

BNP Paribas Global Absolute Return Bond Trust - Class B



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About this PDS

This Product Disclosure Statement ("PDS") has been prepared and issued by Equity Trustees Limited ("Equity Trustees", "we" or "Responsible Entity") and is a summary of the significant information relating to an investment in Class B units in the BNP Paribas Global Absolute Return Bond Trust (the "Trust"). It contains a number of references to important information (including a glossary of terms) contained in the BNP Paribas Global Absolute Return Bond Trust – Class B Reference Guide ("Reference Guide"), each of which forms part of this PDS. You should carefully read and consider both the information in this PDS, and the information in the Reference Guide, before making a decision about investing in the Trust.

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

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The Reference Guide

Throughout the PDS, there are references to additional information contained in the Reference Guide. You can obtain a copy of the PDS and the Reference Guide, free of charge, by visiting www.eqt.com.au/insto or www.bnpparibas-am.com/en-au or request a copy by calling BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Australia Limited on 1800 267 726 (Australia) or +612 9619 6041 or by calling the Responsible Entity on +613 8623 5000.

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

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1. About Equity Trustees Limited

The Responsible Entity

Equity Trustees Limited

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

Equity Trustees' responsibilities and obligations as the Trust's responsible entity are governed by the Trust's constitution ("Constitution"), the Corporations Act and general trust law. Equity Trustees has appointed BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Australia Limited as the investment manager of the Trust. Equity Trustees has appointed a custodian to hold the assets of the Trust. The custodian has no supervisory role in relation to the operation of the Trust and is not responsible for protecting your interests.

The Investment Manager

BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Australia Limited

BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Australia Limited ("BNP Paribas Asset Management Australia" or "BNPP AMAU"), the Australian asset management business line of BNP Paribas SA, is the Investment Manager of the Trust. BNP Paribas SA is a listed company with a market capitalisation of EUR 90.23 billion as at 31 December 2025.

The Trust invests its assets into BNP Paribas Funds Global Absolute Return Bond ("Underlying Fund"), a sub-fund of the Luxembourg-domiciled BNP Paribas Funds SICAV ("BNP Paribas Funds"). The Management Company of BNP Paribas Funds, BNP Paribas Asset Management Luxembourg, is part of the BNP Paribas Asset Management Group ("BNPP AM") and may appoint one or more BNPP AM entities to invest the assets of the Underlying Fund.

The Delegated Investment Manager

BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Asia Limited

BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Asia Limited ("BNPP AM Asia") is the Delegated Investment Manager of the Trust. BNPP AM Asia is organised under the laws of Hong Kong (incorporated in Hong Kong and licensed by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission) and is a member of the BNP Paribas Group.

2. How the BNP Paribas Global Absolute Return Bond Trust - Class B works

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

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

The Responsible Entity has issued other classes of units in the BNP Paribas Global Absolute Return Bond Trust which differ and may in the future issue further classes of units in the BNP Paribas Global Absolute Return Bond Trust.

Applying for units

You can acquire units by completing the Application Form that accompanies this PDS or, for investors in Australia meeting the online application criteria, by completing the application process online (once available). Please refer to the Reference Guide for details of eligibility for online applications. The minimum initial investment amount for the Trust is \$3,000,000. We reserve the right to accept or reject applications in whole or in part at our discretion, including the discretion to accept a lower initial investment.

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

BNP Paribas Asset Management
GPO Box 804
Melbourne, VIC, 3001

Or send the completed Application Form by email to bnppam.transactions@unitregistry.com.au

Please note that cash and cheques cannot be accepted.

If completing the application process online when available, further instructions can be assessed at www.bnpparibas-am.com/en-au.

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

The price at which units are acquired is determined in accordance with the Constitution ("Application Price"). The Application Price on a Business Day is, in general terms, equal to the Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the Trust, divided by the number of units on issue and adjusted for transaction costs ("Buy Spread"). At the date of this PDS, the Buy Spread is 0.00%.

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

No interest is earned on application monies.

Making additional investments

You can make additional investments into the Trust by reinvesting distributions (see below) or making an additional investment into the Trust at any time by sending us your additional investment amount together with a completed Additional Investment Form. There is no minimum additional investment into the Trust (unless otherwise determined by the Responsible Entity).

Distributions

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

The Trust usually distributes income quarterly, at the end of March, June, September and December (however Equity Trustees may change the distribution frequency without notice). Distributions are calculated effective the last day of each distribution period and are normally paid to investors as soon as practicable after the distribution calculation date.

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

- reinvested back into the Trust; or
- directly credited to their AUD Australian domiciled bank account.

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

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

Indirect Investors (as defined in the Reference Guide) should review their IDPS Guide for information on how and when they receive any income distribution.

Access to your money

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

BNP Paribas Asset Management
GPO Box 804
Melbourne, VIC, 3001

Or sending it by email to bnppam.transactions@unitregistry.com.au

The minimum withdrawal amount is \$50 (unless otherwise determined by the Responsible Entity). Once we receive and accept your withdrawal request, we may act on your instruction without further enquiry if the instruction bears your account number or investor details and your (apparent) signature(s), or your authorised signatory's (apparent) signature(s).

Equity Trustees will generally allow an investor to access their investment within 6 days of acceptance of a withdrawal request by transferring the withdrawal proceeds to such investor's nominated bank account. However, Equity Trustees is allowed to reject withdrawal requests, and also to make payment up to 21 days after acceptance of a request (which may be extended in certain circumstances) as outlined in the Constitution and Reference Guide.

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

The price at which units are withdrawn is determined in accordance with the Constitution ("Withdrawal Price"). The Withdrawal Price on a Business Day is, in general terms, equal to the NAV of the Trust, divided by the number of units on issue and adjusted for transaction costs ("Sell Spread"). At the date of this PDS, the Sell Spread is 0.00%.

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

Equity Trustees reserves the right to fully withdraw your investment if your investment balance in the Trust falls below \$3,000,000 as a result of processing your withdrawal request. In certain circumstances, for example, when there is a freeze on withdrawals, where accepting a withdrawal is not in the best interests of investors in the Trust including due to one or more circumstances outside its control or where the Trust is not liquid (as defined in the Corporations Act), Equity Trustees can deny or suspend a withdrawal request and you may not be able to withdraw your funds in the usual processing times or at all. When the Trust is not liquid, an investor can only withdraw when Equity Trustees makes a withdrawal offer to investors in accordance with the Corporations Act. Equity Trustees is not obliged to make such offers.

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

Unit pricing discretions policy

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

Additional information

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

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

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

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

Further reading

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

- Application cut-off times;
- Application terms;
- Online applications (once available);
- Authorised signatories;
- Reports;
- Withdrawal cut-off times;
- Withdrawal terms; and
- Withdrawal restrictions,

under the "Investing in the BNP Paribas Global Absolute Return Bond Trust - Class B", "Managing your investment" and "Withdrawing your investment" sections before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at www.eqt.com.au/insto or www.bnpparibas-am.com/en-au. The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

3. Benefits of investing in the BNP Paribas Global Absolute Return Bond Trust - Class B

Significant benefits

- **Broad fixed income universe:** Drawing on expertise, the collective knowledge and ideas of BNPP AM's global fixed income platform and the Underlying Fund's flexible investment universe, the investment team of the Underlying Fund seeks to invest in the most compelling opportunities across bond markets.
- **Portfolio diversification:** The Underlying Fund considers a broad and varied global fixed income universe to construct portfolios formed of multiple return streams. This creates a diversified and resilient portfolio capable of evolving in response to changing market conditions.
- **Capital preservation:** The process of the Underlying Fund considers macroeconomic conditions, the relative value of individual securities, and overall risk. The result is a strong focus on capital preservation and generally low correlation to other fixed income assets, helping to reduce drawdowns and deliver smoother returns over a market cycle.

The Underlying Fund is managed by BNPP AM's dedicated Global Aggregate and Absolute Return Fixed Income team which has a proven track record of managing fixed income strategies. The investment team is further supported and informed by BNPP AM's Sustainability Centre.

4. Risks of managed investment schemes

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

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

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

The Trust offered in this PDS is not a deposit with or other liability of BNP Paribas SA or any other member company of BNP Paribas SA.

Credit Risk

There may be credit risk for the Underlying Fund when dealing with parties in which it invests. Credit risk can lead to unanticipated losses where counterparties are unable or unwilling to fulfil their contractual obligations. Generally, the higher the rate of interest, the higher the perceived credit risk of the issuer of an investment. This is also the risk that may derive from the rating downgrade of a bond issuer to which the Underlying Fund is exposed, which may therefore cause the value of the investments to go down. The Underlying Fund may invest in high-yield bonds which presents a higher than average risk due to the greater fluctuation of their currency or the quality of the issuer.

Currency Risk

The Underlying Fund may invest in securities denominated in currencies other than Australian dollars. If these currencies change in value relative to the Australian dollar, the value of the investment can change. The Trust will invest in an Australian dollar denominated share class of the Underlying Fund that aims to hedge the currency risk by hedging the base currency of the Underlying Fund to Australian dollars. The hedging employed may not completely remove the risk of currency exposure.

Derivatives Risk

The Underlying Fund may use derivatives. There are risks associated with using futures, swaps, options and other types of derivatives as these instruments may expose the Underlying Fund to leverage, are relatively less liquid and could result in losses in excess of the original investment. The Underlying Fund will be also exposed to the risk that a derivative may not necessarily reflect the performance of the underlying asset or currency to which it is exposed.

Emerging Markets Risk

Emerging Markets (as defined in the Reference Guide) are more likely to experience greater volatility than markets in developed countries. Securities traded in Emerging Markets also have more limited liquidity when compared to securities traded in developed countries. This means that those securities may fall more sharply and rapidly than securities traded in developed countries. Further risks include differences in auditing and financial accounting standards, less regulated markets, less developed corporate laws and political risk.

High Yield Bond Risk

When investing in fixed income securities rated below investment grade, there is a higher risk that the issuer may be unable or unwilling to meet its obligations, therefore exposing the Underlying Fund to a loss corresponding to the amount invested in such security.

Leverage Risk

The Trust does not use leverage. The Underlying Fund does not use debt for the dominant purpose of making a financial investment. However, the Underlying Fund through its use of derivatives may expose the Underlying Fund to leverage. Leverage in the Underlying Fund, and by default the Trust, may under certain circumstances generate an opportunity for higher returns but at the same time, may increase the volatility and therefore the risk of a loss of capital.

Market Risk

The value of investments may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. These fluctuations can be caused by changes in interest rates, economic cycles, investor sentiment, and political, social, technological and legal events. These changes can directly or indirectly create an environment that influences (negatively or positively) the value of the investments in the Underlying Fund and the Trust. In addition, a downward move in the general level of financial markets can have a negative impact on the performance of the Underlying Fund and the Trust.

Underlying Fund Risk

The Trust's strategy of investing in the Underlying Fund exposes the Trust to the risks of the Underlying Fund. The Underlying Fund pursues its own investment objective and strategies and may not achieve its objective. In addition, investors of the Trust will indirectly bear the transaction costs of the Underlying Fund.

Further Reading

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide under the "Additional risks of managed investment schemes" section before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at www.eqt.com.au/insto or www.bnpparibas-am.com/en-au. The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

5. How we invest your money

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

Investment objective

The Trust by investing predominantly in the Underlying Fund seeks to achieve returns higher than the Benchmark (defined below) over a medium-term horizon of 3 years.

Benchmark

Bloomberg Ausbond Bank Bill Index.

Minimum suggested time frame

The minimum suggested time frame for the Trust is 3 years.

Risk level

Medium.

There is a medium level risk investors may lose some of their initial investment over the short term. Medium risk investments tend to fluctuate in the short term but can produce medium level returns over the suggested time frame.

Investor suitability

The Trust is designed for investors with a medium risk tolerance, seeking diversification for their investments in fixed income securities via a global opportunity set and have an investment horizon of at least 3 years.

Investment style and approach

The Trust through the Underlying Fund's investment strategy aims to achieve returns higher than the Benchmark over a medium-term horizon of 3 years with an enhanced bond strategy that aims to generate absolute positive returns through the cycle by utilizing a global, diverse opportunity set of fixed income and money market instruments (and derivatives related to these instruments), while maintaining a very liquid portfolio with low-interest rate sensitivity.

Most importantly, the Underlying Fund is guided by the philosophy that no single investment sector, strategy, allocation or theme should dominate over time.

The Underlying Fund aims to hedge the currency risk by hedging the base currency of the Underlying Fund to Australian dollars. The investment strategy of the Underlying Fund utilizes a range of directional positions (long and/or short) on the global universe of developed and Emerging Markets for bonds, interest rates, inflation, credit, high quality structured debt securities, currencies and market indices as well as positions on the volatility of targeted assets with the aim of generating absolute, positive returns through cycle.

This process is further strengthened with internal sustainability extra-financial research macroeconomic research, credit research, and quantitative analysis capacities.

A top-down macro-economic research driven approach determines asset allocation while taking into account long-term correlations. Portfolio diversification is embedded in the Underlying Fund's strategy's investment philosophy, so in normal market conditions, this top-down asset allocation approach seeks to maintain a balance across the various fixed income sectors. This top-down approach is combined with bottom-up issuer selection that seeks to profit from the spread returns available in these sectors.

Asset allocation

The Trust will invest substantially all its assets in the Underlying Fund. The Trust may also hold cash for operational purposes.

The Underlying Fund may invest in the following main asset categories:

1. Investment Grade Fixed Income: The Underlying Fund may be exposed to a minimum of 40% to the following investment grade assets, across regulated markets worldwide:

- Government bonds (including inflation link bonds) and supranational bills and notes.
- Corporate bonds.
- Structured debt (including Asset-Backed Securities ("ABS") and Mortgage-Backed Securities ("MBS") and other structured product such as Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities ("RMBS") and Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities ("CMBS"). ABS refers to those issued by the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), or their successor institutions.

If during the period in which the above assets are held in the Underlying Fund, they fall below investment grade and/or in the event the Underlying Fund holds any distressed securities as a result of a restructuring event or any event beyond the control of the company, the investment manager of the Underlying Fund will assess the situation and, if necessary, promptly adjust the composition of the portfolio (in any case distressed securities will never represent more than 5% of Underlying Fund's assets).

2. Non-Investment Grade Fixed Income: The Underlying Fund may also be exposed to non-investment grade bonds (including high yield corporate bonds and structured debt) in a range between 0% and 60% of the Underlying Fund's assets.

The Underlying Fund may invest in the following ancillary assets:

- Money market instruments will comprise less than 50% of the Underlying Fund's assets.
- Convertible bonds: including contingent convertible bonds up to 20% of the Underlying Fund's assets.
- Foreign Exchange Instruments.

The Underlying Fund may invest through other UCITS and/or UCIs (as defined in the Reference Guide) up to 10% of the Underlying Fund's assets.

In respect of the above investment limits, the Underlying Fund's investments into debt securities traded on Bond Connect (as defined in the Reference Guide) may reach up to 20% of the Underlying Fund's assets.

The Underlying Fund may be exposed to Emerging Markets up to 50% of the Underlying Fund's assets including exposure to China.

The Underlying Fund may make extensive use of derivatives including, but not limited to credit default swaps, total return swaps, foreign exchange swaps, forwards such as foreign exchange contracts, interest rate swaps, financial futures on interest rates, indices, bonds or currencies and options on interest rates, indices, bond or currencies. The Underlying Fund may take short positions on a security through the use of financial derivative instruments in the expectation that their value will fall in the open market which is known as a "synthetic" short position.

The above derivatives may be used in the Underlying Fund for investment purposes, efficient portfolio management, and hedging. Total return swaps may also be used in the Underlying Fund for efficient replication of an underlying sub-sector of the global fixed income universe with the goal of replicating a basket of underlying securities or positions efficiently. They may also be used for the efficient management of cash flows and to obtain better coverage of markets, and to get exposure to the reference investment universe of the Underlying Fund.

Nevertheless, in extreme market circumstances, such as but not limited to debt crises, the Underlying Fund may deviate from this asset allocation, while staying within the constraints outlined, to minimize risks and to maintain liquidity.

The Underlying Fund does not use debt for the dominant purpose of making a financial investment. However, leverage may be generated by the use of derivative contracts, on fixed income, currency, equity indices, and baskets of any of these in the Underlying Fund. Typically, these contracts will be used either to isolate or hedge risks associated with fixed income markets including interest rate risk, changes in the yield curve or curves, country spreads, credit risk, foreign currency exposures, and market volatility.

Labour Standards, Environmental, Social and Ethical Factors ("ESG considerations")

Equity Trustees has delegated the investment function (including ESG considerations) to the Investment Manager. Labour standards, environmental, social and ethical considerations are taken into account when selecting, retaining or realising investments of the Underlying Fund.

BNPP AM's Global Sustainability Strategy governs the approach to sustainable investment, which consists of the implementation of ESG integration, responsible business conduct standards and stewardship activities into the investment process applied to the Underlying Fund. The sustainable investment approach is incorporated at each step of the investment process of the Underlying Fund and includes the elements set out in the Reference Guide. The way in which these considerations are incorporated in the investment process is also outlined under 'Investment style and approach' above.

Trust performance

Up to date information on the performance of the Trust will be available by:

- calling BNP Paribas Asset Management's Client Services on 1800 267 726 (Australia) or +612 9619 6041; or
- visiting BNP Paribas Asset Management's website at www.bnpparibas-am.com/en-au. Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

Further Reading...

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide "Additional labour, environmental, social and ethical considerations" section and "Additional information on how we invest your money" section before making an investment decision. Go to the Reference Guide at www.eqt.com.au/insto or www.bnpparibas-am.com/en-au. The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

6. Fees and costs

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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

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

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

TO FIND OUT MORE

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

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

Fees and Costs Summary

BNP Paribas Global Absolute Return Bond Trust - Class B		
Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
Ongoing annual fees and costs¹		
<i>Management fees and costs</i> The fees and costs for managing your investment ²	0.45% p.a of the NAV of the Trust ³	The management fees component of management fees and costs are accrued daily and paid from the Trust monthly in arrears and reflected in the unit price. Otherwise, the fees and costs are variable and deducted and reflected in the unit price of the Trust as they are incurred.
<i>Performance fees</i> Amounts deducted from your investment in relation to the performance of the product	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Transaction costs</i> The costs incurred by the scheme when buying or selling assets	0.04% p.a of the NAV of the Trust ³	Transaction costs are variable and deducted from the Trust as they are incurred and reflected in the unit price. They are disclosed net of amounts recovered by the buy-sell spread. Any transaction costs at the interposed vehicle level are reflected in the value of the Trust's investment in the relevant interposed vehicle, and therefore reflected in the unit price.

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Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
Member activity related fees and costs (fees for services or when your money moves in or out of the scheme)		
<i>Establishment fee</i> The fee to open your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Contribution fee</i> The fee on each amount contributed to your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Buy-sell spread</i> An amount deducted from your investment representing costs incurred in transactions by the scheme	0.00% upon entry and 0.00% upon exit	These costs are an additional cost to the investor but are incorporated into the unit price and arise when investing application monies and funding withdrawals from the Trust and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into the Trust as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Trust as part of a withdrawal.
<i>Withdrawal fee</i> The fee on each amount you take out of your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Exit fee</i> The fee to close your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Switching fee</i> The fee for changing investment options	Not applicable	Not applicable

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

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

³ The indirect costs component of management fees and costs and transaction costs is based on a reasonable estimate of the costs for the current financial year to date, adjusted to reflect a 12 month period. Please see "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs" below.

Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs

Management fees and costs

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

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

The management fees component of management fees and costs of 0.29% p.a. of the NAV of the Trust is payable to the Responsible Entity of the Trust for managing the assets and overseeing the operations of the Trust. The management fees component is accrued daily and paid from the Trust monthly in arrears and reflected in the unit price. As at the date of this PDS, the management fees component covers certain ordinary expenses such as Responsible Entity fees, investment management fees, custodian fees, and administration and audit fees.

The indirect costs and other expenses component of management fees and costs of 0.16% p.a. of the NAV of the Trust may include other ordinary expenses of operating the Trust, as well as management fees and costs (if any) arising from interposed vehicles in or through which the Trust invests. The indirect costs and other expenses component is variable and reflected in the unit price of the Trust as the relevant fees and costs are incurred. They are borne by investors, but they are not paid to the Responsible Entity or Investment Manager. The indirect costs and other expenses component is based on a reasonable estimate of the costs for the current financial year to date, adjusted to reflect a 12 month period.

In relation to the indirect costs that have been estimated, they have been estimated on the basis of information that has been provided by an interposed vehicle and adjusted for our calculations.

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

Transaction costs

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

The Buy/Sell Spread that is disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is a reasonable estimate of transaction costs that the Trust will incur when buying or selling assets of the Trust. When incurred, these costs are an additional cost to the investor but are incorporated into the unit price and arise when investing application monies and funding withdrawals from the Trust and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into the Trust as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Trust as part of a withdrawal and not paid to Equity Trustees or the Investment Manager. The estimated Buy/Sell Spread is 0.00% upon entry and 0.00% upon exit. The dollar value of these costs based on an application or a withdrawal of \$3,000,000 is \$0 for each individual transaction. The Buy/Sell Spread can be altered by the Responsible Entity at any time and www.bnpparibas-am.com/en-au will be updated as soon as practicable to reflect any change. The Responsible Entity may also waive the Buy/Sell Spread in part or in full at its discretion. The transaction costs figure in the Fees and Costs Summary is shown net of any amount recovered by the Buy/Sell Spread charged by the Responsible Entity.

Transaction costs generally arise through the day-to-day trading of the Trust's assets (and the Underlying Fund's assets) and are reflected in the Trust's unit price as an additional cost to the investor, as and when they are incurred. To the extent that the Trust invests in the Underlying Fund, it may be affected by Swing Pricing (as defined in the Reference Guide) adopted by the Underlying Fund. Swing Pricing involves the Underlying Fund making adjustments to its net asset value to compensate for the expected transaction costs resulting from the net trading in the Underlying Fund exceeding a certain threshold.

The gross transaction costs for the Trust are 0.04% p.a. of the NAV of the Trust, which is based on a reasonable estimate of the costs for the current financial year to date, adjusted to reflect a 12 month period.

In relation to the transaction costs that have been estimated, they have been estimated on the basis of information that has been provided by an interposed vehicle and adjusted for our calculations.

However, actual transaction costs for future years may differ.

Can the fees change?

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

Payments to IDPS Operators

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

Differential fees

The Investment Manager may from time to time negotiate a different fee arrangement (by way of a rebate or waiver of fees) with certain investors who are Australian Wholesale Clients. Please contact the Investment Manager on 1800 267 726 (Australia) or +612 9619 6041 for further information.

Example of annual fees and costs for an investment option

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

EXAMPLE – BNP Paribas Global Absolute Return Bond Trust - Class B		
BALANCE OF \$3,050,000 WITH A CONTRIBUTION OF \$5,000 DURING THE YEAR		
Contribution Fees	Nil	For every additional \$5,000 you put in, you will be charged \$0
Plus Management fees and costs	0.45% p.a.	And, for every \$3,050,000 you have in the BNP Paribas Global Absolute Return Bond Trust - Class B you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$13,725 each year
Plus Performance fees	Not applicable	And, you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$0 in performance fees each year
Plus Transaction costs	0.04% p.a.	And, you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$1,220 in transaction costs
Equals Cost of BNP Paribas Global Absolute Return Bond Trust - Class B		If you had an investment of \$3,050,000 at the beginning of the year and you put in an additional \$5,000 during that year, you would be charged fees and costs of: \$14,945* What it costs you will depend on the investment option you choose and the fees you negotiate.

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

This example assumes the \$5,000 contribution occurs at the end of the first year, therefore the fees and costs are calculated using the \$3,050,000 balance only.

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

ASIC provides a fee calculator on www.moneysmart.gov.au, which you may use to calculate the effects of fees and costs on account balances.

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

Further reading

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide about fees and costs under the "Additional information on fees and costs" section before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at www.eqt.com.au/insto or www.bnpparibas-am.com/en-au. The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

7. How managed investment schemes are taxed

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

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

Further reading

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

8. How to apply

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

BNP Paribas Asset Management
GPO Box 804
Melbourne, VIC, 3001

or send the completed Application Form by email to bnppam.transactions@unitregistry.com.au

Alternatively, for investors in Australia meeting the online application criteria, you will be able to complete the application process online, (when available, please visit www.bnpparibas-am.com/en-au for further instructions). Please refer to the Reference Guide for details of eligibility for online applications.

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

Who can invest?

Eligible persons (as detailed in the 'About this PDS' section) can invest, however individual investors must be 18 years of age or over.

Investors investing through an IDPS should use the application form provided by their IDPS Operator.

Cooling off period

If you are a Retail Client who has invested directly in the Trust, you may have a right to a 'cooling off' period in relation to your investment in the Trust for 14 days from the earlier of:

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

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

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

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

Complaints resolution

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

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

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

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

Contact details are:
Online: www.afca.org.au
Phone: 1800 931 678
Email: info@afca.org.au
Post: GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001.

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

9. Other information

Related party transactions

The Responsible Entity, the Investment Manager and their Related Entities (as defined in the Reference Guide) are entitled to enter into or be interested on their own account in any transactions entered into on behalf of the Trust or with any company or body in which the Trust is invested or who provides services to the Trust. The Trust invests in the Underlying Fund, the Management Company (as defined in the Reference Guide) of which is part of the BNP Paribas Asset Management Group. Investor approval of the above transactions is not required as such transactions will be on arm's length commercial terms. The Responsible Entity and its Related Entities are also permitted to hold units in any capacity.

Consent

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

- their written consent to be named in this PDS as the Investment Manager and the Delegated Investment Manager of the Trust; and
- their written consent to the inclusion of the statements made about them which are specifically attributed to them, in the form and context in which they appear.

The Investment Manager and the Delegated Investment Manager have not otherwise been involved in the preparation of this PDS or caused or otherwise authorised the issue of this PDS. Neither the Investment Manager, the Delegated Investment Manager nor their employees or officers accept any responsibility arising in any way for errors or omissions, other than those statements for which they have provided their written consent to Equity Trustees for inclusion in this PDS.

Further reading

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

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

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