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This annual report covers the Armytage Australian Equity Income Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of the Armytage Australian Equity Income Fund is Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) (AFSL 240975).

The Responsible Entity's registered office is:

Level 22, 530 Collins Street,
Melbourne, Victoria 3000.

Directors' report

The directors of Equity Trustees Limited, the Responsible Entity of Armytage Australian Equity Income Fund (the "Fund"), present their report together with the financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2026.

Principal activities

The Fund invests in Australian equities, listed unit trusts and exchange traded options in accordance with the investment objective and guidelines as set out in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement and its 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	Armytage Private Pty Ltd
Administrator and Custodian	Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd (an Apex Group Company)
Statutory Auditor*	Ernst & Young

*On 6 March 2026, Ernst and Young replaced Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as the Fund auditor.

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:

Michael J O'Brien	Chairman
Russell W Beasley	(appointed 1 July 2025)
Mary A O'Connor	(resigned 1 July 2025)
David B Warren	
Andrew P Godfrey	
Johanna E Platt	

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 is calculated based on the percentage change in the Fund's redemption price over the period (with any distributions paid during the period reinvested). Returns are disclosed after fees and expenses.

The Fund's performance was 3.44% (net of fees) for the year ended 30 June 2026. The Fund's benchmark, the S&P/ASX 100 Accumulation Index returned 5.91% for the same period.

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2026	30 June 2025
Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unit holders for the year ($'000)	**1,022**	4,044
Retail Class		
Distributions paid and payable ($'000)	**2,705**	2,540
Distributions (cents per unit)	**5.6147**	5.2000

Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2026 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 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.

Directors' report (continued)

Indemnification of auditor

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

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 the Fund's property during the year are disclosed in Note 15 to the financial statements.

No fees were paid out of the Fund's 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 is 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 a Commonwealth, State or Territory law.

Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars

Amounts in the Directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2026/183,* 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.



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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Equity Trustees Limited as Responsible Entity for Armytage Australian Equity Income Fund

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Armytage Australian Equity Income Fund for the financial year ended 30 June 2026, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

a. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit;

b. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit; and

c. No non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Partner
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17 September 2026

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Statement of comprehensive income

	Note	Year ended 30 June 2026 $'000	Year ended 30 June 2025 $'000
Income			
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost		**47**	69
Dividend and distribution income		**1,258**	1,605
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		**648**	3,451
Other income		**1**	-
Total income/(loss)		**1,954**	5,125
Expenses			
Management fees and costs	15	**506**	563
Withholding taxes		**317**	404
Transaction costs		**109**	114
Total expenses		**932**	1,081
Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unit holders for the year		**1,022**	4,044
Finance costs attributable to unit holders			
Distributions to unit holders	9	**(2,705)**	(2,540)
(Increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders	8	**1,683**	(1,504)
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 2026 $'000**	30 June 2025 $'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	**3,420**	1,577
Margin accounts		**6**	-
Receivables	12	**196**	178
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	**28,566**	36,701
Total assets		**32,188**	38,456
Liabilities			
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased		**-**	147
Distributions payable	9	**1,080**	1,042
Payables	13	**113**	100
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	6	**7**	56
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unit holders)		**1,200**	1,345
Net assets attributable to unit holders - liability	8	**30,988**	37,111

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

Statement of changes in equity

	Year ended	
	30 June 2026	30 June 2025
	$'000	$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year	**-**	-
Comprehensive income for the financial year		
Profit/(loss) for the year	**-**	-
Other comprehensive income	**-**	-
Total comprehensive income	**-**	-
Transactions with unit holders in their capacity as owners	**-**	-
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 beginning 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 2(c) and 8.

Statement of cash flows

	Note	Year ended 30 June 2026 $'000	Year ended 30 June 2025 $'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		**29,878**	26,168
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		**(21,291)**	(20,637)
Interest income received from financial assets at amortised cost		**47**	69
Dividends and distributions received		**973**	1,227
Movement in margin accounts		**(6)**	-
GST received/(paid)		**-**	2
Management fees and costs paid		**(519)**	(568)
Transaction costs paid		**(109)**	(114)
Other income received		**1**	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	11(a)	**8,974**	**6,147**
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from applications by unit holders		**5,068**	4,091
Payments for redemptions by unit holders		**(9,663)**	(8,062)
Distributions paid to unit holders		**(2,536)**	(2,329)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		**(7,131)**	(6,300)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		**1,843**	(153)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**1,577**	1,730
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	10	**3,420**	1,577
Non-cash operating and financing activities	11(b)	**131**	315

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

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1. General information

These financial statements cover the Armytage Australian Equity Income Fund (the "Fund") as an individual entity. The Fund is an Australian registered managed investment scheme, which was constituted on 3 July 2007 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 22, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000. The financial statements are presented in the Australian currency unless otherwise noted.

The investment activities of the Fund are managed by Armytage Private Pty Ltd (the "Investment Manager"). The custody and administration services of the Fund are delegated to Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd (the "Custodian and Administrator").

The Fund invests in Australian equities, listed unit trusts and exchange traded options in accordance with the investment objective and guidelines as set out in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement and its 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 policy information

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 holder's option. However, holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term. As such, the amount expected to be settled within 12 months cannot be reliably determined.

i. Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

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

ii. New and amended standards adopted by the Fund

There are no standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2025 that have a material impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods or will affect the current or future periods.

iii. New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

AASB 18 *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*

AASB 18 was issued in June 2024 and replaces AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements.* The new standard introduces new requirements for the statement of comprehensive income, including:

- new categories for the classification of income and expenses into operating, investing and financing categories, and
- presentation of subtotals for "operating profit" and "profit before financing and income taxes".

Additional disclosure requirements are introduced for management-defined performance measures and new principles for aggregation and disaggregation of information in the notes and the primary financial statements and the presentation of interest and dividends in the statement of cash flows. The new standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027 and will be applied retrospectively by the Fund for the financial year ending 30 June 2028.

This new standard is not expected to have an impact on the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses, however there will likely be changes in how the statement of comprehensive income and statement of financial position line items are presented as well as some additional disclosures in the notes to the financial statements. Management is in the process of assessing the impact of the new standard.

AASB 2024-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments* [AASB 7 & AASB 9] (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026).

In July 2024, the AASB issued amendments to AASB 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures and AASB 9 Financial Instruments.* This amendment amends requirements related to settling financial liabilities using an electronic payment system and assessing contractual cash flow characteristics of financial assets with environmental, social and corporate governance and similar features. It also amends disclosure requirements relating to investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income and adds disclosure requirements for financial instruments with contingent features that do not relate directly to basic lending risks and costs. The amendments will be effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026.

Management is currently working to identify all the impact of the new standards and amendments on the primary financial statements and the related notes.

Certain amendments to accounting standards have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2026 reporting year and have not been early adopted by the Fund. These amendments are not expected to have a material impact on the Fund in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

2. Summary of material accounting policy information (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.

Equity securities, unit trusts and derivatives are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

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

- Financial liabilities

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

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 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.

iii. Measurement

- Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

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

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

For further detail 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 ("ECL").

Cash and cash equivalents, due from brokers, receivables, management fees and costs payable, due to brokers, distributions payable and margin accounts are carried at amortised cost.

iv. Impairment

At each reporting date, the Fund shall estimate a loss allowance on each of the financial assets carried at amortised cost (cash and cash equivalents, due from brokers, margin accounts and receivables) at an amount equal to the lifetime ECL 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 ECL. Significant financial difficulties of the counter party, probability that the counter party will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that the asset is credit impaired. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the net carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due. Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit impaired.

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

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

2. Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)

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 currently has a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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

c. Net assets attributable to unit holders

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

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

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

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

d. Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits 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 such as option call account with Bell Potter. The margin account is intended to offset unrealised market value of derivative positions and neutralise counterparty credit risk. Hence if there is any significant increase in the market value of the derivative position, the Fund will receive collateral from the respective counterparty and this will be recorded as a margin liability of the Fund and vice versa. If cash has been paid to a counterparty, the cash is held by the counterparty and is only available to offset derivative position liabilities. It is not included as a component of cash and cash equivalents and is presented separately in the statement of financial position.

f. Income

i. Interest income

Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost is recognised using the effective interest method and includes interest from cash and cash equivalents.

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

ii. Dividends and distributions

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

Distributions are recognised on an entitlement basis.

iii. Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments

Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments arising on a change in fair value are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the end of the reporting period and the fair value at the previous valuation point. Net gains/(losses) do not include interest or dividend/distribution income. Realised and unrealised gains/(losses) are shown in the notes to the financial statements.

Changes in fair value of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in accordance with the policies described in Note 2(b)(iii) to the financial statements.

g. Expenses

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

Management fees and costs cover 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 its unit holders on a present entitlement basis.

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

2. Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)

i. Distributions

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

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 they operate (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 profit and loss.

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

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

l. Due from/to brokers

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

m. Receivables

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

n. Payables

Payables include liabilities and accrued expenses owing by the Fund 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 onto 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). Accounts 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 related to GST are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis and 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 an operating cash flow.

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 affected.

For all of the Fund's financial instruments, quoted market prices are readily available.

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 2026/183* 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 price risk, 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 the financial risks.

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

The investments of the Fund and associated risks, are managed by a specialist Investment Manager, Armytage Private Pty Ltd, under an Investment Management Agreement (IMA) approved by the Responsible Entity, and containing the investment strategy and investment 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 they are exposed. These methods are explained below.

a. Market risk

i. Price risk

The Fund is exposed to price risk on equity securities listed or quoted on recognised securities exchanges. Price risk arises from investments held by the Fund for which prices in the future are uncertain.

Price risk is managed through diversification and a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within investment guidelines specified in the Product Disclosure Statement.

The table at Note 3(b) summarises the sensitivities of the Fund's assets and liabilities to price risk. The analysis is based on the reasonably possible shift that the investment portfolio in which the Fund invests moves by +/-10% (2025:+/-10%).

ii. Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk arises as the value of monetary securities denominated in other currencies fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. However, the Investment Manager monitors the exposure of all foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities.

Foreign exchange risk is managed by the Investment Manager, in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund did not hold any foreign currency other than base currency as at 30 June 2026 and 2025.

iii. Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

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

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

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

b. Summarised sensitivity analysis

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's profit/(loss) and net assets attributable to unit holders to market risks. The reasonably possible movements in the risk variables have been determined based on management's best estimate, having regard to a number of factors, including historical levels of changes 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	
	Price risk	
	+10% $'000	-10% $'000
As at 30 June 2026	**2,857**	**(2,857)**
As at 30 June 2025	3,665	(3,665)

3. Financial risk management (continued)

c. Credit risk

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

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

The Fund determines credit risk and measures ECL for financial assets measured at amortised cost using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management considers both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any ECL. At 30 June 2026 and 30 June 2025, all receivables, amounts due from brokers, cash and short-term deposits are held with counterparties with a credit rating of B or higher and are either callable on demand or due to be settled within 1 week. Management considers the probability of default to be close to zero as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month ECL as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

d. Liquidity risk

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

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

Liquidity risk is managed by reviewing the portfolios. Fund aims to maintain predominantly liquid portfolios, although liquidity is not guaranteed.

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 a 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 2026 and 2025.

i. Maturities of non-derivative financial liabilities

All non-derivative financial liabilities of the Fund in the current year 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 1 month $'000	1 to 6 months $'000	6 to 12 months $'000	Over 12 months $'000	Total $'000
As at 30 June 2026					
Options	**(7)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(7)**
Total net settled derivatives	**(7)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(7)**
As at 30 June 2025					
Options	(56)	-	-	-	(56)
Total net settled derivatives	(56)	-	-	-	(56)

4. Fair value measurement

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

- Financial assets/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (see Note 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 of the financial statements. For all of its investments, the Fund relies on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of its investments.

4. Fair value measurement (continued)

a. Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives, listed unit trusts and listed equity securities) 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. The quoted market price incorporates the market's assumptions with respect to changes in economic climate such as rising interest rates and inflation, as well as changes due to risk. 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. Recognised fair value measurements

The table below presents the Fund's financial assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value as at 30 June 2026 and 30 June 2025.

	Level 1 $'000	Level 2 $'000	Level 3 $'000	Total $'000
As at 30 June 2026				
Financial assets				
Listed equities	**25,556**	**-**	**-**	**25,556**
Listed unit trusts	**3,010**	**-**	**-**	**3,010**
Total financial assets	**28,566**	**-**	**-**	**28,566**
Financial liabilities				
Options	**7**	**-**	**-**	**7**
Total financial liabilities	**7**	**-**	**-**	**7**
As at 30 June 2025				
Financial assets				
Listed equities	33,096	-	-	33,096
Listed unit trusts	3,605	-	-	3,605
Total financial assets	36,701	-	-	36,701
Financial liabilities				
Options	56	-	-	56
Total financial liabilities	56	-	-	56

c. 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 for the years ended 30 June 2026 and 30 June 2025.

d. Financial instruments not carried at fair value

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

i Cash and cash equivalents, balances due to brokers and receivables/payable. These are short-term financial assets and financial liabilities whose carrying amounts approximate fair value, because of their short-term nature and the high credit quality of counterparties; and

ii Net assets attributable to unit holders. The Fund routinely redeems and issues units at the amount equal to the proportionate share of net assets of the Fund at the time of redemption, calculated on a basis consistent with that used in these financial statements. Accordingly, the carrying amount of net assets attributable to unitholders 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 2026** **$'000**	 30 June 2025 $'000
Listed equities	**25,556**	33,096
Listed unit trusts	**3,010**	3,605
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	**28,566**	36,701

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 2026 $'000	30 June 2025 $'000
Options	**7**	56
Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	**7**	56

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

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

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

- hedging to protect an asset or liability of the Fund against a fluctuation in market values 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 derivatives:

a. Options

An option is a contractual arrangement under which the seller (writer) grants the purchaser (holder) the right, but not the obligation, either to buy (a call option) or sell (a put option) at or by a set date or during a set period, a specific amount of securities or a financial instrument at a predetermined price. The seller receives a premium from the purchaser in consideration for the assumption of future securities price risk. Options held by the Fund are exchange-traded. The Fund is exposed to credit risk on purchased options to the extent of their carrying amount, which is their fair value. Options are settled on a gross basis.

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 2026			
Options	**2,692**	**-**	**7**
Total derivatives	**2,692**	**-**	**7**
As at 30 June 2025			
Options	12,673	-	56
Total derivatives	12,673	-	56

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 year 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 2026 Units '000	**30 June 2026 $'000**	30 June 2025 Units '000	30 June 2025 $'000
Retail Class				
Opening balance	**47,374**	**37,111**	52,112	39,266
Applications	**6,514**	**5,118**	5,167	4,091
Redemptions	**(12,742)**	**(9,689)**	(10,316)	(8,065)
Reinvestment of distributions	**169**	**131**	411	315
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	**-**	**(1,683)**	-	1,504
Closing balance	**41,315**	**30,988**	47,374	37,111

8. Net assets attributable to unit holders - liability (continued)

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 to the underlying assets of the Fund.

There are no separate classes of units and each unit has the same rights attaching to it as other units of the Fund.

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

Capital risk management

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

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

9. Distributions to unit holders

The distributions declared for the year were as follows:

	Year ended		Year ended	
	30 June 2026 $'000	**30 June 2026 CPU**	30 June 2025 $'000	30 June 2025 CPU
Distributions - Retail Class				
September	**468**	**1.0000**	496	1.0000
December	**460**	**1.0000**	500	1.0000
March	**697**	**1.0000**	502	1.0000
June (payable)	**1,080**	**2.6147**	1,042	2.2000
Total distributions	**2,705**	**5.6147**	2,540	5.2000

10. Cash and cash equivalents

	As at	
	30 June 2026 $'000	30 June 2025 $'000
Cash at bank	**3,420**	1,577
Total cash and cash equivalents	**3,420**	1,577

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2026 $'000	30 June 2025 $'000
a. Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		
Profit/(loss) for the year	**-**	-
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	**(1,683)**	1,504
Distributions to unit holders	**2,705**	2,540
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	**29,878**	26,168
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	**(21,291)**	(20,637)
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	**(648)**	(3,451)
Net change in margin accounts	**(6)**	-
Net change in receivables	**32**	28
Net change in payables	**(13)**	(5)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	**8,974**	6,147
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	**131**	315
Total non-cash operating and financing activities	**131**	315

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

12. Receivables

	As at	
	30 June 2026 $'000	30 June 2025 $'000
Interest receivable	**1**	-
Dividends and distributions receivable	**133**	166
Applications receivable	**50**	-
GST receivable	**12**	12
Total receivables	**196**	178

13. Payables

	As at	
	30 June 2026 $'000	30 June 2025 $'000
Management fees and costs payable	**84**	97
Redemptions payable	**29**	3
Total payables	**113**	100

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 2026 $	30 June 2025 $
Ernst & Young		
Audit and other assurance services		
Audit and review of financial statements	**20,785**	-
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	**20,785**	-
Taxation services		
Tax compliance services	**18,775**	-
Total remuneration for taxation services	**18,775**	-
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu		
Audit and other assurance services		
Audit and review of financial statements	**-**	20,051
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	**-**	20,051
Taxation services		
Tax compliance services	**-**	14,050
Total remuneration for taxation services	**-**	14,050
Total remuneration of Ernst & Young	**39,560**	**34,101**
PricewaterhouseCoopers		
Audit and other assurance services		
Audit of compliance plan	**2,448**	2,448
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	**2,448**	2,448
Total remuneration of PricewaterhouseCoopers	**2,448**	2,448

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

15. Related party transactions

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

The only related parties to the Fund, as defined by AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures*, are the Responsible Entity, schemes managed by the Responsible Entity and key management personnel of the Responsible Entity.

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.

Michael J O'Brien	Chairman
Russell W Beasley	(appointed 1 July 2025)
Mary A O'Connor	(resigned 1 July 2025)
David B Warren	
Andrew P Godfrey	
Johanna E Platt	

ii. Responsible Entity

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

15. Related party transactions (continued)

a. Key management personnel (continued)

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 year.

c. Key management personnel unit holdings

Key management personnel did not hold units in the Fund as at 30 June 2026 (30 June 2025: 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 key management personnel or their personally related entities at any time during the reporting period.

f. Other transactions within the Fund

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

g. Responsible Entity fees and other transactions

The transactions during the year and amounts payable as at year end between the Fund, the Responsible Entity and its service providers as per Note 1:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2026	30 June 2025
	$	$
Management fees and costs for the year	**505,655**	563,143
Management fees and costs payable at year end	**84,449**	96,268

Equity Trustees Limited earned $59,119 (2025: $51,850) for Responsible Entity fees provided to Armytage Australian Equity Income Fund paid from management fees and costs.

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) held no units in the Fund as at 30 June 2026 (30 June 2025: Nil).

i. Investments

The Fund did not hold any investments in Equity Trustees Ltd or its related parties during the year (30 June 2025: Nil).

16. Transactions with the Investment Manager

Under the terms of the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement, the Investment Manager is entitled to receive management fees directly from the Fund.

Management fees are included in management fees and costs as disclosed in note 15(g).

During the reporting period the Fund did not hold investments in other Schemes managed by the Fund's Investment Manager (30 June 2025: Nil).

17. Events occurring after the reporting period

No significant events have occurred since the end of the year which would impact on the financial position of the Fund as disclosed in the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the year ended on that date.

18. Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

There were no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2026 and 30 June 2025.

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

a. The financial statements and notes set out on pages 5 to 20 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 2026 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
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Melbourne
17 September 2026

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Unit Holders of Armytage Australian Equity Income Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Armytage Australian Equity Income Fund (the Fund), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and the directors' declaration.

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

a. Giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and

b. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for opinion

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

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

Information other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

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

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

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Responsibilities of the directors of the Responsible Entity for the financial report

The directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors of the Responsible Entity determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors of the Responsible Entity either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors of the Responsible Entity.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors of the Responsible Entity's 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.

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

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