

# Ashmore Emerging Markets Equity Fund

## Reference Guide

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## About this Reference Guide

This Reference Guide (“RG”) has been prepared and issued by Equity Trustees Limited (“Equity Trustees”, “we” or “Responsible Entity”). The information in this document forms part of the Product Disclosure Statement (“PDS”) for the Ashmore Emerging Markets Equity Fund (the “Fund”) dated 12 March 2024. The information provided in this RG is for general information only and does not take into account your individual objectives, financial situation or needs. You should obtain financial and taxation advice tailored to your personal circumstances.

## Updated information

Information in the PDS and this RG is subject to change. Before making an investment in the Fund, you should ensure that you have read the PDS and RG current as at the date of your investment.

An up to date RG is available from [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) or by calling Equity Trustees on +61 3 8623 5000. A paper copy of an up to date RG will be provided free of charge on request.

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# 1] INVESTING IN THE ASHMORE EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY FUND

## How to invest

To invest in the Fund, please complete the Application Form attached to the PDS and make payment via electronic bank transfer (see details in the Application Form).

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

**State Street Australia Limited  
Unit Registry  
Level 14, 420 George Street,  
Sydney, New South Wales, 2000.**

Please note that cash cannot be accepted.

## Application cut-off times

If we receive a correctly completed Application Form, identification documents (if applicable) and cleared application money:

- by 5.30pm Sydney time on any Business Day, your application will generally be processed on that Business Day. This means you will receive the application price calculated for the following Business Day; and
- after 5.30pm Sydney time on a Business Day, your application will generally be processed on the next Business Day. This means you will receive the application price calculated for the day after the following Business Day.

We will only start processing an application if:

- we consider that you have correctly completed the Application Form;
- you have provided us with the relevant identification documents if required; and
- we have received the application money (in cleared funds) stated in your Application Form.

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 interests of the Fund's investors.

## Cooling-off rights

If you are a Retail Client who has invested directly in the Fund, you may have a right to a 'cooling off' period in relation to your investment in the Fund 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 Fund 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 Fund by the IDPS. The right to cool off in relation to the Fund 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 Fund. Rather, an Indirect Investor directs the IDPS Operator to arrange for their monies to be invested in the Fund 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 a Fund and any rights an Indirect Investor may have in this regard.

# 2] MANAGING YOUR INVESTMENT

## Authorised signatories

You can appoint a person, partnership or company as your authorised signatory. To do so, please nominate them on the initial Application Form and have them sign the relevant sections. If a company is appointed, the powers extend to any director and officer of the company. If a partnership is appointed, the powers extend to all partners. Such appointments will only be cancelled or changed once we receive written instructions from you to do so.

Once appointed, your authorised signatory has full authority to operate your investment account for and on your behalf.

This includes the following:

- making additional investments;
- requesting income distribution instructions be changed;
- withdrawing all or part of your investment;
- changing bank account details;
- enquiring and obtaining copies of the status of your investment; and
- having online account access to your investment.

If you do appoint an authorised signatory:

- you are bound by their acts;
- you release, discharge and indemnify us from and against any losses, liabilities, actions, proceedings, account claims and demands arising from instructions received from your authorised signatory; and
- you agree that our compliance with any instructions received from your authorised signatory shall amount to complete satisfaction of our obligations, even if these instructions were made without your knowledge or authority.

## Reports

Investors will be provided with the following reports:

- Application and withdrawal confirmation statements;
- Transaction statements; and
- (where applicable), distribution and tax statements.

The annual audited financial accounts are available online at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto).

## Unit price and valuations

Your investment is represented by the number of units you hold in the Fund.

The Net Asset Value ("NAV") of a Fund is generally calculated on each Business Day, and is calculated by deducting the value of the liabilities of that Fund from the value of its gross assets in accordance with the Fund's Constitution. The NAV may rise or fall.

The application price of a unit in the Fund is based on the NAV divided by the number of units on issue, taking into consideration any applicable Buy/Sell Spread.

## 3] WITHDRAWING YOUR INVESTMENT

### Withdrawal cut-off times

All withdrawal requests received by 5.30pm Sydney time on a Business Day for processing that day will receive the unit price for the following Business Day. Any withdrawal request received after that time will be treated as having been received the following Business Day. Please see the PDS for information regarding how to request a withdrawal.

### Payment of withdrawals

Generally, we will instruct that your withdrawal proceeds be transferred to your nominated bank account within 5 business days from the time we receive your withdrawal request.

However, the Constitution allows Equity Trustees to delay payment up to 21 days after acceptance of a withdrawal request (which may be extended by a further 30 days if Equity Trustees considers that it is in the best interests of Fund investors to do so or a longer period if it is not possible for Equity Trustees to make payment due to one or more circumstances beyond its control).

Where the individual or aggregate amount of withdrawal requests received and accepted on any given Business Day are 5% or more of the gross asset value of the Fund, Equity Trustees may defer the date of processing the withdrawal proceeds to the next Business Day.

We may contact you to check your details before processing your withdrawal request. This may cause a delay in finalising payment of your withdrawal money. No interest is payable for any delay in finalising payment of your withdrawal money.

We are not responsible or liable if you do not receive, or are late in receiving, any withdrawal money that is paid according to your instructions.

### Withdrawal terms

Once we receive 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).

When you are withdrawing, you should take note of the following:

- We reserve the right to fully withdraw your investment upon 30 days notice if, as a result of processing your request, your investment balance in a Fund falls below the minimum balance set in the PDS.

- If we cannot satisfactorily identify you as the withdrawing investor, we may reject your withdrawal request or payment of your withdrawal proceeds will be delayed. We are not responsible for any loss you consequently suffer.
- As an investor who is withdrawing, you agree that any payment made according to instructions received by post or courier, or fax, shall be a complete satisfaction of our obligations, despite any fact or circumstances such as the payment being made without your knowledge or authority.
- You agree that if the payment is made according to these terms you, and any person claiming on your behalf, shall have no claim against us with regards to such payment.

### Withdrawal restrictions

Under Australian securities law (including the Corporations Act), you do not have a right to withdraw from a fund if the fund is not liquid. In such circumstances, you will only be able to withdraw your investment if Equity Trustees makes a withdrawal offer in accordance with the Corporations Act. Equity Trustees is not obliged to make such an offer.

A fund will be deemed liquid if at least 80% of its assets are liquid assets (generally cash and marketable securities). In addition, we may at any time suspend consideration of withdrawal requests or defer our obligation to pay withdrawal proceeds if it is not possible, or not in the best interests of investors or former investors for us to do so, due to circumstances outside our control (such as restricted or suspended trading in a Fund asset).

## 4] ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON 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 Fund 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](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au)) has a managed funds fee calculator to help you check out different fee options.

### Fees and other costs

This section shows fees and other costs that you may be charged. These fees and costs may be deducted from your money, from the returns on your investment or from the assets of the managed investment scheme as a whole.

Taxes are set out in another part of this document. You should read all the information about fees and costs because it is important to understand their impact on your investment.

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TYPE OF FEE OR COST	AMOUNT	HOW AND WHEN PAID
<b>Ongoing annual fees and costs<sup>1</sup></b>		
<b>Management fees and costs</b> The fees and costs for managing your investment	1.20% of the NAV of the Fund	The management fees component of management fees and costs are accrued daily and paid from the Fund 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 Fund as they are incurred.  The management fees component of management fees and costs can be negotiated. Please see "Differential fees" in the "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs" for further information.
<b>Performance fees</b> Amounts deducted from your investment in relation to the performance of the product	0.00% of the NAV of the Fund <sup>2</sup>	Performance fees are calculated daily and paid annually in arrears from the Fund and reflected in the unit price.
<b>Transaction costs</b> The costs incurred by the scheme when buying or selling assets	0.25% of the NAV of the Fund	Transaction costs are variable and deducted from the Fund 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 Fund's investment in the relevant interposed vehicle, and therefore reflected in the unit price.
<b>Member activity related fees and costs</b> (fees for services or when your money moves in or out of the scheme)		
<b>Establishment fee</b> The fee to open your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Contribution fee</b> The fee on each amount contributed to your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable

<b>Buy/Sell Spread</b> An amount deducted from your investment representing costs incurred in transactions by the scheme	0.15% upon entry and 0.15% 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 Fund and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into the Fund as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Fund as part of a redemption.
<b>Withdrawal fee</b> The fee on each amount you take out of your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Exit fee</b> The fee to close your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Switching fee</b> The fee for changing investment options	Not applicable	Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> This represents the performance fee of the Fund which is payable as an expense of the Fund to the Investment Manager. See "Performance fees" below for more information.

## Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs

### Management fees and costs

The management fees and costs include amounts payable for administering and operating the Fund, investing the assets of the Fund, expenses and reimbursements in relation to the Fund 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 1.20% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund is payable to the Responsible Entity of the Fund for managing the assets and overseeing the operations of the Fund. The management fees component is accrued daily and paid from the Fund 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 0.00% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund may include other ordinary expenses of operating the Fund, as well as management fees and costs (if any) arising from interposed vehicles in or through which the Fund invests and the costs of investing in over-the-counter derivatives to gain investment exposure to assets or implement the Fund's investment strategy (if any). The indirect costs and other expenses component is variable and reflected in the unit



price of the Fund 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.

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.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) where they are not otherwise required to be disclosed to investors under law.

## Performance fees

Performance fees include amounts that are calculated by reference to the performance of the Fund. The performance fees for the Fund are 0.00% of the NAV of the Fund.

The performance fee figure that is disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is generally based on an average of the performance fees over the previous five financial years, where each performance fee relevant to the Fund is averaged and totalled to give the performance fees of the Fund.

In respect of the Fund that was not in operation for the previous five financial years, the performance fee average is calculated by reference to the number of financial years in which the Fund was operated.

A performance fee is payable to the Investment Manager where the investment performance of the Fund after management fees exceeds the Benchmark. The performance fee is 15% of this excess. The performance fee is accrued daily in the unit price and paid annually in arrears from the Fund.

No performance fees are payable until any performance losses, where the portfolio return is less than the benchmark return from prior period has been made up (this feature is sometimes referred to as a high-watermark).

Please note that the performance fees disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is not a forecast as the actual performance fee for the current and future financial years may differ. The Responsible Entity cannot guarantee that performance fees will remain at their previous level or that the performance of the Fund will outperform the Benchmark.

It is not possible to estimate the actual performance fee payable in any given period, as we cannot forecast what the performance of the Fund will be. Information on current performance fees will be updated from time to time and available at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto).

## Performance fee example

The example below is provided for illustrative purposes only and does not represent any actual or prospective performance of the Fund. We do not provide any assurance that the Fund will achieve the performance used in the example and you should not rely on this example in determining whether to invest in the Fund.

The following is an example of the performance fee expense for a 12 month period ending 30 June ("Performance Fee Period") payable on units of the Fund. Terms referred to below have the same meaning as detailed in section 6. Fees and costs of the PDS.

## Assumptions:

- The percentage movement in the Benchmark (MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return Net Index (in AUD)) for the performance fee period is 4%
- The Fund investment return after deduction of management fees for the Performance Fee Period is 5%
- There is no negative performance fee amounts for previous Performance Fee Periods to be carried forward.

On the basis of the above assumptions and if the Fund NAV (after deduction of management costs) attributable to an investor's units was \$50,000, the performance fee expense in respect of those units would be approximately \$75 (5% Fund net return less 4% Benchmark return = 1% outperformance x 15%).

Please note that the 'investment return' specified in this example:

- is only an example to assist investors to understand the effect of the performance fee expense on the investment return of the Fund; and
- is not a forecast of the expected investment return for the Fund

## Transaction costs

In managing the assets of the Fund, the Fund may incur transaction costs such as brokerage, buy/sell spreads in respect of the underlying investments of the Fund, 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 Fund invests (if any), that would have been transaction costs if they had been incurred by the Fund 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 Fund 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 Fund.

The Buy/Sell Spread that is disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is a reasonable estimate of transaction costs that the Fund will incur when buying or selling assets of the Fund. 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 Fund and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into the Fund as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Fund as part of a redemption and not paid to Equity Trustees or the Investment Manager. The estimated Buy/Sell Spread is 0.15% upon entry and 0.15% upon exit. The dollar value of these costs based on an application or a withdrawal of \$25,000 is \$37.50 for each individual transaction. The Buy/Sell Spread can be altered by the Responsible Entity at any time and [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) 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 Fund's assets and are reflected in the Fund's unit price as an additional cost to the investor, as and when they are incurred.

The gross transaction costs for the Fund are 0.34% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund, which is based on the relevant costs incurred by the Fund during the financial year ended 30 June 2023 and information obtained from an interposed vehicle.

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% of the Gross Asset Value ("GAV") of the Fund. 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 Fund 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 Fund 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 Responsible Entity on +61 3 8623 5000 or your financial adviser for further information.

### Taxation

Please refer to Section 5 of the Product Disclosure Statement and Section 5 of this Reference Guide for further information on taxation.

## 5] OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Your privacy

The Australian Privacy Principles contained in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) ("Privacy Act") regulate the way in which we collect, use, disclose, and otherwise handle your personal information. Equity Trustees is committed to respecting and protecting the privacy of your personal information, and our Privacy Policy details how we do this.

It is important to be aware that, in order to provide our products and services to you, Equity Trustees may need to collect personal information about you and any other individuals associated with the product or service offering. In addition to practical reasons, this is necessary to ensure compliance with our legal and regulatory obligations (including under the Corporations Act, the AML/CTF Act and taxation legislation). If you do not provide the information requested, we may not be able to process your application, administer, manage, invest, pay or transfer your investment(s).

You must therefore ensure that any personal information you provide to Equity Trustees is true and correct in every detail. If any of this personal information (including your contact details) changes, you must promptly advise us of the changes in writing. While we will generally collect your personal information from you, your broker or adviser or the Investment Manager and Administrator directly, we may also obtain or confirm information about you from publicly available sources in order to meet regulatory obligations.

In terms of how we deal with your personal information, Equity Trustees will use it for the purpose of providing you with our products and services and complying with our regulatory obligations. Equity Trustees may also disclose it to other members of our corporate group, or to third parties who we work with or engage for these same purposes. Such third parties may be situated in Australia or offshore, however we take reasonable steps to ensure that they will comply with the Privacy Act when collecting, using or handling your personal information.

The types of third parties that we may disclose your information to include, but are not limited to:

- stockbrokers, financial advisers or adviser dealer groups, their service providers and/or any joint holder of an investment;
- those providing services for administering or managing the Fund, including the Investment Manager, Custodian and Administrator, auditors, or those that provide mailing or printing services;
- our other service providers;
- regulatory bodies such as ASIC, ATO, APRA and AUSTRAC; and
- other third parties who you have consented to us disclosing your information to, or to whom we are required or permitted by law to disclose information to.

Equity Trustees or the Investment Manager may from time to time provide you with direct marketing and/or educational

material about products and services they believe may be of interest to you. You have the right to “opt out” of such communications by contacting us using the contact details below.

In addition to the above information, Equity Trustees’ Privacy Policy contains further information about how we handle your personal information, and how you can access information held about you, seek a correction to that information, or make a privacy-related complaint.

Full details of Equity Trustees’ Privacy Policy is available at [www.eqt.com.au](http://www.eqt.com.au). You can also request a copy by contacting Equity Trustees’ Privacy Officer on +61 3 8623 5000 or by email to [privacy@eqt.com.au](mailto:privacy@eqt.com.au).

## The Constitution

The Fund is governed by a constitution that sets out how the Fund operates (the “Constitution”). This Constitution, together with the Fund’s PDS, this RG, the Corporations Act and other laws, regulate our legal relationship with investors in the Fund. If you invest in the Fund, you agree to be bound by the terms of the Fund’s PDS, this RG and the Fund’s Constitution. You can request a copy of the Fund’s Constitution, free of charge. Please read these documents carefully before investing in the Fund. We may amend the Constitution from time to time in accordance with the provisions in such Constitution and the Corporations Act.

## Taxation

The following information summarises some of the Australian taxation issues you may wish to consider before making an investment in the Fund and assumes that you hold your investment in the Fund on capital account and are not considered to be carrying on a business of investing, trading in investments or investing for the purpose of profit making by sale. The information should be used as a guide only and does not constitute professional tax advice as individual circumstances may differ.

A number of tax reform measures are currently under review by the Australian Government. These reforms may impact on the tax position of the Fund and its investors. Accordingly, it is recommended that investors seek their own professional advice, specific to their own circumstances, of the taxation implications of investing in the Fund.

### General

The Fund is an Australian resident trust for Australian tax purposes. Therefore, the Fund is required to determine its net income (taxable income) for the year of income. On the basis that investors are presently entitled (which is the intention of Equity Trustees) to the net income of the Fund (including net taxable capital gains) or will be attributed their share of assessable income, exempt income, non-assessable non-exempt income and tax offsets (i.e. credits) of the Fund and the Fund is not a public trading trust, the Fund should be treated as a flow-through trust for tax purposes. This means that investors should be taxed on their share of the Fund’s net taxable income or the amount attributed to them, and the Fund should not be subject to Australian income tax.

In the case where the Fund makes a loss for Australian tax purposes, the Fund cannot distribute the tax loss to investors. However, the tax loss may be carried forward by the Fund for offset against taxable income of the Fund in subsequent years, subject to the operation of the trust loss rules.

### Attribution Managed Investment Trusts (“AMITs”) – core rules

The Fund may qualify as an eligible Attribution Managed Investment Trust (AMIT), and if so, intends to elect into the AMIT regime. The AMIT legislation applies an attribution model whereby Equity Trustees as the Responsible Entity of the Fund attributes amounts of trust components of a particular character to investors (or “members”) on a fair and reasonable basis consistent with the operation of the Fund’s Constitution, which includes provisions in relation to AMIT. Under the AMIT rules, the following will apply:

**Fair and reasonable attribution:** Each year, the Fund’s determined trust components of assessable income, exempt income, non-assessable non-exempt income and tax offsets (i.e. credits) will be allocated to investors on a “fair and reasonable” attribution basis, rather than being allocated proportionally based on each investor’s present entitlement to the income of the Fund.

**Unders or overs adjustments:** Where the Fund’s determined trust components for a year are revised in a subsequent year (e.g. due to actual amounts differing to the estimates of income, gains / losses or expenses), then unders and overs may arise. Unders and overs will generally be carried forward and adjusted in the year of discovery.

**Cost base adjustments:** Where the distribution made is less than (or more than) certain components attributed to investors, then the cost base of an investor’s units may be increased (or decreased). Details of cost base adjustments will be included on an investor’s annual tax statement, referred to as an AMIT Member Annual Statement (“AMMA”).

**Large redemptions:** In certain circumstances, gains may be attributed to a specific investor, for example, gains on disposal of assets to fund a large redemption being attributed to the redeeming investor.

**Penalties:** In certain circumstances (e.g. failure to comply with certain AMIT rules), specific penalties may be imposed.

The new rules are intended to reduce complexity, increase certainty and reduce compliance costs for managed investment trusts and their investors. Where the Fund does not elect into the AMIT regime, or has made the election but the election is not effective for the income year (e.g. the Fund does not satisfy the requirements to be a managed investment trust for the income year), the Tax Law applicable to non-AMITs should be relevant. In particular, the Fund should not generally pay tax on behalf of its investors and instead, investors should be assessed for tax on any income and capital gains generated by the Fund to which they become presently entitled.



### **Deemed Capital Gains Tax (“CGT”) Election**

Eligible managed investment trusts (“MITs”) may make an election to apply a deemed capital account treatment for gains and losses on disposal of certain eligible investments (including equities and units in other trusts but excluding derivatives, debt securities and foreign exchange contracts). Where the election is made the Fund should hold its eligible investments on capital account and gains/(losses) from the disposal of eligible investments should be treated as capital gains/(losses). Capital gains arising on the disposal of eligible investments held for 12 months or greater may be eligible to be treated as discount capital gains.

Where the CGT election is not made, the Fund should hold its eligible investments on revenue account and gains/(losses) from the disposal of eligible investments should be treated as revenue gains or losses.

### **Controlled Foreign Company (“CFC”) Provisions**

There are certain tax rules (i.e. the CFC provisions) which may result in assessable income arising in the Fund in relation to investments in foreign equities, where certain control thresholds are met. If such interests were to be held at the end of the income year, the taxable income of the Fund may include a share of net income and gains (i.e. CFC attributable income) from such investments.

### **Taxation of Financial Arrangements (“TOFA”)**

The TOFA rules may apply to certain “financial arrangements” held by the Fund. In broad terms, the TOFA regime seeks to recognise “sufficiently certain” returns on certain financial arrangements on an accruals basis for tax purposes rather than on a realisation basis. Where returns from derivative instruments are not “sufficiently certain” they will continue to be recognised on a realisation basis, unless specific tax timing elections are made.

### **Taxation Reform**

The tax information included in this PDS is based on the taxation legislation and administrative practice as at the issue date of this PDS, together with proposed changes to the taxation legislation as announced by the Government. However, the Australian tax system is in a continuing state of reform, and based on the Government’s reform agenda, it is likely to escalate rather than diminish. Any reform of a tax system creates uncertainty as to the full extent of announced reforms, or uncertainty as to the meaning of new law that is enacted pending interpretation through the judicial process. These reforms may impact on the tax position of the Fund and its investors. Accordingly, it will be necessary to closely monitor the progress of these reforms, and investors should seek their own professional advice, specific to their own circumstances, of the taxation implications of investing in the Fund.

### **Tax File Number (“TFN”) and Australian Business Number (“ABN”)**

It is not compulsory for an investor to quote their TFN or ABN. If an investor is making this investment in the course of a business or enterprise, the investor may quote an ABN instead of a TFN. Failure by an investor to quote an ABN or TFN or claim an

exemption may cause the Responsible Entity to withhold tax at the top marginal rate, plus the Medicare Levy, on gross payments including distributions or attribution of income to the investor. The investor may be able to claim a credit in their tax return for any TFN or ABN tax withheld. Collection of TFNs is permitted under taxation and privacy legislation.

By quoting their TFN or ABN, the investor authorises Equity Trustees to apply it in respect of all the investor’s investments with Equity Trustees. If the investor does not want to quote their TFN or ABN for some investments, Equity Trustees should be advised.

### **GST**

The Fund is registered for GST. The issue or withdrawal of units in the Fund and receipt of distributions are not subject to GST.

The Fund may be required to pay GST included in management and other fees, charges costs and expenses incurred by the Fund. However, to the extent permissible, the Responsible Entity will claim on behalf of the Fund a proportion of this GST as a reduced input tax credit. Unless otherwise stated, fees and charges quoted in this PDS are inclusive of GST and take into account any available reduced input tax credits. The Fund may be entitled to as yet undetermined additional input tax credits on the fees, charges or costs incurred. If the Responsible Entity is unable to claim input tax credits on behalf of the Fund, the Responsible Entity retains the ability to recover the entire GST component of all fees and charges.

The impact of GST payments and credits will be reflected in the unit price of the Fund. Investors should seek professional advice with respect to the GST consequences arising from their unit holding.

### **Australian Taxation of Australian Resident Investors**

#### ***Distributions***

For each year of income, each Australian resident investor will be required to include within their own tax calculations and tax return filings the assessable income, exempt income, non-assessable non-exempt income and tax offsets (i.e. credits) of the Fund attributed to them by Equity Trustees as the Responsible Entity of the Fund.

The tax consequences for investors in the Fund depends on the tax components of assessable income, exempt income, non-assessable non-exempt income and tax offsets (i.e. credits) of the Fund attributed to them.

Investors will receive an Annual Tax Statement (or an “AMMA” for an AMIT) detailing all relevant taxation information concerning attributed amounts and cash distributions, including any Foreign Income Tax Offset (“FITO”) and franking credit entitlements, returns of capital, assessable income, and any upwards or downwards cost base adjustment in the capital gains tax cost base of their units in the Fund (in the case of an AMIT).

An investor may receive their share of attributed tax components of the Fund or net income in respect of distributions made during the year or where they have made a large withdrawal from the Fund, in which case their withdrawal proceeds may include their share of net income or attributed tax components of assessable income, exempt income, non-assessable non-exempt

income and tax offsets (i.e. credits). In addition, because Australian investors can move into and out of the Fund at different points in time, there is the risk that taxation liabilities in respect of gains that have benefited past investors may have to be met by subsequent investors.

#### **Foreign Income**

The Fund may derive foreign source income that is subject to tax overseas, for example withholding tax. Australian resident investors should include their share of both the foreign income and the amount of the foreign tax withheld in their assessable income. In such circumstances, investors may be entitled to a FITO for the foreign tax paid, against the Australian tax payable on the foreign source income. To the extent the investors do not have sufficient overall foreign source income to utilise all of the FITOs relevant to a particular year of income, the excess FITOs cannot be carried forward to a future income year.

#### **Disposal of Units by Australian Resident Investors**

If an Australian resident investor transfers or redeems their units in the Fund, this may constitute a disposal for tax purposes depending on their specific circumstances.

Where an investor holds their units in the Fund on capital account, a capital gain or loss may arise on disposal and each investor should calculate their capital gain or loss according to their own particular facts and circumstances. As noted above, proceeds on disposal may include a component of distributable income. In calculating the taxable amount of a capital gain, a discount of 50% for individuals and trusts or 33 1/3% for complying Australian superannuation funds may be allowed where the units in the Fund have been held for 12 months or more. No CGT discount is available to corporate investors.

Any capital losses arising from the disposal of the investment may be used to offset other capital gains the investor may have derived. Net capital losses may be carried forward for offset against capital gains of subsequent years but may not be offset against ordinary income.

The discount capital gains concession may be denied in certain circumstances where an investor (together with associates) holds 10% or more of the issued units of the Fund, the Fund has less than 300 beneficiaries and other requirements are met. Investors who together with associates are likely to hold more than 10% of the units in the Fund should seek advice on this issue.

#### **Australian Taxation of Non-Resident Investors**

##### **Tax on Income**

The Fund expects to derive income which may be subject to Australian withholding tax when attributed by Equity Trustees as the Responsible Entity of the Fund to non-resident investors.

Australian withholding tax may be withheld from distributions of Australian source income and gains attributed to a non-resident investor. The various components of the net income of the Fund which may be regarded as having an Australian source include Australian sourced interest, Australian sourced other gains, Australian sourced dividends and CGT taxable Australian property.

We recommend that non-resident investors seek independent tax advice before investing, taking into account their particular

circumstances and the provisions of any relevant Double Taxation Agreement/ Exchange of Information Agreement ("EOI") between Australia and their country of residence.

#### **Disposal of Units by Non-Resident Investors**

Based on the Fund's investment profile, generally non-resident investors holding their units on capital account should not be subject to Australian capital gains tax on the disposal of units in the Fund unless the units were capital assets held by the investor in carrying on a business through a permanent establishment in Australia. Australian tax may apply in certain circumstances if the non-resident holds their units on revenue account. CGT may also apply in some cases where the Fund has a direct or indirect interest in Australian real property. We recommend that non-resident investors seek independent tax advice in relation to the tax consequences of the disposal of their units.

#### **Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing ("AML/CTF")**

Australia's AML/CTF laws require Equity Trustees to adopt and maintain a written AML/CTF Program. A fundamental part of the AML/CTF Program is that Equity Trustees must hold up-to-date information about Investors (including beneficial owner information) in the Fund.

To meet this legal requirement, we need to collect certain identification information (including beneficial owner information) and documentation ("KYC Documents") from new investors. Existing investors may also be asked to provide KYC Documents as part of an ongoing customer due diligence/ verification process to comply with AML/CTF laws. If applicants or investors do not provide the applicable KYC Documents when requested, Equity Trustees may be unable to process an application, or may be unable to provide products or services to existing Investors until such time as the information is provided.

In order to comply with AML/CTF Laws, the Responsible Entity may also disclose information that it holds about the applicant, an Investor, or any beneficial owner, to its related bodies corporate or service providers, or relevant regulators of AML/CTF Laws (whether inside or outside Australia).

The Responsible Entity or Investment Manager shall not be liable for any loss you may suffer because of compliance with the AML/CTF laws.

#### **Indirect Investors**

You may be able to invest indirectly in the Fund via an IDPS by directing the IDPS Operator to acquire units on your behalf. If you do so, you will need to complete the relevant forms provided by the IDPS Operator and not the Application Form accompanying the PDS. This will mean that you are an indirect investor in the Fund and not a unitholder or member of the Fund. Indirect Investors do not acquire the rights of a unitholder as such rights are acquired by the IDPS Operator who may exercise, or decline to exercise, these rights on your behalf.

Indirect Investors do not receive reports or statements from us and the IDPS operator's application and withdrawal conditions determine when you can apply or withdraw. Your rights as an Indirect Investor should be set out in the IDPS Guide or other disclosure documents issued by the IDPS Operator.

## Information on underlying investments

Information regarding the underlying investments of a Fund will be provided to an investor in the Fund on request, to the extent Equity Trustees is satisfied that such information is required to enable the investor to comply with its statutory reporting obligations. This information will be supplied within a reasonable timeframe having regard to these obligations.

## Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”)

In April 2014, the Australian Government signed an intergovernmental agreement (“IGA”) with the United States of America (“U.S.”), which requires all Australian financial institutions to comply with the FATCA Act enacted by the U.S. in 2010.

Under FATCA, Australian financial institutions are required to collect and review their information to identify U.S. residents and U.S. controlling persons that invest in assets through non-U.S. entities. This information is reported to the Australian Taxation Office (“ATO”). The ATO may then pass that information onto the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

In order to comply with the FATCA obligations, we may request certain information from you. Failure to comply with FATCA obligations may result in the Fund, to the extent relevant, being subject to a 30% withholding tax on payment of U.S. income or gross proceeds from the sale of certain U.S. investments. If the Fund suffers any amount of FATCA withholding and is unable to obtain a refund for the amounts withheld, we will not be required to compensate unitholders for any such withholding and the effect of the amounts withheld will be reflected in the returns of the Fund.

## Common Reporting Standard (“CRS”)

The CRS was developed by the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development and requires certain financial institutions resident in a participating jurisdiction to document and identify reportable accounts and implement due diligence procedures. These financial institutions will also be required to report certain information on reportable accounts to their relevant local tax authorities.

Australia signed the CRS Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement and has enacted provisions within the domestic tax legislation to implement CRS in Australia. Australian financial institutions need to document and identify reportable accounts, implement due diligence procedures and report certain information with respect to reportable accounts to the ATO. The ATO may then exchange this information with foreign tax authorities in the relevant signatory countries.

In order to comply with the CRS obligations, we may request certain information from you. Unlike FATCA, there is no withholding tax that is applicable under CRS.

## Consent

PAN-Tribal Asset Management Pty Ltd has given and, as at the date of this PDS, had not withdrawn:

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

PAN-Tribal Asset Management Pty Ltd has not otherwise been involved in the preparation of this PDS or caused or otherwise authorised the issue of this PDS. Neither PAN-Tribal nor its employees or officers accept any responsibility arising in any way for errors or omissions, other than those statements for which it has provided its written consent to Equity Trustees for inclusion in this PDS.

Ashmore Investment Management (Ireland) Limited has given, and had not withdrawn at the date of this PDS, its written consent to name Ashmore Investment Management Limited in this PDS as the investment manager of the Ashmore SICAV Emerging Markets Equity Fund in the form and context in which it is named.

Ashmore Investment Management (Ireland) Limited has not otherwise been involved in the preparation of this PDS or caused or otherwise authorised the issue of this PDS. Neither Ashmore Investment Management (Ireland) Limited nor its employees or officers accept any responsibility arising in any way for errors or omissions, other than those statements for which it has provided its written consent to Equity Trustees for inclusion in this PDS.

State Street has given, and had not withdrawn at the date of this PDS, its written consent to be named in this PDS as the custodian and administrator of the Fund in the form and context in which it is named.

State Street has not been involved in the preparation of this PDS or caused or otherwise authorised the issue of this PDS. State Street has not independently verified the information contained in this PDS and, accordingly, accepts no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the information.

Neither the Investment Manager, Ashmore Investment Management (Ireland) Limited, nor State Street guarantees the success or the performance of the Fund or the repayment of capital or any particular rate of capital or income return.

## 6] GLOSSARY

<b>Application Form</b>	The application form that accompanies the PDS
<b>APRA</b>	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
<b>ASIC</b>	Australian Securities and Investments Commission
<b>ATO</b>	Australian Taxation Office
<b>AUD or \$</b>	Australian dollar
<b>AUSTRAC</b>	Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre
<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return Net Index (in AUD)
<b>Business Day</b>	Any day other than a Saturday or Sunday on which banks are open for general banking business in Sydney, London and Luxembourg or such other day the directors of the Underlying Fund may determine from time to time
<b>Constitution</b>	The document which describes the rights, responsibilities and beneficial interests of both investors and the Responsible Entity in relation to the Fund, as amended from time to time.
<b>Corporations Act</b>	Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)
<b>Gross Asset Value (GAV)</b>	The value of the assets of the Fund without taking into account the liabilities of that Fund
<b>GST</b>	Goods and services tax
<b>IDPS</b>	Investor Directed Portfolio Services or investor-directed portfolio-like managed investment scheme. An IDPS is generally the vehicle through which an investor purchases a range of underlying investment options from numerous investment managers
<b>IDPS Operator</b>	The entity responsible for managing an IDPS
<b>Indirect Investors</b>	Individuals who invest in the Fund through an IDPS
<b>Net Asset Value (NAV)</b>	The value of the assets of a Fund less the value of the liabilities of that Fund
<b>Retail Client</b>	Persons or entities defined as such under section 761G of the Corporations Act
<b>RITC</b>	Reduced Input Tax Credit. Equity Trustees will apply for reduced input tax credits where applicable to reduce the cost of GST to a Fund
<b>SICAV</b>	Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable
<b>Underlying Fund's investment manager</b>	Ashmore Investment Management Limited.
<b>Underlying Fund's management company and principal distributor</b>	Ashmore Investment Management (Ireland) Limited.
<b>US Person</b>	<p>A person so classified under securities or tax law in the United States of America ("US") including, in broad terms, the following persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any citizen of, or natural person resident in, the US, its territories or possessions; or</li> <li>(b) any corporation or partnership organised or incorporated under any laws of or in the US or of any other jurisdiction if formed by a US Person (other than by accredited investors who are not natural persons, estates or trusts) principally for the purpose of investing in securities not registered under the US Securities Act of 1933; or</li> <li>(c) any agency or branch of a foreign entity located in the US; or</li> <li>(d) a pension plan primarily for US employees of a US Person; or</li> <li>(e) a US collective investment vehicle unless not offered to US Persons; or</li> <li>(f) any estate of which an executor or administrator is a US Person (unless an executor or administrator of the estate who is not a US Person has sole or substantial investment discretion over the assets of the estate and such estate is governed by non-US law) and all the estate income is non-US income not liable to US income tax; or</li> <li>(g) any trust of which any trustee is a US Person (unless a trustee who is a professional fiduciary is a US Person and a trustee who is not a US Person has sole or substantial investment discretion over the assets of the trust and no beneficiary (or settlor, if the trust is revocable) of the trust is a US Person); or</li> <li>(h) any discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary for the benefit or account of a US Person; or</li> <li>(i) any non-discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary organised, incorporated or (if an individual) resident in the US for the benefit or account of a US Person</li> </ul>
<b>We, us</b>	Refers to Equity Trustees
<b>Wholesale Client</b>	Persons or entities defined as such under section 761G of the Corporations Act