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This annual report covers Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund is Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) (AFSL 240975).

The Responsible Entity's registered office is:
Level 1, 575 Bourke Street,
Melbourne, VIC 3000.

Directors' report

The directors of Equity Trustees Limited, the Responsible Entity of Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund (the "Fund"), present their report together with the financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Principal activities

The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of liquid, global green and sustainable fixed and floating rate corporate bonds in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund did not have any employees during the year.

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

The various service providers for the Fund are detailed below:

Service	Provider
Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited
Investment Manager	Artesian Corporate Bond Pty Ltd
Custodian and Administrator	Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd (an Apex Group Company)
Statutory Auditor	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Directors

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

Philip D Gentry	Chairman (resigned 6 June 2024)
Michael J O'Brien	Chairman (appointed 6 June 2024)
Russell W Beasley	
Mary A O'Connor	
David B Warren	
Andrew P Godfrey	(appointed 1 May 2024)

Review and results of operations

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

The Fund's performance was 5.59% (net of fees) for Class D and 6.08% (net of fees) for Class NZ for the year ended 30 June 2024. The Fund's benchmark, the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0-5 Yr Index returned 4.38% for the same period.

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

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unit holders for the year ($'000)	**8,822**	2,930
Class D		
Distributions paid and payable ($'000)	**5,300**	1,188
Distributions (cents per unit)	**2.8707**	0.9841
Class NZ		
Distributions paid and payable ($'000)	**374**	-
Distributions (cents per unit)	**4.6069**	-

Significant changes in the state of affairs

Andrew P Godfrey was appointed as a director of Equity Trustees Limited on 1 May 2024.

Philip D Gentry resigned as a director of Equity Trustees Limited on 6 June 2024.

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

Directors' report (continued)

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may have a significant effect on:

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

Likely developments and expected results of operations

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

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

Indemnification and insurance of officers

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

Indemnification of auditor

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

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

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its associates out of Fund property during the year are disclosed in Note 15 to the financial statements.

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

The number of interests in the Fund held by the Responsible Entity or its associates as at the end of the financial year are disclosed in Note 15 to the financial statements.

Interests in the Fund

The movement in units on issue in the Fund during the year is disclosed in Note 8 to the financial statements.

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

Environmental regulation

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

Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars

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

Auditor's independence declaration

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

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

Andrew P Godfrey
Director

Melbourne
11 September 2024

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11 September 2024

The Board of Directors
Equity Trustees Limited
Level 1, 575 Bourke Street
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Dear Board Members,

Auditor's Independence Declaration - Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund

In accordance with section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the Directors of Equity Trustees Limited, the Responsible Entity, regarding the financial report of Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund (the "Fund").

As lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of the Fund for the financial year ended 30 June 2024, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours faithfully

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU

Partner
Chartered Accountants

Statement of comprehensive income

	Note	Year ended 30 June 2024 $'000	30 June 2023 $'000
Income			
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost		**26**	71
Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		**6,795**	3,176
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)		**(2)**	(2)
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		**2,870**	251
Total income/(loss)		**9,689**	3,496
Expenses			
Management fees and costs		**833**	542
Transaction costs		**34**	24
Total expenses		**867**	566
Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unit holders for the year		**8,822**	2,930
Finance costs attributable to unit holders			
Distributions to unit holders	9	**(5,674)**	(1,188)
(Increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders		**(3,148)**	(1,742)
Profit/(loss) for the year		**-**	-
Other comprehensive income		**-**	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		**-**	-

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

Statement of financial position

	Note	As at 30 June 2024 $'000	30 June 2023 $'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	**693**	8,327
Margin accounts		**959**	881
Receivables	12	**1,245**	811
Due from brokers – receivable for securities sold		**133**	74
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	**205,375**	127,831
Total assets		**208,405**	137,924
Liabilities			
Distributions payable	9	**2,016**	-
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased		**-**	6,917
Payables	13	**43**	-
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	6	**-**	273
Total liabilities		**2,059**	7,190
Net assets attributable to unit holders – liability	8	**206,346**	**130,734**

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

Statement of changes in equity

	Note	Year ended 30 June 2024 $'000	30 June 2023 $'000
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year		**-**	94,302
Reclassification due to issuance of a second class of units		**-**	**(94,302)**
Comprehensive income for the financial year			
Profit/(loss) for the year		**-**	-
Other comprehensive income		**-**	-
Total comprehensive income		**-**	-
Transactions with unit holders			
Applications		**-**	-
Redemptions		**-**	-
Reinvestment of distributions		**-**	-
Distributions paid and payable		**-**	-
Total transactions with unit holders		**-**	-
Total equity at the end of the financial year*		**-**	-

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

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes with reference to Notes 2c and 8.

Statement of cash flows

	Note	Year ended 30 June 2024 $'000	Year ended 30 June 2023 $'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		**160,511**	71,584
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		**(242,434)**	(103,039)
Interest income received from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		**6,326**	2,835
Interest income received from financial assets at amortised cost		**26**	71
Management fees and costs paid		**(790)**	(571)
Net movement in margin accounts		**(78)**	641
Transaction costs paid		**(29)**	(33)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	11(a)	**(76,468)**	(28,512)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from applications by unit holders		**78,193**	35,945
Payments for redemptions by unit holders		**(6,966)**	(3,223)
Distributions paid to unit holders		**(2,391)**	(1,430)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		**68,836**	31,292
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		**(7,632)**	2,780
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**8,327**	5,549
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		**(2)**	(2)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	10	**693**	8,327
Non-cash operating and financing activities	11(b)	**1,267**	1,938

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

Notes to the financial statements

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1. General information

These financial statements cover Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund (the "Fund") as an individual entity. The Fund is an Australian registered managed investment scheme which was constituted on 21 August 2020 and will terminate in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution or by Law.

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

The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of liquid, global green and sustainable fixed and floating rate corporate bonds in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

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

2. Summary of material accounting policies

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

a. Basis of preparation

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

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

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

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

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

i. Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

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

ii. New and amended standards adopted by the Fund

The Fund has applied the following standards and amendments for the first time for its financial year beginning 1 July 2023:

- AASB 2021-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates [AASB 7, AASB 101, AASB 108, AASB 134 & AASB Practice Statement 2].*

The amendments have had an impact on the Fund's disclosures of accounting policies, including the requirement to disclose 'material' rather than 'significant' accounting policies, but not on the measurement, recognition or presentation of any items in the Fund's financial statements.

None of the other standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2023 have a material impact on the amounts recognised in the prior periods or will affect the current or future periods.

iii. New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 July 2024 and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements.

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

2. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

b. Financial instruments

i. Classification

- Financial assets

The Fund classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:
- those to be measured at fair value through profit or loss; and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

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

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

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

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

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

- Financial liabilities

Derivative contracts that have a negative fair value are presented as liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

For financial liabilities that are not classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss, these are classified as financial liabilities at amortised cost (due to brokers, distributions payable, management fees and costs payable).

ii. Recognition and derecognition

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

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

iii. Measurement

- Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

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

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

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

- Financial instruments at amortised cost

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

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

2. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

b. Financial instruments (continued)

iv. Impairment

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

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

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

v. Offsetting financial instruments

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

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

c. Net assets attributable to unit holders

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

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

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

d. Cash and cash equivalents

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

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

e. Margin accounts

Margin accounts comprise cash held as collateral for derivative transactions. The cash is held by the broker and is only available to meet margin calls. It is not included as a component of cash and cash equivalents.

2. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

f. Income

i. Interest income

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

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

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

g. Expenses

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

Management fees and costs covers certain ordinary expenses such as Responsible Entity fees, investment management fees, custodian fees, and administration and audit fees.

h. Income tax

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

i. Distributions

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

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

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

k. Foreign currency translation

i. Functional and presentation currency

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

ii. Transactions and balances

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

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

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

2. Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

l. Due from/to brokers

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

m. Receivables

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

n. Payables

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

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

Distributions declared effective 30 June in relation to unit holders who have previously elected to reinvest distributions are recognised as reinvested effective 1 July of the following financial year.

o. Applications and redemptions

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

p. Goods and services tax (GST)

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

q. Use of estimates and judgements

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

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

The Fund estimates that the resultant expected credit loss (ECL) derived from using impairment model, has not materially impacted the Fund. Please see Note 3(c) for more information on credit risk.

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

For more information on how fair value is calculated refer to Note 4 to the financial statements.

r. Rounding of amounts

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

s. Comparative revisions

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

3. Financial risk management

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

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

All investments present a risk of loss of capital. The maximum loss of capital on fixed interest corporate securities, floating rate corporate notes and futures positions is limited to the fair value of those positions. The maximum loss of capital on long futures is limited to the notional contract values of those positions.

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

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

a. Market risk

i. Foreign exchange risk

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

Foreign exchange risk is managed by hedging back foreign currencies into Australian Dollars where possible. The Investment Manger monitors the value of these foreign currency positions and alters the foreign exchange hedges accordingly.

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

	EUR $'000	USD $'000
As at 30 June 2024		
Cash and cash equivalents	**26**	**55**
Net exposure	**26**	**55**
As at 30 June 2023		
Cash and cash equivalents	27	51
Net exposure	27	51

The table at Note 3(b) summarises the sensitivities of the Fund's monetary assets and liabilities to foreign exchange risk. The analysis is based on the reasonably possible shift that the Australian dollar weakened and strengthened by 10% (2023: +/-10%) against the material foreign currencies to which the Fund is exposed.

ii. Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The yield and fair value of securities can be affected by interest rate movements. In instances where interest rates rise, the fair value of certain fixed rate securities may decline. Equally in circumstances where interest rates decline the yield of certain floating rate securities will drop to reflect the floating rate nature of the yield. Equally longer-term interest rate expectations have the ability to impact the value of longer dated fixed rate securities.

The Fund's main interest rate risk arises from its investments in fixed and floating rate corporate bonds.

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

The Fund aims to mitigate interest rate risk by investing in floating rate note securities which have less interest rate risk than fixed rate securities. Additionally, the Fund uses interest rate futures to hedge a proportion of the interest rate risk arising from the fixed rate bonds in the portfolio. Interest rate risk is monitored daily using sensitivity analysis which allows the Investment Manager to examine it in real time.

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

	Floating interest rate $'000	Fixed interest rate $'000	Non-interest bearing $'000	Total $'000
As at 30 June 2024				
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	**26**	**-**	**667**	**693**
Margin accounts	**959**	**-**	**-**	**959**
Receivables	**-**	**-**	**1,245**	**1,245**
Due from brokers – receivable for securities sold	**-**	**-**	**133**	**133**
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	**66,667**	**138,691**	**17**	**205,375**
Total financial assets	**67,652**	**138,691**	**2,062**	**208,405**

3. Financial risk management (continued)

a. Market risk (continued)

ii. Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk (continued)

	Floating interest rate $'000	Fixed interest rate $'000	Non-interest bearing $'000	Total $'000
As at 30 June 2024				
Financial liabilities				
Distributions payable	**-**	**-**	**2,016**	**2,016**
Payables	**-**	**-**	**43**	**43**
Total financial liabilities	**-**	**-**	**2,059**	**2,059**
Net exposure	**67,652**	**138,691**	**3**	**206,346**
As at 30 June 2023				
Cash and cash equivalents	27	-	8,300	8,327
Margin accounts	881	-	-	881
Receivables	-	-	811	811
Due from brokers – receivable for securities sold	-	-	74	74
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	38,818	88,852	161	127,831
Total financial assets	39,726	88,852	9,346	137,924
Financial liabilities				
Distributions payable				
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased	-	-	6,917	6,917
Payables	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	273	273
Total financial liabilities			7,190	7,190
Net exposure	39,726	88,852	2,156	130,734

The table at Note 3(b) summarises the impact of an increase/decrease in interest rates on the Fund's operating profit and net assets attributable to unit holders through changes in fair value or changes in future cash flows. The analysis is based on the reasonably possible shift that the interest rates changed by +/- 100 basis points (2023: +/- 100 basis points) from the year end rates with all other variables held constant.

b. Summarised sensitivity analysis

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

	Impact on net assets attributable to unit holders			
	Foreign exchange risk		Interest rate risk	
	+10% $'000	-10% $'000	+100bps $'000	-100bps $'000
As at 30 June 2024	**8**	**(8)**	**2,063**	**(2,063)**
As at 30 June 2023	8	(8)	1,286	(1,286)

c. Credit risk

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

The value of assets within the Fund can change due to changes in the credit quality of the individual issuer and also from changes in the values of other similar securities. This can affect the volatility of the Fund and its income. Fixed income securities are subject to default risk, which means that the credit issuer may default on interest payments, the repayment of capital or both. The main concentration of credit risk, to which the Fund is exposed, arises from the Fund's investment in debt securities. The Fund is also exposed to counterparty credit risk on derivative financial instruments, cash and cash equivalents, amounts due from brokers and other receivables.

Fixed income investments with a non-investment grade credit rating (that is, for Standard & Poor's or Fitch, less than a BBB- rating; and for Moody's, less than a Baa3 rating) are subject to increased credit risks compared with investment grade securities, in that the credit issuer may be more likely to default on interest payments, the repayment of capital or both.

3. Financial risk management (continued)

c. Credit risk (continued)

i. Debt securities

a. The Fund will invest at least 90% of funds not invested in cash, in investment grade debt rated either BBB- or higher by Standard & Poor's and Fitch or Baa3 or higher by Moody's.

b. Although not a key focus for the Fund, the Fund may invest up to 10% of the portfolio in non-rated issued debt if deemed appropriate by the Investment Manager.

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

	As at	
	30 June 2024 $'000	30 June 2023 $'000
Fixed interest corporate securities		
Rating		
AAA to A	**91,431**	65,647
A- to BBB+	**35,342**	15,576
BBB to BBB-	**11,918**	7,629
Total	**138,691**	88,852
Floating rate corporate notes		
Rating		
AAA to A	**36,239**	19,696
A- to BBB+	**30,428**	12,617
BBB to BBB-	**-**	6,505
Total	**66,667**	38,818

ii. Derivative financial instruments

For derivative financial instruments, the Investment Manager holds futures.

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

iii. Settlement of securities transactions

All transactions in over the counter securities are settled/paid for on T+2 with approved counterparties. The risk of default is considered low, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the custodian has received payment. Payment is made once the securities purchased have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligations.

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

iv. Cash and cash equivalents

The exposure to credit risk for cash and cash equivalents is low as all counterparties have a rating of A+ (as determined by Standard & Poor's) or higher.

v. Other

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

vi. Maximum exposure to credit risk

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

d. Liquidity risk

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

Under abnormal or difficult market conditions some normally liquid assets may become illiquid, restricting our ability to sell them and to make withdrawal payments to investors without a delay.

3. Financial risk management (continued)

d. Liquidity risk (continued)

Exposure to liquidity risk for the Fund may arise from the requirement to meet daily unit holder redemption requests.

The Fund aims to mitigate liquidity risk by investing in investment grade corporate bonds, which under normal market conditions are readily convertible to cash. The Investment Manager has a strong focus on the liquidity of corporate bonds it invests in, ensuring multiple dealers are quoting tradable prices.

The Fund offers investors daily liquidity which reflects the liquid nature of the corporate bonds held in the Fund.

In order to manage the Fund's overall liquidity, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer or adjust redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unit holders. The Fund did not reject or withhold any redemptions during 2024 and 2023.

i. Maturities of non-derivative financial liabilities

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

ii. Maturities of net settled derivative financial instruments

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

	Less than 1 month $'000	1 to 6 months $'000	6 to 12 months $'000	Over 12 months $'000	Total $'000
As at 30 June 2024					
Net settled derivatives					
Futures assets/(liabilities)	**-**	**17**	**-**	**-**	**17**
Total net settled derivatives	**-**	**17**	**-**	**-**	**17**
As at 30 June 2023					
Net settled derivatives					
Futures assets/(liabilities)	-	(112)	-	-	(112)
Total net settled derivatives	-	(112)	-	-	(112)

4. Fair value measurement

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

- Financial assets/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (see Note 5 and Note 6)
- Derivative financial instruments (see Note 7)

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

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

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

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

a. Valuations using level 1 inputs

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

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

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

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

b. Valuations using level 2 inputs

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

4. Fair value measurement (continued)

b. Valuations using level 2 inputs (continued)

Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on management's best estimates and the discount rate used is a market rate at the end of the reporting period applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions.

For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the end of the reporting period. Fair values for unquoted equity investments are estimated, if possible, using applicable price/earnings ratios for similar listed companies adjusted to reflect the specific circumstances of the issuer.

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

c. Recognised fair value measurements

The table below presents the Fund's financial assets measured and recognised at fair value as at 30 June 2024.

	Level 1 $'000	Level 2 $'000	Level 3 $'000	Total $'000
As at 30 June 2024				
Financial assets				
Fixed interest corporate securities	**-**	**138,691**	**-**	**138,691**
Floating rate corporate notes	**-**	**66,667**	**-**	**66,667**
Futures	**17**	**-**	**-**	**17**
Total financial assets	**17**	**205,358**	**-**	**205,375**
Financial liabilities				
Futures	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Total financial liabilities	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
As at 30 June 2023				
Financial assets				
Fixed interest corporate securities	-	88,852	-	88,852
Floating rate corporate notes	-	38,818	-	38,818
Futures	161	-	-	161
Total financial assets	161	127,670	-	127,831
Financial liabilities				
Futures	273	-	-	273
Total financial liabilities	273	-	-	273

d. Transfer between levels

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

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

e. Financial instruments not carried at fair value

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

i. Cash and cash equivalent, balances due from/to brokers and receivables/payables under sale and repurchase agreements. These are short-term financial assets and financial liabilities whose carrying values approximate fair value, because of their short-term nature and the high credit quality of counterparties; and

ii. Net assets attributable to unit holders, as the Fund routinely redeems and issues units at an amount equal to the proportionate share of the Fund's net assets at the time of redemption, calculated on a basis consistent with that used in these financial statements. Accordingly, the carrying value of net assets attributable to unit holders approximates their fair value. Any difference is not material in the current year or prior year.

5. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	As at 30 June 2024 $'000	As at 30 June 2023 $'000
Fixed interest corporate securities	**138,691**	88,852
Floating rate corporate notes	**66,667**	38,818
Futures	**17**	161
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	**205,375**	127,831

An overview of the risk exposures and fair value measurements relating to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is included in Note 3 and Note 4 to the financial statements.

6. Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

	As at	
	30 June 2024 $'000	30 June 2023 $'000
Futures	**-**	273
Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	**-**	273

An overview of the risk exposures and fair value measurements relating to financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss is included in Note 3 and Note 4 to the financial statements.

7. Derivative financial instruments

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

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

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

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

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

The Fund holds the following derivative:

a. Futures

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

Interest rate futures are derivatives which are settled at a future date and whose value changes in response to the change in interest rates.

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

	Contractual/ notional $'000	Assets $'000	Liabilities $'000
As at 30 June 2024			
Futures	**44,449**	**17**	**-**
Total derivatives	**44,449**	**17**	**-**
As at 30 June 2023			
Futures	23,229	161	273
Total derivatives	23,229	161	273

Information about the Fund's exposure to credit risk, foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk and about the methods and assumptions used in determining fair values is provided in Note 3 and Note 4 to the financial statements. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the reporting period is the carrying amount of each class of derivative financial instruments disclosed above.

8. Net assets attributable to unit holders - liability

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

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

	Year ended		Year ended	
	30 June 2024 Units '000	30 June 2024 $'000	30 June 2023 Units '000	30 June 2023 $'000
Class D				
Opening balance	**137,348**	**130,691**	100,990	94,302
Applications	**68,058**	**66,337**	37,667	35,932
Redemptions	**(7,224)**	**(6,966)**	(3,367)	(3,223)
Reinvestment of distributions	**1,155**	**1,125**	2,058	1,938
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	**-**	**3,266**	-	1,742
Closing balance	**199,337**	**194,453**	137,348	130,691
Class NZ				
Opening balance	**43**	**43**	-	-
Applications	**11,541**	**11,826**	43	43
Redemptions	**-**	**-**	-	-
Reinvestment of distributions	**139**	**142**	-	-
Distributions paid and payable	**-**	**-**	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	**-**	**(118)**	-	-
Closing balance	**11,723**	**11,893**	43	43
Closing balance	**211,060**	**206,346**	137,391	130,734

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

There are two separate classes of units. Each unit within the same class has the same rights as all other units within that class. Each unit class has a different management fee rate.

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

Capital risk management

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

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

9. Distributions to unit holders

The distributions declared during the year were as follows:

	Year ended		Year ended	
	30 June 2024 $'000	30 June 2024 CPU	30 June 2023 $'000	30 June 2023 CPU
Distributions Class D				
September	**514**	**0.3521**	-	-
December	**1,135**	**0.6584**	296	0.2613
March	**1,851**	**0.9568**	892	0.7228
June (payable)	**1,800**	**0.9034**	-	-
Total distributions	**5,300**	**2.8707**	1,188	0.9841
Distributions Class NZ				
September	**8**	**0.4387**	-	-
December	**53**	**1.0078**	-	-
March	**97**	**1.3214**	-	-
June (payable)	**216**	**1.8390**	-	-
Total distributions	**374**	**4.6069**	-	-
Total distributions	**5,674**		1,188	

10. Cash and cash equivalents

	As at	
	30 June 2024 $'000	30 June 2023 $'000
Cash at bank	**693**	8,327
Total cash and cash equivalents	**693**	8,327

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

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2024 $'000	30 June 2023 $'000
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	**3,148**	1,742
Distributions to unit holders	**5,674**	1,188
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	**160,511**	71,584
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	**(242,434)**	(103,039)
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	**(2,870)**	(251)
Net foreign exchange (gains)/losses	**2**	2
Net movement in margin accounts	**(78)**	641
Net change in receivables	**(464)**	(337)
Net change in payables	**43**	(42)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	**(76,468)**	(28,512)

b. Non-cash operating and financing activities

The following distribution payments to unit holders were satisfied by the issue of units under the distribution reinvestment plan	**1,267**	1,938
Total non-cash operating and financing activities	**1,267**	1,938

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

12. Receivables

	As at	
	30 June 2024 $'000	30 June 2023 $'000
Interest receivable	**1,207**	738
GST receivable	**38**	34
Management fees and costs reimbursement receivable	**-**	9
Applications receivable	**-**	30
Total receivables	**1,245**	811

13. Payables

	As at	
	30 June 2024 $'000	30 June 2023 $'000
Management fees and costs payable	**43**	-
Total payables	**43**	-

14. Remuneration of auditors

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2024 $	30 June 2023 $
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu		
Audit and other assurance services		
Audit and review of financial statements	**18,633**	11,219
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	**18,633**	11,219
Taxation services		
Tax compliance services	**11,930**	11,362
Total remuneration for taxation services	**11,930**	11,362
Total remuneration of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	**30,563**	22,581

14. Remuneration of auditors (continued)

PricewaterhouseCoopers		
Audit and other assurance services		
Audit of compliance plan	**2,400**	2,346
Total auditor remuneration and other assurance services	**2,400**	2,346
Total remuneration of PricewaterhouseCoopers	**2,400**	2,346

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

15. Related party transactions

The Responsible Entity of Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund is Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) (AFSL 240975). Accordingly, transactions with entities related to Equity Trustees Limited are disclosed below.

The Responsible Entity has contracted services to Artesian Corporate Bond Pty Ltd to act as Investment Manager for the Fund and Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd to act as Custodian and Administrator for the Fund. The contracts are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

a. Key management personnel

i. Directors

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

Philip D Gentry	Chairman (resigned 6 June 2024)
Michael J O'Brien	Chairman (appointed 6 June 2024)
Russell W Beasley	
Mary A O'Connor	
David B Warren	
Andrew P Godfrey	(appointed 1 May 2024)

ii. Responsible Entity

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

iii. Other key management personnel

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

b. Transactions with key management personnel

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

c. Key management personnel unit holdings

Key management personnel did not hold units in the Fund as at 30 June 2024 (30 June 2023: nil).

d. Key management personnel compensation

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

e. Key management personnel loans

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

f. Other transactions within the Fund

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

15. Related party transactions (continued)

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

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2024 $	30 June 2023 $
Responsible Entity fees for the year	**90,369**	54,689
Management fees for the year	**491,621**	348,504
Management fees payable at year end	**28,327**	-
Responsible Entity fees payable at year end	**574**	4,429
Management fees reimbursement receivable at year end	**-**	12,873

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

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

h. Related party unit holdings

Parties related to the Fund (including Equity Trustees Limited, its related parties and other schemes managed by Equity Trustees Limited and the Investment Manager) hold units in the Fund are listed as follows:

Unit holder	Number of units held opening	Number of units held closing	Fair value of investment ($)	Interest held (%)	Number of units acquired	Number of units disposed	Distributions paid/payable by the Fund ($)
As at 30 June 2024							
Artesian Capital Management	**503,089**	**373,687**	**368,343**	**0.18%**	**1,773**	**(131,175)**	**10,717**
As at 30 June 2023							
Artesian Capital Management	501,323	503,089	479,192	0.37%	1,766	-	4,946

i. Investments

The Fund did not hold any investments in Equity Trustees Limited or its related parties during the year (30 June 2023: nil).

16. Events occurring after the reporting period

No significant events have occurred since the end of the year which would impact on the financial position of the Fund as disclosed in the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the year ended on that date.

17. Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

There were no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

a. The financial statements and notes set out on pages 5 to 24 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001,* including:

   i. complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and

   ii. giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date.

b. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and

c. Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements also comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

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

Andrew P Godfrey
Director

Melbourne
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Independent Auditor's Report to the Unit Holders of Artesian Green and Sustainable Bond Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Artesian Green and Sustainable Bond Fund (the "Fund") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

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

- Giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001.*

Basis for Opinion

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

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the Directors of the Responsible Entity of the Fund ("the Directors"), would be in the same terms if given to the Directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

Other Information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Director's report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors are responsible:

- For the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Fund in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and
- For such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Fund, and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Fund 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 has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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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Jonathon Corbett
Partner
Chartered Accountants

Sydney, 11 September 2024