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This annual report covers India Avenue Equity Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of India Avenue Equity Fund is Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) (AFSL 240975).

The Responsible Entity's registered office is:

Level 1, 575 Bourke Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000.

#### **Directors' report**

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

#### **Principal activities**

The Fund mainly invests in a diversified portfolio of stocks of Indian companies either listed on the stock exchange in India or any other recognised global stock exchange. The Fund may also invest in cash and cash equivalent instruments like short term money market securities as well as both exchanged traded and over the counter derivatives for hedging purposes in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund did not have any employees during the year.

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

The various service providers for the Fund are detailed below:

Service	Provider
Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited
Investment Manager	India Avenue Investment Management Australia Pty Limited
Custodian	BNP Paribas
Administrator	Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd (an Apex Group Company)
Statutory Auditor	KPMG

(appointed 1 May 2024)

#### **Directors**

Andrew P Godfrey

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

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

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 net of fees was 36.16% for Class M, 35.10% for Class H and 35.70% for Class L for the year ended 30 June 2024. The Fund's benchmark, the MSCI India Index in Australian dollars, returned 33.91% for the same period.

The Fund's performance for the year is calculated using the exit unit price for the year ended 30 June 2024 compared to the year ended 30 June 2023 exit unit price. The exit unit price is calculated after fees and it is inclusive of any distributions payable by the Fund.

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unit holders for the year (\$'000)	28,295	11,991
Distributions - Class M		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	3,890	3,608
Distributions (cents per unit)	11.0008	12.0062
Distributions - Class H		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	2,212	1,669
Distributions (cents per unit)	9.4897	9.7239
Distributions - Class L		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	87	51
Distributions (cents per unit)	8.9691	6.8551

#### **Directors' report (continued)**

#### Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

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

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

#### Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

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

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

#### Likely developments and expected results of operations

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

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

#### Indemnification and insurance of officers

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

#### Indemnification of auditor

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

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

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

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

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

## Interests in the Fund

The movement in units on issue in the Fund during the year is disclosed in Note 7 to the financial statements.

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

#### **Environmental regulation**

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

## Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollar

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

## **Directors' report (continued)**

## 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 5.

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

Andrew P Godfrey

Director

Melbourne

11 September 2024



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

To the Directors of Equity Trustees Limited, the Responsible Entity of India Avenue Equity Fund:

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of India Avenue Equity Fund for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 there have been:

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

KPMG

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Partner

Sydney

11 September 2024

## Statement of comprehensive income

		Year er	nded
	Note	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Income	11010	Ψ 000	Ψοσο
Dividend income		923	640
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)		(106)	(5)
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		29,882	13,031
Other income		-	1
Total income/(loss)		30,699	13,667
Expenses			
Management fees and costs		1,162	795
Taxes	14	1,188	829
Transaction costs		54	51
Other expenses		-	1
Total expenses		2,404	1,676
Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unit holders for the year		28,295	11,991
Finance costs attributable to unit holders			
Distributions to unit holders	8	(6,189)	(5,328)
(Increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders	7	(22,106)	(6,663)
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

		As at	
	Note	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	5,700	5,935
Margin accounts		1,167	1,914
Receivables	11	203	118
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	110,775	67,194
Total assets		117,845	75,161
Liabilities			
Distributions payable	8	6,189	5,328
Payables	12	117	58
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unit holders)		6,306	5,386
Net assets attributable to unit holders – liability	7	111,539	69,775

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

## Statement of changes in equity

	Year e	nded
	30 June	30 June
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year	-	
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	
Other comprehensive income	-	
Total comprehensive income	-	
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners	-	
Total equity at the end of the financial year*	-	

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

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes with reference to Notes 2c and 7.

## Statement of cash flows

		Year er	nded
	Note	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities	Note	\$ 000	ψ 000
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		30,469	36,201
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		(44,168)	(33,892)
Movement in margin accounts		747	(1,914)
Dividends received		671	530
Other income received		-	1
Management fees and costs paid		(1,103)	(799)
Income taxes paid		(1,026)	(707)
Other expenses paid		(49)	(71)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	10(a)	(14,459)	(651)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from applications by unit holders		24,936	11,975
Payments for redemptions by unit holders		(7,493)	(5,611)
Distributions paid to unit holders		(3,113)	(4,022)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		14,330	2,342
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(129)	1,691
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		5,935	4,249
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(106)	(5)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	9	5,700	5,935
Non-cash operating and financing activities	10(b)	2,215	2,408

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 India Avenue Equity Fund (the "Fund") as an individual entity. The Fund is an Australian registered managed investment scheme which was constituted on 11 March 2016 and will terminate in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution or by Law.

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

The Fund mainly invests in a diversified portfolio of stocks of Indian companies either listed on the stock exchange in India or any other recognised global stock exchange. The Fund may also invest in cash and cash equivalent instruments like short term money market securities as well as both exchanged traded and over the counter derivatives for hedging purposes in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

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

#### 2. Summary of material accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the 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

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

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

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

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

iii. New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

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

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

#### b. Financial instruments

#### Classification

#### Financial assets

The Fund classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured at fair value through profit or loss; and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

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

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

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

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

#### Financial liabilities

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

#### ii. Recognition and derecognition

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

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

#### iii. Measurement

Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

At initial recognition, the Fund measures a financial asset 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 the '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 details on how the fair values of financial instruments are determined please see Note 4 to the financial statements.

## Financial instruments at amortised cost

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

Cash and cash equivalents, and receivables are carried at amortised cost.

#### b. Financial instruments (continued)

#### iv. Impairment

At each reporting date, the Fund shall estimate a loss allowance on each of the financial assets carried at amortised cost (cash and cash equivalents, and receivables) at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses. Significant financial difficulties of the counter party, probability that the counter party will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that 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 expected credit loss (ECL) approach is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Fund expects to receive. The shortfall is then discounted at an approximation to the asset's original effective interest rate.

The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within other expenses. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectable 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.

#### v. Offsetting financial instruments

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

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

#### c. Net assets attributable to unit holders

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

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.

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 and short sales. The cash is held by the broker and is only available to meet margin calls. It is not included as a component of cash and cash equivalents.

#### 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, prepayment options) but does not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees paid or received between the parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, including transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

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) to the financial statements.

#### ii. Dividends

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.

#### g. Expenses

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

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

#### h. Taxes

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

The Fund currently incurs withholding and capital gains 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. Foreign capital gains and withholding taxes are included in the statement of comprehensive income as an expense.

#### 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.

#### i. Increase/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders

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

#### k. Foreign currency translation

#### i. Functional and presentation currency

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

#### ii. Transactions and balances

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

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

#### k. Foreign currency translation (continued)

#### ii. Transactions and balances (continued)

The Fund does not isolate that portion of unrealised gains or losses on financial instruments that are measured at fair value through profit or loss and 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.

#### I. Receivables

Receivables may include amounts for dividends. Dividends 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.

#### m. Payables

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

As the Fund has a contractual obligation to distribute its distributable income, a separate distribution payable is recognised in the statement of financial position as at the end of each reporting period where this amount remains unpaid as at the end of the reporting period.

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.

#### n. 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.

#### o. Goods and services tax (GST)

The GST incurred on the costs of various services provided to the Fund by third parties such as management, administration and custodian services where applicable, have been passed on to the Fund. The Fund qualifies for Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC) at a rate of at least 95.5%. Hence, fees for these services and any other expenses have been recognised in the statement of comprehensive income net of the amount of GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Amounts payable are inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO is included in receivables in the statement of financial position. Cash flows relating to GST are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis.

#### p. Use of estimates and judgements

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

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

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

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

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

#### q. Rounding of amounts

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

#### 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), credit risk and liquidity risk.

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

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

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

#### a. Market risk

#### i. 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. Where non-monetary financial instruments are denominated in currencies other than the Australian dollar, the price in the future will also fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates which are considered a component of price risk.

Price risk is managed through diversification, prudent selection of securities, use of cash within investment guidelines specified in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement. The Fund is suitable for investors with a minimum 5 year horizon.

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% (2023: +/-10%).

#### ii. Foreign exchange risk

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

It is the intention of the Investment Manager to remain strategically unhedged (i.e. expose the Fund to foreign currency due to risk/return benefits it provides). Having said that, the Fund can choose to mitigate some FX risk tactically within the cash and derivative guideline ranges. The Fund aims to outperform its benchmark in AUD and after fees.

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

	Indian Rupee (INR)
	A\$'000
As at 30 June 2024	
Cash and cash equivalents	3,232
Margin accounts	1,167
Receivables	170
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	110,775
Net exposure	115,344
As at 30 June 2023	
Cash and cash equivalents	3,508
Receivables	1,914
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	78
Payables	67,194
Net exposure	72,694

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

#### 3. Financial risk management (continued)

#### a. Market risk (continued)

#### iii. Cash flow and fair value Interest rate risk

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 operating profit 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 in foreign exchange rates, interest rates and the historical correlation of the Fund's investments with the relevant benchmark and market volatility. However, actual movements in the risk variables may be greater or less than anticipated due to a number of factors, including unusually large market movements resulting from changes in the performance of and/or correlation between the performances of the economies, markets and securities in which the Fund invests. As a result, historic variations in risk variables should not be used to predict future variances in the risk variables.

	Impact on operating profit/net assets attributable to unit holders			
	Price r	Price risk Foreign exchange ris		
	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%
			INR	INR
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
As at 30 June 2024	11,078	(11,078)	(11,534)	11,534
As at 30 June 2023	6,719	(6,719)	(7,269)	7,269

#### c. Credit risk

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

The 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 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 and amounts due from brokers. The Fund does not have any counterparty risk with brokers as all settlement is managed through the exchange.

The Fund determines credit risk and measures expected credit losses for financial assets measured at amortised cost using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management consider both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any expected credit loss. At 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023, all receivables, amounts due from brokers, cash and short-term deposits are held with counterparties with a credit rating of AA- or higher and are either callable on demand or due to be settled within 1 week. Management consider 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 expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

#### i. Cash and cash equivalents

The exposure to credit risk for cash and cash equivalents is low as all counterparties have a rating of AA- (as determined by Fitch Ratings) and Aa3 (as determined by Moody's) or higher.

#### 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 fund foreign exchange related cash flow requirements.

Liquidity risk is managed by investing the majority of its assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed of. The Investment Manager continuously monitors Fund investments for liquidity, through its risk assessment system.

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

#### 3. Financial risk management (continued)

#### d. Liquidity risk (continued)

The Fund's investments are liquid, and continue to offer daily buy and sell unit prices during the financial year ended 30 June 2024. The Investment Manager regularly conducts board meetings, investment committee meetings and compliance committee meetings to conduct regular business of the management of the fund.

#### i. Maturities of non-derivative financial liabilities

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

#### 4. Fair value measurement

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

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

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);
- · Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (level 3).

The Fund values its investments in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2 to the financial statements. For the majority of its investments, the Fund relies on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of its investments.

#### a. Valuations using level 1 inputs

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives 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. 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 the 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 2024.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
As at 30 June 2024	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets				
Listed equity securities	110,715	-	-	110,715
Futures	60	-	-	60
Total financial assets	110,775	-	-	110,775
As at 30 June 2023				
Financial assets				
Listed equity securities	67,146	-	-	67,146
Futures	48	-	-	48
Total financial assets	67,194	-	-	67,194

#### 4. Fair value measurement (continued)

#### 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 at the end of the reporting period.

#### 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 from/to brokers and receivables/payables under sale and repurchase agreements. 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
- Net assets attributable to unit holders. The Fund routinely redeems and issues the 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 a	at
	30 June	30 June
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Listed equity securities	110,715	67,146
Futures	60	48
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	110,775	67,194

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. 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, foreign exchange risk 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. Futures contracts

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

#### 6. Derivative financial instruments (continued)

#### a. Futures contracts (continued)

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

	Contractual/ notional \$'000	Assets \$'000	Liabilities \$'000
As at 30 June 2024	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000
Futures contracts	6,500	60	-
Total derivatives	6,500	60	-
As at 30 June 2023			
Futures contracts	3,527	48	-
Total derivatives	3,527	48	-

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

## 7. 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	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2024	2024	2023	2023
	Units		Units	
	'000	\$'000	'000	\$'000
Class M				
Opening balance	30,045	43,993	27,992	36,904
Applications	6,737	11,835	2,743	4,006
Redemptions	(2,730)	(4,778)	(2,161)	(3,185)
Reinvestment of distributions	1,307	1,914	1,471	1,940
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-	13,644	-	4,328
Closing balance	35,359	66,608	30,045	43,993
Class H				
Opening balance	17,168	24,891	13,236	17,115
Applications	7,570	12,816	5,328	7,469
Redemptions	(1,620)	(2,715)	(1,734)	(2,426)
Reinvestment of distributions	193	280	338	437
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-	8,174	-	2,296
Closing balance	23,311	43,446	17,168	24,891
Class L				
Opening balance	748	891	306	321
Applications	207	285	412	500
Reinvestment of distributions	17	21	30	31
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-	288	-	39
Closing balance	972	1,485	748	891
Closing balance		111,539		69,775

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

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

Units are redeemed on demand at the unit 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.

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

#### 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.

#### 8. Distributions to unit holders

The distributions declared during the period were as follows:

	Year e	Year ended		nded
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2024 CPU	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2023 CPU
Distributions - Class M				
June (payable)	3,890	11.0008	3,608	12.0062
Total distributions	3,890	11.0008	3,608	12.0062
Distributions - Class H				
June (payable)	2,212	9.4897	1,669	9.7239
Total distributions	2,212	9.4897	1,669	9.7239
Distributions - Class L				
June (payable)	87	8.9691	51	6.8551
Total distributions	87	8.9691	51	6.8551
Total distributions	6,189	29.4596	5,328	28.5852

## 9. Cash and cash equivalents

	As a	As at	
	30 June	30 June	
	2024	2023	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Cash at bank	5,700	5,935	
Total cash and cash equivalents	5,700	5,935	

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

	As at	
	30 June	30 June
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
a. Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in profit/(loss) in net assets attributable to unit holders	22,106	6,663
Distributions to unit holders	6,189	5,328
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	30,469	36,201
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(44,168)	(33,892)
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(29,882)	(13,031)
Movement in margin accounts	747	(1,914)
Net foreign exchange (gain)/loss	106	5
Net change in receivables	(85)	(7)
Net change in payables	59	(4)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(14,459)	(651)

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

#### 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

2,215

2,408

Total non-cash operating and financing activities

2,215

2,408

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.

#### 11. Receivables

	As	As at		
	30 June	30 June		
	2024	2023		
	\$'000	\$'000		
Dividends receivable	169	79		
GST receivable	34	39		
Total receivables	203	118		

#### 12. Payables

	As a	As at	
	30 June	30 June	
	2024	2023	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Management fees and costs payable	117	58	
Total payables	117	58	

## 13. Remuneration of auditors

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

	As a	As at	
	30 June 2024 \$	30 June 2023 \$	
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Audit and other assurance services			
Audit of financial statements	17,100	16,675	
Total auditor remuneration and other assurance services	17,100	16,675	
Taxation services			
Tax compliance services	9,000	8,600	
Total remuneration for tax compliance services	9,000	8,600	
Total remuneration of KPMG	26,100	25,275	
PricewaterhouseCoopers			
Audit and other assurance services			
Audit of compliance plan	2,400	2,346	
Total auditor remuneration and other assurance services	2,400	2,346	
Total remuneration of PricewaterhouseCoopers	2,400	2,346	

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

#### 14. Taxes

	As a	As at	
	30 June	30 June	
	2024	2023	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Withholding tax	162	122	
Foreign capital gains taxes	1,026	707	
Total taxes	1,188	829	

#### 15. Related party transactions

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

The Responsible Entity has contracted services to India Avenue Investment Management Australia Pty Limited, to act as Investment Manager for the Fund, Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd has been contracted to act as Administrator for the fund and BNP Paribas to act as Custodian for the Fund. The contracts are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

#### a. Key management personnel

#### i. Directors

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

Philip D Gentry Chairman (resigned 6 June 2024)
Michael J O'Brien Chairman (appointed 6 June 2024)

Russell W Beasley Mary A O'Connor David B Warren

Andrew P Godfrey (appointed 1 May 2024)

#### ii. Responsible Entity

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

## iii. Other key management personnel

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

#### b. Transactions with key management personnel

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

### c. Key management personnel unit holdings

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

## d. Key management personnel compensation

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

#### e. Key management personnel loans

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

### f. Other transactions within the Fund

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

#### 15. Related party transactions (continued)

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

Under the terms of the Fund's Constitution and Product Disclosure Statement for the Fund, the Responsible Entity and the Investment Manager are entitled to receive fees.

The Investment Manager is also entitled to a performance fee as follows:

- · Class M: 10% (inclusive of GST less RITC) of the investment return above the performance hurdle.
- Class H: 10% (inclusive of GST less RITC) of the investment return above the performance hurdle.
- Class L: 15% (inclusive of GST less RITC) of the investment return above the performance hurdle.

No performance fees were payable for the year ended 30 June 2024 (2023: nil).

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

	As at	
	30 June	30 June
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Management fees for the year	1,148,764	570,980
Responsible Entity fees for the year	6,535	43,137
Management fees payable at year end	116,832	5,464
Responsible Entity fees payable at year end	-	28,284

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

## h. Related party unit holdings

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

Unitholder	No. of units held opening	No. of units held closing	Fair value of investment \$	Interest held %	No. of Units acquired	No. of Units disposed	Distributions Paid/Payable by the Fund \$
As at 30 June 2024 Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd ACF Akambo	2,447,236	4,058,534	7,564,296	6.78	1,611,298	-	-
As at 30 June 2023 Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd ACF Akambo	32,781	2,447,236	3,546,045	5.08	2,414,455	-	237,967

#### i. Investments

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

## 16. Events occurring after the reporting period

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

#### 17. Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

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

#### **Directors' declaration**

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

- a. The financial statements and notes set out on pages 6 to 24 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - i. complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
- ii. giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date.
- b. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements also comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

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

Andrew P Godfrey Director

Melbourne 11 September 2024



## Independent Auditor's Report

## To the unitholders of India Avenue Equity Fund

## **Opinion**

We have audited the *Financial Report* of India Avenue Equity fund (the Fund).

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Report of the Fund gives a true and fair view, including of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, in compliance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

#### The Financial Report comprises:

- Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024
- Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended
- Notes, including material accounting policies
- Directors' Declaration

## **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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 *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 fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

## **Other Information**

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in India Avenue Equity Fund's annual report which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. The Directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the Financial Report does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Report, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we 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.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

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## Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for:

- preparing the Financial Report in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Fund, and in compliance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Fund, and that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going
  concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters
  related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they 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 objective is:

- to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the Financial Report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report is located at the *Auditing and Assurance Standards Board* website at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

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11 September 2024