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This annual report covers SGH Australia Plus as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of SGH Australia Plus 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 SGH Australia Plus (the "Fund"), present their report together with the financial statements of the Fund for the period 1 July 2022 to 21 December 2022.

### Principal activities

Until its termination on 21 December 2022, the Fund invested in a diversified portfolio of stocks comprising both Australian and Asian listed equities in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund did not have any employees during the period.

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

The various service providers for the Fund are detailed below:

Service	Provider
Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited
Investment Manager	SG Hiscock & Company Limited
Custodian	State Street Australian Limited
Administrator	Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd (an Apex Group Company)*
Statutory Auditor	BDO Audit Pty Ltd

\* Effective on 21 October 2022, Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd changed its name to Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd.

### Directors

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

Philip D Gentry	Chairman
Michael J O'Brien	
Russell W Beasley	
Mary A O'Connor	
David B Warren	(appointed 6 March 2023)

### Review and results of operations

These are the final financial statements for the Fund, which has terminated.

During the period, the Fund continued to invest its funds in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

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

	For the period 1 July 2022 to 21 December 2022	Year ended 30 June 2022
Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unit holders for the period (\$)	409,699	(412,509)
Distributions paid and payable (\$)	1,178,658	1,131,274
Distributions (cents per unit)	25.1537	20.9108

### Significant changes in the state of affairs

The Fund was terminated on 21 December 2022. This is the result of the Fund being merged into the SGH High Conviction Fund (ARSN 111 734 411). The majority of unit holders accepted the offer to redeem their units in the Fund in exchange for equivalent units in SGH High Conviction Fund, with those who did not accept the offer receiving redemption in cash.

David B Warren was appointed as a director of Equity Trustees Limited on 6 March 2023.

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

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### Matters subsequent to the end of the period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 21 December 2022 that has significantly affected, or may have a significant effect on:

- i. the operations of the Fund; or
- ii. the results of those operations; or
- iii. the state of affairs of the Fund.

### Indemnification and insurance of officers

No insurance premiums are paid for out of the assets of the Fund in regards 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 period are disclosed in Note 13 to the financial statements.

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

The number of interests in the Fund held by the Responsible Entity or its associates as at the end of the period are disclosed in Note 13 to the financial statements.

### Interests in the Fund

The movement in units on issue in the Fund during the period is disclosed in Note 6 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 dollar

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

### Auditor's independence declaration

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

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



Mick O'Brien  
Managing Director

Melbourne  
6 October 2023

**DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY JAMES DIXON TO THE DIRECTORS OF EQUITY TRUSTEES LIMITED AS RESPONSIBLE ENTITY FOR SGH AUSTRALIA PLUS**

As lead auditor of SGH Australia Plus for the period ended 21 December 2022, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



**James Dixon**  
Director

**BDO Audit Pty Ltd**

Melbourne, 6 October 2023

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

	Note	For the period	
		1 July 2022 to 21 December 2022	Year ended 30 June 2022
		\$	\$
<b>Investment income</b>			
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost		156	-
Dividend and distribution income		154,980	359,837
Management fees reimbursements	13(g)	13,239	19,255
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)		(2,412)	481
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		274,341	(708,072)
Other income		39	27
<b>Total investment income/(loss)</b>		<b>440,343</b>	<b>(328,472)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management costs		22,275	59,116
Withholding taxes		3,724	4,724
Transaction costs		4,645	10,537
Other expenses		-	9,660
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>30,644</b>	<b>84,037</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unit holders for the period</b>		<b>409,699</b>	<b>(412,509)</b>
<b>Finance costs attributable to unit holders</b>			
Distributions to unit holders	7	(1,178,658)	(1,131,274)
(Increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders	6	768,959	1,543,783
<b>Profit/(loss) for the period</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	Note	As at	
		21 December 2022 \$	30 June 2022 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	-	501,439
Receivables	10	-	44,253
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	-	7,681,411
<b>Total assets</b>		-	<b>8,227,103</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Distributions payable	7	-	961,815
Payables	11	-	2,117
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unit holders)</b>		-	<b>963,932</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unit holders – liability</b>	6	-	<b>7,263,171</b>

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

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

	For the period 1 July 2022 to 21 December 2022 \$	Year ended 30 June 2022 \$
<b>Total equity at the beginning of the financial period</b>	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	-	-
Transactions with unit holders in their capacity as owners	-	-
<b>Total equity at the end of the financial period *</b>	-	-

\* 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 period.

*The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Note	For the period 1 July 2022 to 21 December 2022 \$	Year ended 30 June 2022 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		2,248,805	3,341,277
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		(730,249)	(2,191,816)
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)		(2,238)	(1,094)
Interest income received from financial assets at amortised cost		156	-
Dividends and distributions received		191,051	360,500
Expense reimbursement received		16,882	25,337
Other income received		854	-
Management costs paid		(24,392)	(77,252)
Transaction costs		(4,645)	(10,537)
Other expenses paid		-	(7,954)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	9(a)	<b>1,696,224</b>	<b>1,438,461</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from applications by unit holders		-	-
Payments for redemptions by unit holders		(529,071)	(764,635)
Distributions paid to unit holders		(1,668,418)	(368,233)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</b>		<b>(2,197,489)</b>	<b>(1,132,868)</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(501,265)</b>	<b>305,593</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		501,439	194,271
Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(174)	1,575
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	8	<b>-</b>	<b>501,439</b>
Non-cash operating and financing activities	9(b)	<b>6,909,251</b>	<b>330,268</b>

*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 SGH Australia Plus (the "Fund") as an individual entity. The Fund is an Australian registered managed investment scheme which was constituted on 26 September 2013. The Fund terminated its operations on 21 December 2022 when all assets of the Fund were realised and all units were redeemed out of the Fund.

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.

Until its termination on 21 December 2022, the Fund invested in a diversified portfolio of stocks comprising both Australian and Asian listed equities in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The annual 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 SIGNIFICANT 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 periods 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.

As the Fund was terminated on 21 December 2022, the going concern basis of preparation is no longer appropriate and the financial statements have been prepared on a liquidation basis. The liquidation basis means assets have been written down to the lower of their carrying amounts and net realisable value and additional liabilities have been recognised to the extent there was a present obligation at the reporting date. The accounting policies set out below have been applied within this context. As there were no assets or liabilities at the reporting date, adopting the liquidation basis did not change the carrying amounts of any assets or liabilities. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and do not distinguish between current and non-current.

#### **i. Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)**

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

#### **ii. New and amended standards adopted by the Fund**

There are no standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the period beginning 1 July 2022 that have a material impact on the amounts recognised in the prior periods or will affect the current or future periods.

### **b. Financial instruments**

#### **i. Classification**

- Financial assets

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

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

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

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

For equity securities, 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, due from brokers 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 flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Consequently, these are measured at amortised cost.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### b. Financial instruments (continued)

#### i. Classification (continued)

- Financial liabilities

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

#### ii. Recognition and derecognition

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

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

#### iii. Measurement

- Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

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

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

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

- Financial instruments at amortised cost

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

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

#### iv. Impairment

At each reporting date, the Fund shall estimate a loss allowance on each of the financial assets carried at amortised cost (cash and cash equivalents, due from brokers 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 uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### 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.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### c. Net assets attributable to unit holders

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

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

The units 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.

Net assets attributable to unit holders as at 21 December 2022 was nil.

### 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.

Cash and cash equivalents as at 21 December 2022 was nil.

### e. Investment 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 or liability. 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.

#### ii. Dividends and distributions

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

Trust distributions are recognised on an entitlement basis.

### f. Expenses

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

As per the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement (PDS), ordinary expenses such as investment management fees, Responsible Entity fees, custodian fees, administration and audit fees, and other ordinary expenses of operating the Fund are covered by the management costs.

### g. Income tax

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

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

### h. 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.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### 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.

### j. 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 period end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

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

The Fund does not isolate that portion of unrealised gains or losses on financial instruments 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.

### k. Receivables

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

### l. Payables

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

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

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

### m. 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.

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

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

### o. 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 period. 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.

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

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.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### o. Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

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.

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

### p. 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 dollar, unless otherwise indicated.

### q. Comparative revisions

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

## 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Fund held no assets or liabilities at the end of the period. As a result, the Fund was not exposed to market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk as at 21 December 2022.

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

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

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

The investments of the Fund, and associated risks, are managed by a specialist Investment Manager, SG Hiscock & Company Limited ("SGH") under an Investment Management Agreement (IMA) that contains 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 measured at fair value. 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.

SGH seeks to mitigate price risk by ensuring that the Fund is managed in line with IMA, including a restriction on the maximum holding as a percentage of the overall Fund of any single security (which is 10%). SGH monitors the portfolio on a daily basis to ensure compliance with IMA requirements.

The Fund also actively maintains a high level of diversification in its holdings, thus potentially reducing the amount of risk in the Fund. The Investment Manager's process seeks to exploit the inefficient pricing of securities of similar companies. Its investment process aims to construct a portfolio intended to have the maximum potential to outperform while minimizing risk.

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% (2022: +/-10%).

#### ii. Foreign exchange risk

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

Where considered appropriate, the Investment Manager may choose to hedge currency exposures to reduce the risk of adverse fluctuations in the value of the Australian dollar relative to the underlying currency of the investment.

The Fund did not hold any exposure to foreign exchange risk as at 21 December 2022.

### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### a. Market risk (continued)

##### ii. Foreign exchange risk (continued)

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.

	Hong Kong Dollars A\$	US Dollars A\$
As at 30 June 2022		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,430	2,241
Receivables	3,196	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	366,583	132,265
<b>Net exposure</b>	<b>371,209</b>	<b>134,506</b>

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% (2022: +/-10%) against the material foreign currencies to which the Fund is exposed.

##### iii. Interest rate risk

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

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

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

#### b. Summarised sensitivity analysis

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's 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 risk	
	+10%	-10%
	\$	\$
As at 30 June 2022	768,141	(768,141)

	Impact on operating profit/net assets attributable to unit holders			
	Foreign exchange risk			
	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%
	USD	USD	HKD	HKD
	\$	\$	\$	\$
As at 30 June 2022	224	(224)	463	(463)

As at 21 December 2022, the Fund did not hold any assets or liabilities and as such there was no exposure to price risk and foreign exchange risk.

#### 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 is the carrying of these balances at the reporting date.

### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### c. Credit risk (continued)

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 21 December 2022, the Fund did not hold any assets and had no credit risk exposure.

#### d. Liquidity risk

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

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

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 the period ended 21 December 2022 and 30 June 2022.

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

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

### 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/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (see Note 5)

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

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

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

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

#### a. Fair value in an active market (level 1)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as listed equity securities and unit trusts) 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.

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.

#### 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (CONTINUED)

##### 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 2022.

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
As at 30 June 2022				
Financial assets				
Equity securities	7,311,645	-	-	7,311,645
Unit trusts	369,766	-	-	369,766
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>7,681,411</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,681,411</b>

The Fund held no financial assets or financial liabilities as at 21 December 2022.

##### 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 carrying values of receivables and payables approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

#### 5. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	As at 21 December 2022 \$	As at 30 June 2022 \$
Equity securities	-	7,311,645
Unit trusts	-	369,766
<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,681,411</b>

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. 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 period were as follows:

	For the period		Year ended	
	1 July 2022 to 21 December 2022 Units	1 July 2022 to 21 December 2022 \$	30 June 2022 Units	30 June 2022 \$
Opening balance	5,417,470	7,263,171	5,675,589	9,241,321
Applications	-	-	-	-
Redemptions*	(5,769,173)	(6,966,267)	(459,777)	(764,635)
Reinvestment of distributions	351,703	472,055	201,658	330,268
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-	(768,959)	-	(1,543,783)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,417,470</b>	<b>7,263,171</b>

\*The redemptions include in-specie transfer of \$6,437,196 corresponding to 4,564,740 units, to SGH High Conviction Fund as a result of the merger in December 2022.

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

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

## 6. 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.

## 7. DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNIT HOLDERS

The distributions declared during the period were as follows:

	For the period		Year ended	
	1 July 2022 to 21 December 2022 \$	1 July 2022 to 21 December 2022 CPU	30 June 2022 \$	30 June 2022 CPU
<b>Distributions</b>				
December	1,178,658	25.1537	169,459	3.1569
June (payable)	-	-	961,815	17.7539
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>1,178,658</b>	<b>25.1537</b>	<b>1,131,274</b>	<b>20.9108</b>

## 8. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	As at	
	21 December 2022 \$	30 June 2022 \$
Cash at bank	-	501,439
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>501,439</b>

The bank account was closed on 21 December 2022.

## 9. RECONCILIATION OF PROFIT/(LOSS) TO NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

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

	For the period	
	1 July 2022 to 21 December 2022 \$	Year ended 30 June 2022 \$
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	(768,959)	(1,543,783)
Distributions to unit holders	1,178,658	1,131,274
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	2,248,805	3,341,277
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(730,249)	(2,191,816)
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(274,341)	708,072
Net foreign exchange (gain)/loss	174	(1,575)
Net change in receivables	44,253	13,148
Net change in payables	(2,117)	(18,136)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	<b>1,696,224</b>	<b>1,438,461</b>

### 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

472,055      330,268

The following sales of investments were satisfied by the in-specie transfer of assets into SGH High Conviction Fund

6,437,196      -

### **Total non-cash operating and financing activities**

**6,909,251      330,268**

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 period (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.

## 10. RECEIVABLES

	As at	
	21 December 2022	30 June 2022
	\$	\$
Dividends and distributions receivable	-	39,795
GST receivable	-	815
Management fees reimbursements receivable	-	3,643
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,253</b>

## 11. PAYABLES

	As at	
	21 December 2022	30 June 2022
	\$	\$
Management costs payable	-	2,117
<b>Total payables</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,117</b>

## 12. REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

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

	For the period	
	1 July 2022 to 21 December 2022	Year ended 30 June 2022
	\$	\$
<b>BDO Audit Pty Ltd</b>		
<i>Audit and other assurance services</i>		
Audit of financial statements	10,000	10,000
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	10,000	10,000
<i>Taxation services</i>		
Tax compliance services	6,000	6,000
Total remuneration for taxation services	6,000	6,000
<b>Total remuneration of BDO Audit Pty Ltd</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>16,000</b>
<b>PricewaterhouseCoopers</b>		
<i>Audit and other assurance services</i>		
Audit of compliance plan	2,346	2,346
Total auditor remuneration and other assurance services	2,346	2,346
<b>Total remuneration of PricewaterhouseCoopers</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>2,346</b>

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

## 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Responsible Entity of SGH Australia Plus 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 SG Hiscock & Company Limited, to act as Investment Manager for the Fund, and State Street Australia Limited to act as Custodian and Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd to act as Administrator for the Fund. The contracts are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

### 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

#### 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 period and up to the date of this report.

Philip D Gentry	Chairman
Michael J O'Brien	
Russell W Beasley	
Mary A O'Connor	
David B Warren	(appointed 6 March 2023)

##### 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 period.

#### 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 21 December 2022 (30 June 2022: 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 period and there were no material contracts involving management personnel's interests existing at period end.

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

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

	For the period 1 July 2022 to 21 December 2022 \$	Year ended 30 June 2022 \$
Management fees for the period	-	46,484
Responsible Entity fees for the period	647	(13,296)
Management fees reimbursements for the period	(13,239)	(19,255)
Responsible Entity fees payable at period end	-	1,247
Management fees reimbursement receivable at period end	-	(3,643)

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.

### 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

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

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

#### h. Related party unit holdings

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

Unit holder	Number of units held opening	Number of units held closing	Fair value of investment (\$)	Interest held (%)	Number of units acquired	Number of units disposed	Distributions paid/payable by the Fund (\$)
<b>As at 21 December 2022</b>							
SG Hiscock & Company Limited	2,283,302	-	-	-	-	(2,283,302)	-
<b>As at 30 June 2022</b>							
SG Hiscock & Company Limited	2,283,302	2,283,302	-	-	-	-	405,376

#### i. Investments

The Fund did not hold any investments in Equity Trustees Limited or its related parties during the period (30 June 2022: nil).

### 14. EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

No significant events have occurred since the end of the period which would impact on the financial position of the Fund as disclosed in the statement of financial position as at 21 December 2022 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the period ended on that date.

### 15. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

There were no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 21 December 2022 and 30 June 2022.

## DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

- a. The financial statements and notes set out on pages 5 to 21 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 21 December 2022 and of its performance for the period ended on that date.
- b. As outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Fund terminated its operations on 21 December 2022 and all units were redeemed out of the Fund.
- c. Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements also comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

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



Mick O'Brien  
Managing Director

Melbourne  
6 October 2023

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the unitholders of SGH Australia Plus

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of SGH Australia Plus (the Scheme), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 21 December 2022, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the period then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

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

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the Scheme's financial position as at 21 December 2022 and of its financial performance for the period ended on that date; and
- (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Scheme 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 also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Scheme, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

#### Emphasis of matter - Basis of preparation

We draw attention to Note 2 in the financial report, which states that the financial report of the Scheme has been prepared on a liquidation basis as the Scheme has been wound up. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Other information

The directors of Equity Trustees Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information included in the Director's report but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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



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

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

#### **Responsibilities of the directors of the Responsible Entity for the Financial Report**

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

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

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report**

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at:

[http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf)

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**BDO Audit Pty Ltd**

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Dixon'.

James Dixon  
Director

Melbourne, 6 October 2023