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Annual report For the year ended 30 June 2024

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This annual report covers Wilson Asset Management Leaders Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of Wilson Asset Management Leaders Fund is Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) (AFSL 240975).

The Responsible Entity's registered office is:
Level 1, 575 Bourke Street
Melbourne, VIC 3000.

Directors' report

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

Principal activities

The Fund was constituted on 8 November 2022, registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 25 November 2022 and commenced operations on 6 November 2023.

The principal activity of the Fund is to invest in large-cap companies listed predominately on the ASX within the S&P/ASX 200 Index, in accordance with its investment strategy, investment return objective and strategic asset allocation as set out in the current Product Disclosure Statement and in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund did not have any employees during the reporting year.

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

The various service providers for the Fund are detailed below:

Service	Provider
Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited
Investment Manager	Wilson Asset Management (International) Pty Limited
Custodian and Administrator	Citigroup Pty Limited
Statutory Auditor	Pitcher Partners Sydney

Directors of the Responsible Entity

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

Philip D Gentry	Chairman (resigned 6 June 2024)
Michael J O'Brien	Chairman (appointed 6 June 2024)
Russell W Beasley	
Mary A O'Connor	
David B Warren	
Andrew P Godfrey	(appointed 1 May 2024)

Review and results of operations

During the year, the Fund invested its funds in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund's performance was 7.7% (net of fees) for the year ended 30 June 2024. The Fund's benchmark, the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index returned 14.1% for the same year.

The Fund's performance is calculated based on the percentage change in the Fund's net asset value (NAV) price over the year (with any distributions paid during the year reinvested). Returns are disclosed after fees and expenses.

Directors' report (continued)

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

	Year ended 30 June 2024	30 June 2023
Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unitholders for the year (\$'000)	883	—
<i>Distributions - Class A</i>		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	81	—
Distributions (cents per unit)	2.70	—
<i>Distributions - Class B*</i>		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	—	—
Distributions (cents per unit)	2.82	—
<i>Distributions - Class C</i>		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	49	—
Distributions (cents per unit)	2.04	—
<i>Distributions - Class Z</i>		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	860	—
Distributions (cents per unit)	3.50	—

* Unit class B issued a June 2024 distribution paid and payable of \$470.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

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

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

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

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

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

Directors' report (continued)

Likely developments and expected results of operations

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

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

Indemnification and insurance of officers

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

Indemnification of auditor

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

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

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

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its associates out of Fund property during the year 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 year.

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

Interests in the Fund

The movement in units on issue in the Fund during the year 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 thousand dollars

Amounts in the Directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 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 6.

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



Andrew P Godfrey
Director

Melbourne
19 September 2024

**Auditor's Independence Declaration
To the Directors of Equity Trustees Limited
As Responsible Entity of Wilson Asset Management Leaders Fund
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In relation to the independent audit of Wilson Asset Management Leaders Fund for the year ended 30 June 2024, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor's independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*; and
- (ii) no contraventions of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)*.



Richard King
Partner

Pitcher Partners
Sydney

19 September 2024

Wilson Asset Management Leaders Fund
Statement of comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Statement of comprehensive income

		Year ended	
		30 June	30 June
		2024	2023
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Income			
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost		10	—
Dividend and distribution income		528	—
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		587	—
Other income		33	—
Total income/(loss)		<u>1,158</u>	<u>—</u>
Expenses			
Transaction costs		183	—
Management fees and costs	13	92	—
Total expenses		<u>275</u>	<u>—</u>
Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unit holders for the year		883	—
Finance costs attributable to unit holders			
Distributions to unit holders	7	(990)	—
(Increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders	6	107	—
Profit/(loss) for the year		<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Other comprehensive income		—	—
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

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

Wilson Asset Management Leaders Fund
Statement of financial position
As at 30 June 2024

Statement of financial position

		30 June	As at
		2024	30 June
	Notes	\$'000	2023
			\$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	451	—
Receivables	10	654	—
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	31,670	—
Total assets		<u>32,775</u>	<u>—</u>
Liabilities			
Distributions payable	7	990	—
Payables	11	590	—
Total liabilities		<u>1,580</u>	<u>—</u>
Net assets attributable to unit holders - liability	6	<u>31,195</u>	<u>—</u>

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

Wilson Asset Management Leaders Fund
Statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Statement of changes in equity

		Year ended	
		30 June	30 June
		2024	2023
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Comprehensive income for the year			
Profit/(loss) for the year		—	—
Other comprehensive income		—	—
Total comprehensive income year		<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Transactions with unit holders			
Applications		—	—
Redemptions		—	—
Distribution paid and payable		—	—
Total transactions with unit holders		<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Total equity at the end of the year*		<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

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

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes with reference to Notes 1, 2 and 6.

Wilson Asset Management Leaders Fund
Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Statement of cash flows

		Year ended	
		30 June	30 June
		2024	2023
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		98,923	—
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		(129,985)	—
Dividends and distributions received		429	—
Interest received from financial assets at amortised cost		10	—
Other income received		24	—
Management fees and costs paid		(60)	—
GST received /(paid)		(9)	—
Transaction costs paid		(183)	—
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	9(a)	(30,851)	—
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from applications by unit holders		32,202	—
Payments for redemptions by unit holders		(900)	—
Distributions paid to unit holders		—	—
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		31,302	—
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		451	—
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		—	—
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	8	451	—

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 Wilson Asset Management Leaders Fund (the "Fund") as an individual entity. The Fund is an Australian registered managed investment scheme which was constituted on 8 November 2022 and will terminate in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution or by Law.

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

The Fund invests in large-cap companies listed predominately on the ASX within the S&P/ASX 200 Index, in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

During the reporting year, the Fund issued four classes of units, named the Wilson Asset Management Leaders Fund Classes A, B, C and Z, under separate Product Disclosure Statement. Following the launch of four classes, the Fund no longer satisfied the criteria under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation* that would allow it to classify net assets attributable to unit holders as equity. As at 30 June 2024, net assets attributable to unit holders will be classified as liability. Effective from 1 July 2023, the Fund's net assets attributable to unit holders have been reclassified from equity to liability.

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

2 Summary of material accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to the years presented, unless otherwise stated in the following text.

(a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia. The Fund is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities, except where otherwise stated.

The statement of financial position is presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and do not distinguish between current and non-current. All balances are expected to be recovered or settled within 12 months, except for investments in financial assets and liabilities and net assets attributable to unit holders.

The Fund manages financial assets at fair value through profit or loss based on the economic circumstances at any given point in time, as well as to meet any liquidity requirements. As such, it is expected that a portion of the portfolio will be realised within 12 months, however, an estimate of that amount cannot be determined as at reporting date.

In the case of net assets attributable to unit holders, the units are redeemable on demand at the unit holder's option. However, holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term. As such, the amount expected to be settled within 12 months cannot be reliably determined.

(i) Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

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

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

(ii) New and amended standards adopted by the Fund

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

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

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

None of the other standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2023 have a material impact on the current or future years.

(iii) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 July 2023 and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements.

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

(b) Financial instruments

(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 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 debt securities, the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, however they are neither held for collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business objective. Consequently, the debt securities are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

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

- Financial liabilities

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

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial instruments (continued)

(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 liabilities are discharged, cancelled or expired. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

(iii) Measurement

- Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

At initial recognition, the Fund measures a financial asset at its fair value. Transaction costs of financial assets 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 year 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, receivables and payables 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 year, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the statement of comprehensive income.

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial instruments (continued)

(v) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position when the Fund 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 year, there are no financial assets or liabilities offset or with the right to offset in the statement of financial position.

(c) Net assets attributable to unit holders

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

As this is a multi-class Fund, units are classified as financial liabilities as they do not meet the requirements of equity in accordance with AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*.

The Fund's units are classified as financial liabilities, the Fund may distribute 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.

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

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

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, and other short term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Payments and receipts relating to the purchase and sale of investment securities are classified as cash flows from operating activities, as trading of these securities represents the Fund's main income generating activity.

(e) 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 or liability and of allocating the interest income or expense over the relevant year. 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 year 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.

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(e) Income (continued)

(ii) Dividends and distributions (continued)

Trust distributions are recognised on an entitlement basis.

(f) Expenses

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

Management fees and costs covers certain ordinary expenses such as management fees, Responsible Entity fees, custodian fees, audit fees, cost of unit holder meetings and other operating expenses.

(g) Income tax

Under current legislation, the Fund is not subject to income tax provided it attributes the entirety of its taxable income to its unit holders.

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

(i) Increase/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders

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

(j) Due from/to brokers

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

(k) Receivables

Receivables may include amounts for interest and trust distributions. 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 year.

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 30 June of the same financial year.

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(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 year. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the year in which the estimates are revised and in any future years effected.

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

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

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

For more information on how fair value is calculated 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 thousand dollars unless otherwise indicated.

3 Financial risk management

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including market risk (which incorporates price risk, foreign exchange risk and cash flow and fair value 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 Funds' financial performance. The Fund's policy allows it to use derivative financial instruments in managing its financial risks.

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

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

3 Financial risk management (continued)

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

Price risk is the risk that the value of an instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer or all factors affecting all instruments traded in the market.

As the majority of the Fund's investments are carried at fair value with fair value changes recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income, all changes in market conditions will directly affect net investment income. Due to the short-term nature of receivables and payables, the carrying amounts of these financial assets and financial liabilities approximate their fair values.

The Investment Manager seeks to manage and reduce the price risk of the Fund by diversification of the investment portfolio across numerous stocks and multiple industry sectors. The relative weightings of the individual securities and market sectors are reviewed daily in order to manage risk. The Fund does not have set parameters as to a minimum or maximum amount of the investment portfolio that can be invested in a single company or sector.

The table at Note 3(b) summarises the sensitivity 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%.

(ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

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

The impact of interest rate risk on net assets attributable to unit holders and operating profit are considered immaterial to the Fund.

(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 risk. 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 net assets attributable to unit holders	
	Price risk	
	+10% \$'000	-10% \$'000
As at 30 June 2024	3,167	(3,167)
As at 30 June 2023	—	—

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Credit risk

The Fund is exposed to credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay 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.

The Fund determines credit risk and measures expected credit losses for financial assets measured at amortised cost using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management consider both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any expected credit loss. At 30 June 2024 all receivables, cash and short-term deposits are held with counterparties with a credit rating of A-1 or higher and are either callable on demand or due to be settled within 1 week. Management consider the probability of default to be close to zero as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

(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.

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

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 year.

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 (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2); and
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

The Fund values its investments in accordance with the material accounting policies set out in Note 2 to the financial statements.

4 Fair value measurement (continued)

(a) Valuation using level 1 inputs

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets such as listed equity are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading at the end of the reporting year without any deduction for estimated future selling costs.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

(b) Recognised fair value measurements

The table below presents the Fund's financial assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value as at 30 June 2024.

As at 30 June 2024	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets				
Listed equities	30,361	—	—	30,361
Listed unit trusts	1,309	—	—	1,309
Total financial assets	31,670	—	—	31,670

(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 year.

There were no transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting year.

(d) Financial instruments not carried at fair value

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

- Cash and cash equivalents and receivables/payables under sale and repurchase agreements. These are short-term financial assets and financial liabilities whose carrying values approximate fair value, because of their short-term nature and the high credit quality of counterparties; and
- Net assets attributable to unit holders, as the Fund routinely redeems and issues units at an amount equal to the proportionate share of the Fund's net assets at the time of redemption, calculated on a basis consistent with that used in these financial statements. Accordingly, the carrying value of net assets attributable to unit holders approximates their fair value. Any difference is not material in the current year or prior year.

5 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	30 June 2024 \$'000	As at	30 June 2023 \$'000
Listed equities	30,361		—
Listed unit trusts	1,309		—
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	31,670		—

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.

During the reporting year, the Fund issued four classes of units, named the Wilson Asset Management Leaders Fund Classes A, B, C and Z, under separate Product Disclosure Statements. Following the launch of four classes, the Fund no longer satisfied the criteria under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation* that would allow it to classify net assets attributable to unit holders as equity. As at 30 June 2024, net assets attributable to unit holders will be classified as liability. Effective from 1 July 2023, the Fund's net assets attributable to unit holders have been reclassified from equity to liability.

As a result, the Fund's distributions to unit holders and (increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders have been classified as finance costs in the statement of comprehensive income.

6 Net assets attributable to unit holders - liability (continued)

Movements in the number of units and net assets attributable to unit holders during the year were as follows:

Class A	Year ended		Year ended	
	30 June 2024 Units'000	30 June 2023 Units'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Applications	2,988	—	3,073	—
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	—	—	71	—
Closing balance	2,988	—	3,144	—
Class B	Year ended		Year ended	
	30 June 2024 Units'000	30 June 2023 Units'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Applications	17	—	17	—
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	—	—	(1)	—
Closing balance	17	—	16	—
Class C	Year ended		Year ended	
	30 June 2024 Units'000	30 June 2023 Units'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Applications	2,393	—	2,566	—
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	—	—	(36)	—
Closing balance	2,393	—	2,530	—
Class Z	Year ended		Year ended	
	30 June 2024 Units'000	30 June 2023 Units'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Applications	25,436	—	26,546	—
Redemptions	(841)	—	(900)	—
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	—	—	(141)	—
Closing balance	24,595	—	25,505	—
Closing balance			31,195	—

6 Net assets attributable to unit holders - liability (continued)

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

There are four separate classes of units. Each unit within the same class has the same rights as all other units within that class.

Units are redeemed on demand at the unit holders' 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 year cannot be reliably determined.

Capital risk management

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

Monthly applications and redemptions are reviewed relative to the liquidity of the Fund's underlying assets on a monthly 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 and paid during the year were as follows

	Year ended			
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2024 CPU	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2023 CPU
Class A				
Distributions payable - June	81	2.70	—	—
	<u>81</u>	<u>2.70</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Class B*				
Distributions payable - June	—	2.82	—	—
	<u>—</u>	<u>2.82</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Class C				
Distributions payable - June	49	2.04	—	—
	<u>49</u>	<u>2.04</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Class Z				
Distributions payable - June	860	3.50	—	—
	<u>860</u>	<u>3.50</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Total distributions	<u>990</u>		<u>—</u>	

* Unit class B issued a June 2024 distribution paid and payable of \$470.

8 Cash and cash equivalents

	As at	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Cash and cash equivalents	451	—
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>451</u>	<u>—</u>

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

	Year ended	
	30 June	30 June
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
(a) Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	(107)	—
Distribution to unit holders	990	—
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(587)	—
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	98,923	—
Payments for purchase of financial investments at fair value through profit or loss	(129,985)	—
Net change in receivables	(108)	—
Net change in payables	23	—
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(30,851)	—

10 Receivables

	As at	
	30 June	30 June
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Distributions receivable	99	—
GST receivable	9	—
Unsettled trades	546	—
Total receivables	654	—

11 Payables

	As at	
	30 June	30 June
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Management fees and costs payable	23	—
Unsettled trades	567	—
Total payables	590	—

12 Remuneration of auditors

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Pitcher Partners		
<i>Audit and other assurance services</i>		
Audit of financial statements	24	3
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	<u>24</u>	<u>3</u>
<i>Taxation services</i>		
Taxation compliance services	—	—
Total remuneration for taxation services	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Total remuneration of Pitcher Partners	<u>24</u>	<u>3</u>
PricewaterhouseCoopers		
Audit of compliance plan	2	2
Total remuneration of audit services	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total remuneration of PricewaterhouseCoopers	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The auditors' remuneration in the prior year was borne by the Investment Manager. Fees are stated exclusive of GST.

13 Related party transactions

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

The Responsible Entity has contracted services to Wilson Asset Management (International) Pty Limited to act as Investment Manager. The Responsible Entity has appointed Citigroup Pty Limited to provide the custody and administration services to the Fund.

(a) Key management personnel

(i) Directors of the Responsible Entity

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

Philip D Gentry
Michael J O'Brien
Russell W Beasley
Mary A O'Connor
David B Warren
Andrew P Godfrey

Chairman (resigned 6 June 2024)
Chairman (appointed 6 June 2024)

(appointed 1 May 2024)

(ii) Responsible entity

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

13 Related party transactions (continued)

(a) Key management personnel (continued)

(iii) Other key management personnel

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

(b) Transactions with key management personnel

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

(c) Key management personnel unit holdings

Key management personnel did not hold units in the Fund as at 30 June 2024.

(d) Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel are paid by EQT Services Pty Limited. 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 the key personnel or their personally related entities at any time during the reporting year.

(f) Other transactions within the Fund

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

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

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

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

	Year ended	
	30 June	30 June
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Management fees and costs for the year	92,012	—
Management fees and costs payable at year end	23,213	—

Equity Trustees Limited earned \$43,557 (2023: \$20,000) in Responsible Entity fees for services provided to the Fund paid from management fees and costs. The Responsible Entity fees of \$20,000 in the prior year were paid by the Investment Manager.

Wilson Asset Management (International) Pty Limited earned \$5,265 (2023: nil) in management fees for services provided to the Fund paid from management fees and costs.

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)

(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) held no units in the Fund as at 30 June 2024.

(i) Investments

Equity Trustees Limited does not hold any investments in the Fund or its related parties during the year (30 June 2023: nil).

14 Events occurring after the reporting period

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

15 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

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

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

- (a) The financial statements and notes set out on pages 7 to 27 are in *accordance* with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date.
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (c) Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements also comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

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



Andrew P Godfrey
Director

Melbourne
19 September 2024

**Independent Auditor's Report
To the Unitholders of Wilson Asset Management Leaders Fund
ARSN 663 806 228****Report on the Audit of the Financial Report***Opinion*

We have audited the financial report of Wilson Asset Management Leaders Fund ("the Fund"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and the Directors' declaration.

In our opinion,

- a. the accompanying financial report of the Fund is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - i. giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
 - ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and *Corporation Regulations 2001*; and
- b. the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 2(a).

Basis for Opinion

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

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Responsible Entity the Fund, 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.

Other Information

The Directors of Equity Trustee Limited, the Responsible Entity of the Fund, are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Fund's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, 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, 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.

Directors of the Responsible Entity's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Directors of the Responsible Entity of the Fund 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*. The Directors of the Responsible Entity's responsibility also include such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report (Continued)

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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



Richard King
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19 September 2024



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