entity of the Hamilton Sirius Fund ("the Fund"), present their report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 and the independent auditor's report thereon.

# Directors

The names of directors of the Responsible Entity in office at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

Period of directorship
Appointed 18 September 2009
Appointed 18 September 2009
Appointed 18 September 2009

#### **Review of operations**

The Fund made good progress during the year in building its portfolio with the size of the Fund's assets increasing by 20.51%.

The Fund continued to seek to acquire good investments at what it believes is a discount to their true underlying value. The Fund maintained a high level of liquidity throughout the year with 19.55% of its assets being in readily liquid assets comprising of cash or cash equivalents (10.78%), fixed interest securities (3.40%) and gold (5.37%) at year end.

# Results

The profit attributable to unit holders for the year ended 30 June 2023 was \$125,980 (2022: loss \$297,826).

#### Distributions

Details of the distributions paid or payable during the period are disclosed in Note 6 to the financial statements.

#### Unit price history

The Fund calculates the net asset value of Fund's units as at the last business day of each month. The net asset value of the Fund is calculated by deducting the gross value of the Fund's assets from the liabilities of the Fund.

The following table shows the ex-distribution unit exit price for the Fund at the close of business on the reporting date/ redemption date and the highest and lowest exit price during the period.

	Ex-distribution Exit Unit Price	2023	2022
		\$	\$
At 30 June		1.1842	1.1743
Period to 30 June:			
- High		1.2348	1.4070
- Low		1.1555	1.1743

# Changes in state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund during the financial year.

#### Interests in the Fund

Details of the units in the Fund issued during the financial period, withdrawals from the Fund during the financial period and the number of units on issue in the Fund as at the end of the financial period are contained in Note 7 to the financial statements. Units in the Fund held by Hamilton Asset Management Limited and its associates are contained in Note 11 to the financial statements.

#### Future Developments, Prospects and Business Strategies

Disclosure of information regarding likely developments in the operations of the Fund in future financial periods and the expected results of those operations is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Fund. Accordingly, this information has not been disclosed in this report.

#### **Options granted**

No options were:

- (i) Granted over unissued units in the Fund during or since the end of the financial period; or
- (ii) Granted to the Responsible Entity

No unissued units in the Fund were under option as at the date on which this Report is made.

No units were issued in the Fund during or since the end of the financial period as a result of the exercise of an option over unissued units in the Fund.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

#### Indemnification of officers and auditors

During the financial period, the Responsible Entity paid a premium in respect of a contract insuring the directors of the Responsible Entity (as named above) against a liability incurred as such a director, secretary or executive officer to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act 2001. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium.

The Responsible Entity has not otherwise, during or since the end of the financial period, except to the extent permitted by law, indemnified or agreed to indemnify an officer or auditor of the Responsible Entity or of any related body corporate against a liability incurred as such an officer or auditor.

#### Subsequent events

There has not been any matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the end of the financial year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Fund, the results of the Fund, or the state of affairs of the Fund in future financial periods.

#### Auditor's independence declaration

The auditor's independence declaration is included on page 3 of the annual report.

This directors' report is signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to s.298(2) of the Corporations Act 2001.

Signed on behalf of the Directors of the Responsible Entity, Hamilton Asset Management Limited.

Steven Pritchard Director Hamilton, 20 September 2023



# Hamilton Sirius Fund ACN: 139 473 699

# Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2023, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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# STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

# FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	30 June 2023 \$	30 June 2022 \$
Investment Income		·	·
Interest		2,999	61
Trust distributions		21,356	15,995
Dividends received		104,359	35,028
Net changes to fair value of investments		10,980	(336,691)
Total investment income	-	139,694	(285,607)
Operating Expenses			
Expense recovery fees		13,714	12,219
Performance fees		-	-
Total expenses from operating activities	-	13,714	12,219
Operating (loss)/profit	-	125,980	(297,826)
Finance costs and other comprehensive income			
Distribution to unit holders		104,736	-
Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unit holders		21,244	(297,826)
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-
The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.	-		

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	78,043	82,741
Trade and other receivables		40,158	10,820
Investments	4	2,827,041	2,350,493
TOTAL ASSETS		2,945,242	2,444,054
LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	5	1,226	1,018
Distribution payable	6	104,736	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	105,962	1,018
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS	8	2,839,280	2,443,036
Liability attributable to unit holders		(2,839,280)	(2,443,036)
NET ASSETS	-	-	-

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Total
	\$
Balance at 01.07.2021	-
Profit or Loss for the period	-
Other comprehensive income for the period	
Total comprehensive income for the year	
Balance at 30.06.2022	-
Balance at 01.07.2022	-
Profit or Loss for the period	-
Other comprehensive income for the period	
Total comprehensive income for the year	
Balance at 30.06.2023	

For the purposes of these Financial Reports net assets attributable to unit holders is classified as a financial liability and disclosed as such in the statement of financial position.

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	
		\$	\$	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Distribution received		20,102	12,611	
Dividends received		95,753	23,048	
Interest received		2,999	61	
Administration expenses		(14,493)	(13,064)	
Performance fees		-	(69,598)	
Other receipts	_	1,588	6,404	
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	9	105,949	(40,538)	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds from sale of investments		461,556	298,566	
Purchases to acquire financial assets		(947,203)	(1,190,659)	
Net cash used in investing activities	-	(485,647)	(892,093)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Receipt from issue of units to unit holders		375,000	622,307	
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	375,000	622,307	
Net (decrease)/ increase in cash held		(4,698)	(310,324)	
Cash at beginning of period		82,741	393,065	
Cash at end of period	3	78,043	82,741	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

### NOTE 1: FINANCIAL REPORTING FRAMEWORK

#### Statement of compliance and basis of preparation

The financial report is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Fund's Constitution, Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001. Hamilton Sirius Fund ("the Fund") is a registered investment scheme domiciled in Australia.

The financial report complies with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) in its entirety. Compliance with AIFRS ensures that the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in its entirety.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, except where stated, in accordance with the requirements of the Fund's constitution. Fund investments are revalued to fair value. Cost is based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The address of its registered office and principal place of business is 10 Murray Street, Hamilton, New South Wales.

The principal activity of the Fund is disclosed in the directors' report.

All amounts are presented in Australian dollars, unless otherwise noted.

The financial report was approved by the board of directors of the Responsible Entity and authorised for issue on 20 September 2023.

#### NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions and other events is reported.

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the Financial Report:

#### (a) Income recognition

Income revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the relevant financial asset.

Trust distributions are recognised on a receivable basis as of the date the unit value is quoted ex-distribution. If the distributions are capital returns the amount of the distribution is treated as an adjustment to the carry value of the securities.

#### (b) Taxation

Under current legislation the Fund is not subject to income tax, provided taxable income including assessable capital gains is fully distributed to unitholders for the financial year. The Fund fully distributes its distributable income, calculated in accordance with the Fund constitution and applicable taxation legislation, to the unitholders who are presently entitled under the constitution.

If the Fund makes a net realised capital loss, the loss is not distributed to unitholders but is retained in the Fund to be offset against any future realised capital gains.

#### (c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and have a maturity of three months or less at the date of acquisition.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### (d) Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

#### Recognition and initial measurement

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when each Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. For financial assets this is equivalent to the date that the Fund commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the assets (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted). Financial assets and liabilities are valued at fair value. Financial instruments are classified into the following categories and fair values of financial instruments are determined on the following basis:

#### i. Investments

All investments are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration given including acquisition charges associated with the investment. Gains and losses on investments are recognised in the Profit or Loss and Statement of Comprehensive Income. Investment performance is measured and evaluated by Key Management Personnel on the basis of fair value movement and managed in accordance with the documented investment strategy.

#### ii. Monetary financial assets and liabilities not traded in an organised financial market

Financial assets and liabilities related to trade debtors, trade accounts payable, accruals and distributions receivable and payable are valued on a cost basis carrying amount (which approximates fair value).

#### iii. Receivables

Receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measure at amortised cost. Receivables are included in current assets, except for those which are not expected to mature within 12 months following the end of the reporting period.

#### iv. Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost and can include trade accounts payable and accrued expense provisions.

#### (e) Distributions

Distributions paid and payable on units are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income and as a liability where not paid. Distributions paid are included in cash flows from financing activities in the statement of cash flows.

#### (f) Goods and Services Tax

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST), except:

- a. Where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, the GST amount is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as an expense.
- b. For receivables and payables, which are recognised inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from or payable to the taxation authority is classified as cash flows from operating activities.

#### (g) Application and redemption prices

The application and redemptions prices are determined as the net asset value of the Fund adjusted for the estimated transaction costs, divided by the number of units on issue on the date of the application or redemption.

#### (h) Segment Information

The Fund has adopted AASB 8 Operating Segments. Since the Fund is unlisted and is not in the process of issuing any class of instruments in the public market, disclosure of segment information is not required in the Fund's annual report.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(i) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Fund has a present obligation, the future sacrifice of economic benefits is probable, and the amount of the provision can be measured reliably.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, the receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that recovery will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

#### (j) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial reports in conformity with AIFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. This requires the Board and management to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies.

The carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities are often determined based on estimates and assumptions of future events. In accordance with AASB 9 the fair value of the Fund's Financial Assets have in the absence of an active market for those assets been determined by the directors.

Apart from this, there are no key assumptions or sources of estimation uncertainty that have a risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities within the next annual reporting period.

#### (k) Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The Fund has not applied any Australian Accounting Standards or AASB Interpretations that have been issued at balance date but are not yet operative for the year ended 30 June 2023 ("the inoperative standards"). The impact of the inoperative standards has been assessed and the impact has been identified as not being material. The Fund only intends to adopt inoperative standards at the date at which their adoption becomes mandatory.

The adoption of the various Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations in issue but not yet effective will not impact the Fund's accounting policies. However, the pronouncements will result in changes to information currently disclosed in the financial statements. The Fund does not intend to adopt any of these pronouncements before their effective dates.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	\$	\$
NOTE 3: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank	78,043	82,741
Total cash and cash equivalents	78,043	82,741
NOTE 4: INVESTMENTS		
Listed equity securities	2,827,041	2,350,493
	2,827,041	2,350,493
NOTE 5: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Accrued charges	1,226	1,018
NOTE 6: DISTRIBUTION TO UNIT HOLDERS		
Distribution payable	104,736	-
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	Units	Units
NOTE 7: NUMBER OF ISSUED UNITS		
At beginning of the year	2,080,498	1,604,023
Units issued during the year	311,178	476,475
On issue at year-end	2,391,676	2,080,498
	\$	\$
NOTE 8: NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS		
At beginning of the year	2,443,036	2,098,675
Unit applications	375,000	642,187
Increase/ (decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	21,244	(297,826)
Net assets attributable to unit holders	2,839,280	2,443,036
NOTE 9: CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Profit/ (loss) attributable to unit holders	125,980	(297,826)
Reinvestment of dividends	(7,212)	(6,658)
Changes to net fair value of investments	(10,980)	336,691
(Increase) in trade and other receivables	(2,047)	(7,938)
(Increase) in trade and other receivables Increase/ (decrease) in trade payables and accruals	(2,047) 208	(7,938) (64,807)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	\$	\$
NOTE 10: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT		
The Fund's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, invest	tments, distributions	receivable and

payable and accounts payable. The capital structure of the Fund consists of the proceeds from the issue of the units of the Fund. The Responsible Entity aims to ensure that there is sufficient capital for possible redemptions by Unitholders. Financial instruments held by the Fund:

Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	78,043	82,741
Investments at fair value	2,827,041	2,350,493
Trade and other receivables	40,158	10,820
	2,945,242	2,444,054
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables	1,226	1,018
	1,226	1,018

#### Market risk a)

#### Price risk İ.

The Fund is exposed to equity securities price risk. This arises from investments held by the Fund. None of the Fund's equity investments are publicly traded.

A general rise/ (fall) in market prices of 5% or 10%, if spread equally over all assets in the portfolio, would lead to an increase/ (decrease) in the Fund's portfolio value of \$141,352 or \$282,704 respectively.

#### Interest rate risk ii.

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are not interest-bearing. The main interest rate risk for the Fund arises from its cash holdings. The Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates.

# b) Credit risk

This is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

Credit risk is managed as noted in the Notes to the financial statements with respect to cash and trade and other receivables. None of these assets are overdue or considered to be impaired.

# c) Liquidity risk

The liquidity risks associated with the need to satisfy Unit holders' requests for redemptions are mitigated by requiring a 180 day notice period for redemption requests.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

# NOTE 10: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### d) Net fair value of financial assets and liabilities

The Fund's financial assets and liabilities are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period.

### Fair value measurements

The following table provides the fair values of the Fund's asset and liabilities measured and recognised on a recurring basis after initial recognition and their categorisation within the fair value hierarchy.

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

30 June 2023	Note	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Investment Portfolio	6	2,827,041	-	-	2,827,041
Total		2,827,041	-	-	2,827,041

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets (including publicly traded derivatives) is based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting year. These instruments are included in level 1.

There were no transfers between Level 1, 2 and 3 for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis during the reporting period (2022: no transfers).

# NOTE 11: RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Responsible Entity of Hamilton Sirius Fund is Hamilton Asset Management Limited ACN 139 473 699. Hamilton Asset Management Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hamilton Asset Management Proprietary Holdings Limited ACN 133 313 069 whose ultimate parent entity is Hamilton Capital Proprietary Limited ACN 099 837 199. Accordingly transactions with entities related to the Hamilton Capital Group are disclosed below.

Transactions with related parties have taken place at arm's length and in the ordinary course of business.

The Responsible Entity is entitled to be reimbursed \$14,717 (2022: \$13,113) for expenses incurred on behalf of the Fund including amounts payable to Rees Pritchard Investor Services Pty Limited.

# **Rees Pritchard Investor Services Pty Limited**

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Steven Pritchard, Enzo Pirillo and Brett Hall, directors of the Responsible Entity, have an indirect beneficial ownership interest in Rees Pritchard Investor Services Pty Limited.

Rees Pritchard Investor Services Pty Limited provides fund administration services to the Responsible Entity. Transactions with the Responsible Entity are undertaken on normal commercial terms and conditions. Amounts payable to Rees Pritchard Investor Services Pty Limited for the period were:

	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	
	\$	\$	
Expense recovery fees	14,717	13,113	
Performance fees	-	-	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

# NOTE 12: RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES (CONTINUTED)

### Loans to directors of the Responsible Entity

The Fund has not made, guaranteed or secured, directly or indirectly, any loans to the directors or their personallyrelated entities at any time during the reporting period.

# **Responsible Entity Unitholdings**

As at 30 June 2023, the Responsible Entity, held no units in the Fund.

# NOTE 13: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

# a. Names and positions held of Directors of the Responsible Entity in office at any time during the financial year are:

Directors:	
Steven Shane Pritchard	Director
Enzo Pirillo	Director
Brett Hall	Director

# b. Transactions in units - (includes units both directly and indirectly held)

	Units held as	Units	Units	Units purchased	Units held as
	at	redeemed	reinvested		at
	1 July 2022	reueemeu	renivesteu		30 June 2023
Steven Shane Pritchard	1,981,534	-	-	290,258	2,271,792
Enzo Pirillo	1,446,664	-	-	290,258	1,736,922
Brett Hall	5,188	-	-	-	5,188

# NOTE 14: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no subsequent events to year-end that require disclosure other than those matters referred to elsewhere in this report.

# **NOTE 15: CONTINGENCIES**

At balance date the Directors are not aware of any other material contingent liabilities or contingent assets other than those already disclosed elsewhere in the financial report.

#### DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of the Responsible Entity declare that:

- (a) In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- (b) in the directors' opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including compliance with accounting standards and giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Fund;
- (c) In the directors' opinion, the financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors pursuant to s.295(5) of the Corporations Act 2001.

Signed on behalf of the Directors of the Responsible Entity, Hamilton Asset Management Limited.

Steven Pritchard 20 September 2023

# INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF HAMILTON SIRIUS FUND

# Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

# Opinion

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

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

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001. (ii)

# **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

# Responsibilities of 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 Fund'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 Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so

# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

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# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report (cont'd)

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

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

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

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