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These financial statements cover the Firetrail Australian Small Companies Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of the Firetrail Australian Small Companies Fund is Pinnacle Fund Services Limited (ABN 29 082 494 362). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 19, 307 Queen Street, Brisbane, QLD 4000.

## Directors' report

The directors of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited, the Responsible Entity of the Firetrail Australian Small Companies Fund ("the Fund"), present their report together with the financial statements of the Fund, for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

### Principal activities

The Fund is a registered managed investment scheme domiciled in Australia.

The Fund is an actively managed portfolio, investing in a broad range of quantamental Australian equities and multi-asset predominantly from Australia with the objective of specifically seeking out highly quality securities where the present value of future free cash flows can be reasonably ascertained and the security is trading at discount to its intrinsic value, subject to certain risk criteria.

The objective of the Fund is to outperform the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index over the medium to long term by investing predominantly in listed companies which are outside the top 250 ASX listed companies by market capitalisation and companies listed on the New Zealand Stock Exchange with an equivalent market capitalisation.

Firetrail Investments Pty Limited is the Investment Manager of the Fund.

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

### Directors

The following persons held office as directors of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited during the financial year or since the end of the financial year and up to the date of this report:

Mr I Macoun
Mr C Kwok
Mr A Chambers

The Responsible Entity also has a Compliance Committee consisting of one non-external member and three external members.

The Committee met four times during the financial year.

### Review and results of operations

The Fund listed under the AQUA Rules of the ASX, quoting the units in A Class on 18 November 2024. This will allow the investors to access the Fund either via the stock market or via the Responsible Entity.

There have been no other significant changes to the operations of the Fund since the previous financial year. The Fund continued to invest funds in accordance with target asset allocations as set out in the governing documents of the Fund.

The Fund returned 33.03% (before fees) for the financial year ended 30 June 2025. This return compares to the benchmark return for the same year of 12.26%.

## Directors' report (continued)

### Review and results of operations (continued)

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

| | Year ended | |
|---|---|---|
| | **30 June 2025** | 30 June 2024 |
| | **$'000** | $'000 |
| Operating profit/(loss) attributable to unitholders | **66,984** | 22,108 |
| | | |
| Distributions - A Class | | |
| Distributions paid and payable | **155** | 627 |
| Distributions (cents per unit) | **0.1153** | 1.1067 |
| | | |
| Distributions - B Class | | |
| Distributions paid and payable | **57** | 29 |
| Distributions (cents per unit) | **0.1301** | 1.6836 |
| | | |
| Distributions - M Class | | |
| Distributions paid and payable | **47** | 128 |
| Distributions (cents per unit) | **0.1141** | 1.1758 |

### Significant changes in state of affairs

The Fund listed under the AQUA Rules of the ASX, quoting the units in A Class on 18 November 2024. This will allow the investors to access the Fund either via the stock market or via the Responsible Entity.

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 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

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

### Likely developments and expected results of operations

The Fund will continue to be managed in accordance with the investment objectives and guidelines as set out in the governing documents of the Fund.

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 and auditors

No insurance premiums are paid for out of the assets of the Fund in regard to insurance cover provided to either the officers of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited or the auditors of the Fund. So long as the officers of Pinnacle Fund Services 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.

The auditors of the Fund are not indemnified out of the assets of the Fund.

## Directors' report (continued)

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

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its associates out of the Fund's property during the financial year are disclosed in note 14 to the financial statements.

No fees were paid out of the Fund's property to the directors of the Responsible Entity during the financial 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 14 to the financial statements.

### Interests in the Fund

The movement in units on issue in the Fund during the financial year is disclosed in note 13 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 a 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 5.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

Mr C Kwok
Director

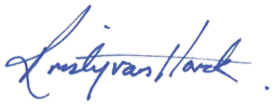
Sydney
19 September 2025

# Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the audit of Firetrail Australian Small Companies Fund for the year ended 30 June 2025, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

a. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and

b. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



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## Statement of comprehensive income

| | Notes | Year ended 30 June 2025 $'000 | 30 June 2024 $'000 (Restated) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Investment income** | | | |
| Interest income | | **381** | 149 |
| Dividend/distribution income | | **3,991** | 2,013 |
| Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss | | **70,441** | 22,611 |
| Other operating income | | **73** | 59 |
| **Total net investment income/(loss)** | | **74,886** | 24,832 |
| | | | |
| **Expenses** | | | |
| Management fees | 14 | **1,630** | 765 |
| Performance fees | 14 | **5,395** | 1,654 |
| Transaction costs | | **877** | 305 |
| **Total operating expenses** | | **7,902** | 2,724 |
| | | | |
| **Operating profit/(loss) attributable to unitholders** | | **66,984** | 22,108 |
| | | | |
| **Finance costs attributable to unitholders** | | | |
| Distributions paid and payable | | **(259)** | (784) |
| (Increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders | | **(66,725)** | (21,324) |
| **Profit/(loss) for the financial year** | | **–** | – |
| | | | |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss) | | **–** | – |
| **Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial year** | | **–** | – |

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

## Statement of financial position

| | Notes | As at 30 June 2025 $'000 | 30 June 2024 $'000 (Restated) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | **29,160** | 3,561 |
| Margin accounts | | **1,301** | 240 |
| Receivables | 10 | **5,538** | 3,049 |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 8 | **401,947** | 185,217 |
| **Total assets** | | **437,946** | 192,067 |
| **Liabilities** | | | |
| Distributions payable | 7 | **259** | – |
| Payables | 11 | **15,241** | 3,550 |
| Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss | 9 | **–** | 12 |
| **Total liabilities** | | **15,500** | 3,562 |
| **Net assets attributable to unitholders - liability* (Restated)** | 13 | **422,446** | 188,505 |

* Net assets attributable to unitholders were reclassified as a liability as outlined in note 2(b) to the financial statements. Refer to note 2(b) for further detail.

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

## Statement of changes in equity

Under AASB 132 *Financial instruments: Presentation,* the net assets attributable to unitholders is classified as a liability rather than equity. As a result, net assets attributable to unitholders were reclassified as a liability as outlined in note 2(b) to the financial statements. Refer to note 2(b) for further detail.

## Statement of cash flows

| | Notes | Year ended **30 June 2025** **$'000** | Year ended 30 June 2024 $'000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Cash flows from operating activities** | | | |
| Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss | | **374,523** | 155,855 |
| Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss | | **(510,078)** | (237,163) |
| Net movement in margin accounts | | **(1,061)** | (60) |
| Transaction costs on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss | | **(877)** | (305) |
| Dividends/distribution received | | **3,875** | 1,932 |
| Management fees paid | | **(1,490)** | (743) |
| Performance fees paid | | **(6,219)** | (574) |
| Interest received | | **381** | 149 |
| Other income received | | **73** | 59 |
| RITC paid | | **(139)** | (28) |
| **Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities** | 15(a) | **(141,012)** | (80,878) |
| **Cash flows from financing activities** | | | |
| Proceeds from applications by unitholders | | **229,649** | 115,073 |
| Payments for redemptions by unitholders | | **(63,038)** | (32,261) |
| Distributions paid | | **–** | (855) |
| **Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities** | | **166,611** | 81,957 |
| **Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents** | | **25,599** | 1,079 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year | | **3,561** | 2,479 |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | | **–** | 3 |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year** | 15(b) | **29,160** | 3,561 |
| Non-cash financing activities | 15(c) | **–** | 780 |

*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 the Firetrail Australian Small Companies Fund ("the Fund") as an individual entity. The Fund was constituted on 10 February 2020. The Fund will terminate on 10 February 2100 unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution. The Fund is a registered managed scheme (ARSN 638 792 113). A Class units include unlisted units and units which were listed as an exchange traded fund (EFT) on the ASX on 18 November 2024.

The Responsible Entity of the Fund is Pinnacle Fund Services Limited (the "Responsible Entity"). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 19, 307 Queen Street, Brisbane, QLD 4000. The financial statements are presented in the Australian currency.

The Responsible Entity is incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The Custodian of the Fund is Citigroup Pty Limited.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 19 September 2025. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements after they have been issued.

## 2 Summary of material accounting policies

The material accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all financial 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 and the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia. The Firetrail Australian Small Companies Fund is a for-profit unit trust for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

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

The statement of financial position is presented on a liquidity basis. Financial assets and financial liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and are not distinguished between current and non-current. All balances are expected to be recovered or settled within twelve months, except for investments in financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and net assets attributable to unitholders.

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 twelve months, however, an estimate of that amount cannot be determined as at balance date.

In the case of net assets attributable to unitholders, the units are redeemed on demand at the unitholder’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 cannot be reliably determined.

*(i) Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards*

The financial statements of the Fund also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

*(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 financial year beginning 1 July 2024 that have a material impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods or will affect the current or future periods.

## 2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

### (a) Basis of preparation (continued)

*(iii) New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 July 2025 and have not been early adopted*

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 July 2025, 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, other than potentially AASB 18 - *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*, which management are still in the process of assessing.

### (b) Reclassification of units from equity to financial liability

During the financial year, it was determined that the Fund was a multiclass Fund with different management fee rates applied to each class of units. As a result, the Fund fails the criteria under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation* that allows it to classify net assets attributable to unitholders to equity. As such, the Fund's net assets attributable to unitholders have been reclassified from equity to liability, and comparatives have been restated where required. This reclassification has not resulted in any change to the amount previously recognised on the net assets attributable to unitholders.

### (c) Financial instruments

*(i) Classification*

The Fund classifies its investments 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 uses fair value information to assess performance of the portfolio and to make decisions to rebalance the portfolio or to realise fair value gains or minimise losses through sales or other trading strategies. The Fund's policy is for the Responsible Entity to evaluate the information about these financial assets on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

Equity securities and derivatives are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Derivative contracts that have a negative fair value are presented as financial liabilities 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 model's objective. Consequently, the debt securities are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

*(ii) Recognition/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 fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities from this date.

Investments are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Any gains or losses arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) are included in the statement of comprehensive income in the financial year the asset is derecognised as net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

## 2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

### (c) Financial instruments (continued)

*(iii) Measurement*

*Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss*

Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured initially at fair value excluding any transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability. Transaction costs on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are expensed immediately in the statement of comprehensive income. Subsequent to initial recognition, all instruments at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value.

Net gains/(losses) on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss arising on a change in fair value are calculated as the difference between the fair value at financial year end and the fair value at the previous valuation point. Net gains/(losses) do not include interest or dividend income.

Further details on how the fair values of financial instruments are determined are disclosed in note 5.

*(iv) Offsetting financial instruments*

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is 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. Refer to note 4 to the financial statements for further information.

### (d) Net assets attributable to unitholders

Units are redeemable at the unitholders' option, however, applications and redemptions may be suspended by the Responsible Entity if it is in the best interests of the unitholders in accordance with the Fund's Constitution.

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 unitholders, less any applicable transaction costs.

The units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at balance sheet date if the unitholder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Fund. This amount represents the expected cash flows on redemption of these units.

Under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation,* puttable financial instruments are classified as equity where certain strict criteria are met. The Fund classifies the net assets attributable to unitholders as liabilities as they do not satisfy all the criteria.

During the financial years ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2025 the Fund's units were reclassified from equity to liability as they do not satisfy all the above criteria. Refer to note 2(b) for further detail.

### (e) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and deposits held at call with financial institutions.

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

### (f) Margin accounts

Margin accounts comprise cash held as collateral for derivative transactions and short sales. The cash is held by the broker and is only available to meet margin calls.

### (g) Investment income

Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost is recognised on a time-proportionate basis using the effective interest method and includes interest from cash and cash equivalents.

## 2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

### (g) Investment income (continued)

Dividend and distribution income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within dividend/distribution income when the Fund's right to receive payments is established. For dividends, this is the ex-dividend date.

Other changes in fair value for such instruments are recorded in accordance with the policies described in note 2(c).

### (h) Expenses

All expenses, including manager's fees, are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on an accruals basis.

### (i) Income tax

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

The Fund currently incurs withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income or gains are recorded net of withholding taxes in the statement of comprehensive income.

The benefits of imputation credits and foreign tax paid are passed on to unitholders.

### (j) Distributions

Distributions are payable as set out in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement and/or Fund's Constitution. Such distributions are recognised as payable when they are determined by the Responsible Entity of the Fund.

### (k) Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unitholders. The Fund’s distributions are classified as distributions paid and payable in the statement of comprehensive income.

### (l) Foreign currency translation

*(i) Functional and presentation currency*

Items 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 financial year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when fair value was determined. Translation differences on assets and liabilities carried at fair value are reported in the statement of comprehensive income on a net basis within net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

### (m) 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 financial year. The due from brokers balance is held for collection and consequently measured at amortised cost.

## 2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

### (m) Due from/to brokers (continued)

These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on amounts due from broker 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 broker, probability that the broker will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the gross 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.

### (n) Receivables

Receivables may include amounts for dividends, interest, trust distributions and amounts due from brokers. Dividends and trust distributions are accrued when the right to receive payment is established. Interest is accrued at the end of each financial year from the time of last payment in accordance with the policy set out in note 2(g). Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recorded as receivables.

These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on 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 counterparty, probability that the counterparty will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required.

If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the gross 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 amount of the impairment loss is separately recognised in profit or loss. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent financial year, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in profit or loss.

### (o) Payables

Payables include liabilities, amounts due to brokers and accrued expenses owing by the Fund which are unpaid as at the end of the financial year. These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

### (p) Applications and redemptions

Applications received for units in the Fund are recorded net of any entry fees, if any, as a 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. The Responsible Entity of the Fund does not currently impose any entry fees on applications and exit fees on redemptions.

Unit redemption prices are determined by reference to the net assets of the Fund divided by the number of units on issue, less any applicable transaction costs.

### (q) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The GST incurred on the costs of various services provided to the Fund by third parties such as investment management fees have been passed onto the Fund. The Fund qualifies for Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC) at a rate of 55% hence investment management fees have been recognised in the statement of comprehensive income net of the amount of GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Accounts 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.

## 2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

### (r) Use of estimates

The Fund makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. Estimates are continually evaluated and 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. However, certain financial instruments, for example over-the-counter derivatives or unquoted securities, are fair valued using valuation techniques which are periodically reviewed by experienced personnel.

Valuation techniques include using observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations require management to make estimates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments. For more information on how fair value is calculated please see note 4 to the financial statements.

### (s) Rounding of amounts

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

## 3 Financial risk management

### (a) Objectives, strategies, policies and processes

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

All securities investments present a risk of loss of capital. The maximum loss of capital on long equity is limited to the fair value of those positions. The maximum loss of capital on long futures is limited to the notional contract values of those positions. The maximum loss of capital on short futures and forward foreign exchange contracts can be unlimited.

The Fund's overall risk management program focuses on ensuring compliance with the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement and seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Fund is exposed. Financial risk management is carried out by an Investment Manager under policies approved by the Board of Directors of the Responsible Entity ("the Board").

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

### (b) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises of three types of risks: price risk, foreign currency risk and interest rate risk. Market risk is managed and monitored using sensitivity analysis, and minimised through ensuring that all investment activities are undertaken in accordance with established mandates and investment strategies.

The market risk disclosures are prepared on the basis of the Fund’s direct investments and not on a look-through basis for investments held in the Fund.

The Fund has exposure to different financial markets. The Fund may be materially affected by market, economic, social and/or political conditions globally and in the jurisdictions and sectors in which it invests or operates. This includes conditions affecting interest rates, the availability of credit, currency exchange and trade barriers. These conditions are outside the control of the Fund and could adversely affect the liquidity and value of the Fund’s investments.

## 3 Financial risk management (continued)

### (b) Market risk (continued)

*(i) Price risk*

The Fund is exposed to equity securities and derivatives price risk. This 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.

The Investment Manager manages this price risk through diversification and a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within specified limits set by the Board.

The Fund invests in a portfolio of securities across several industry sectors, with no individual security holding being greater than 10%, and no individual industry exposure being greater than 25%.

The Fund's overall market positions are monitored on a daily basis by the Fund's Investment Manager and are reviewed at least quarterly by the Board.

Compliance with the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement is reported to the Board on a quarterly basis.

At 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024, the fair value of equities and related derivatives exposed to price risk were as follows:

| | As at | |
|---|---|---|
| | **30 June 2025** | 30 June 2024 |
| | **$'000** | $'000 |
| Listed equity securities* | **388,398** | 185,217 |
| Unlisted equity securities | **13,534** | – |
| Derivative assets - Futures | **15** | – |
| Derivative liabilities - Futures | **–** | (11) |
| **Total** | **401,947** | 185,206 |

*Listed equity securities include listed equities and listed unit trusts.

The table below indicates the effect of price movements on net assets attributable to unitholders (and net operating profit/(loss)), with all other variables held constant.

| | **30 June 2025** | 30 June 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| | **$'000** | $'000 |
| Equity price increased by 10% | **38,840** | 18,522 |
| Equity price decreased by 10% | **(38,840)** | (18,522) |

*(ii) Foreign exchange risk*

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Fund holds financial assets and financial liabilities denominated in currencies other than the Australian dollar, the functional currency. It is therefore exposed to foreign exchange risk, as the value of the securities denominated in other currencies will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates.

Where the Investment Manager believes there is a strong likelihood of a decline in the underlying currency, currency derivatives, both over-the-counter and exchange traded, may be used to hedge the exposure. For accounting purposes, the Fund does not designate any derivatives as hedges in a hedging relationship, and hence these derivative financial instruments are classified as at fair value through profit or loss.

## 3 Financial risk management (continued)

### (b) Market risk (continued)

*(ii) Foreign exchange risk (continued)*

Compliance with the Fund's policy is reported to the Board on a quarterly basis.

The table below summarises the Fund's financial assets and financial liabilities, monetary and non-monetary, which are denominated in foreign currencies as presented in Australian dollar.

**30 June 2025**

| | **Australian Dollars A$'000** | **New Zealand Dollars A$'000** | **Canadian Dollars A$'000** | **Total A$'000** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cash and cash equivalents | **29,160** | **–** | **–** | **29,160** |
| Margin accounts | **1,301** | **–** | **–** | **1,301** |
| Receivables | **1,533** | **–** | **–** | **1,533** |
| Due from brokers | | | | |
| – receivable from securities sold | **4,005** | **–** | **–** | **4,005** |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | **374,403** | **20,137** | **7,407** | **401,947** |
| Distributions payable | **(259)** | **–** | **–** | **(259)** |
| Margin accounts | **(776)** | **–** | **–** | **(776)** |
| Payables | | | | |
| Due to brokers | | | | |
| – payable for securities purchased | **(14,465)** | **–** | **–** | **(14,465)** |
| | **394,902** | **20,137** | **7,407** | **422,446** |
| Net increase/(decrease) in exposure from foreign currency forward contracts | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** |
| Net exposure including foreign currency forward contracts | **394,902** | **20,137** | **7,407** | **422,446** |

30 June 2024

| | Australian Dollars A$'000 | New Zealand Dollars A$'000 | Total A$'000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3,561 | – | 3,561 |
| Receivables | 240 | – | 240 |
| Due from brokers | | | |
| – receivable from securities sold | 542 | – | 542 |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 2,507 | – | 2,507 |
| Distributions payable | 180,661 | 4,556 | 185,217 |
| Payables | (1,275) | – | (1,275) |
| Due to brokers | | | |
| – payable for securities purchased | (1,777) | (498) | (2,275) |
| Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss | (11) | – | (11) |
| | 184,448 | 4,058 | 188,506 |
| Net increase/(decrease) in exposure from foreign currency forward contracts | (499) | 498 | (1) |
| Net exposure including foreign currency forward contracts | 183,949 | 4,556 | 188,505 |

## 3 Financial risk management (continued)

### (b) Market risk (continued)

*(ii) Foreign exchange risk (continued)*

The effect on the net assets attributable to unitholders and profit or loss due to a reasonably possible movement of the currency rate against the Australian dollar with all other variables held constant is indicated in the table below:

**30 June 2025**

| | **AUD equivalent in exposure by currency** | **Change in currency rate** | | **Effects on net assets attributable to unitholders (and net operating profit/(loss))** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **Increase** | **(Decrease)** | **Increase** | **(Decrease)** |
| **Currency** | **A$'000** | **%** | **%** | **A$'000** | **A$'000** |
| New Zealand Dollars | **20,137** | **10** | **(10)** | **(1,831)** | **2,237** |
| Canadian Dollars | **7,407** | **10** | **(10)** | **(673)** | **823** |
| | | | | **(2,504)** | **3,060** |

30 June 2024

| | AUD equivalent in exposure by currency | Change in currency rate | | Effects on net assets attributable to unitholders (and net operating profit/(loss)) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Increase | (Decrease) | Increase | (Decrease) |
| Currency | A$'000 | % | % | A$'000 | A$'000 |
| New Zealand Dollars | 4,556 | 10 | (10) | (414) | 506 |
| | | | | (414) | 506 |

*(iii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk*

The majority of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing. Interest bearing financial assets and interest bearing financial liabilities mature or reprice in the short-term, no longer than twelve months. As a result, the Fund is subject to limited exposure to cash flow and fair value interest rate risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates.

### (c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

The Fund is exposed to counterparty credit risk on derivative financial instruments, cash and cash equivalents, margin accounts, amounts due from brokers and other receivables. In accordance with the Fund's policy, the Investment Manager monitors the Fund's credit position on a daily basis and the Board of Directors reviews it on a quarterly basis.

## 3 Financial risk management (continued)

### (c) Credit risk (continued)

*(i) General approach*

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 considered both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any expected credit loss. At 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024, all receivables, amounts due from brokers, cash and short-term deposits are held with counterparties with a credit rating of A(stable)/A1 or higher and are either callable on demand or due to be settled within 1 week. Management considers 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.

*(ii) Derivative financial instruments*

For derivative financial instruments, the Responsible Entity has established limits such that the maximum cumulative exposure of all listed derivatives is 10% of NAV. Derivatives may be traded on an exchange (exchange traded), or they may be privately negotiated contracts, which are referred to as Over The Counter (OTC) derivatives. The Fund's OTC derivatives are cleared and settled either through central clearing counterparties (OTC-cleared), or bilateral contracts between two counterparties.

Exchange traded and OTC-cleared derivative contracts have reduced credit risk as the counterparty is a clearing house. The clearing house is responsible for managing the risk associated with the process on behalf of their members and ensuring it has adequate resources to fulfill its obligations when they become due. Clearing house members are required to provide initial margins in accordance with the exchange rules in the form of cash or securities and provide daily variation margins in cash to cover changes in market values. Further, all members are generally required to contribute to (and guarantee) the compensation or reserve fund which may be used in the event of default and shortfall of a member.

The Fund also restricts its exposure to credit losses on the trading of certain OTC derivative instruments it holds by entering into master netting arrangements with counterparties (approved brokers) with whom it undertakes a significant volume of transactions. Master netting arrangements do not result in an offset of balance sheet assets and liabilities, as transactions are usually settled on a gross basis. However, the credit risk associated with favourable contracts is reduced by master netting arrangement to the extent that if an event of default occurs, all amounts with the counterparty are closed and settled on the net basis. The Fund's overall exposure to credit risk on derivative instruments subject to a master netting arrangement can change substantially within a short period, as it is affected by each transaction subject to the arrangements.

*(iii) Settlement of securities transactions*

All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered low, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made once purchase on the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligations.

*(iv) Cash and cash equivalents*

The exposure to credit risk for cash and cash equivalents is low as all counterparties have a rating of A(stable)/A1 (as determined by the Standard & Poor’s (S&P)).

*(v) Other*

The Fund is not materially exposed to credit risk on other financial assets.

The clearing and depository operations for the Fund’s security transactions are mainly concentrated with one counterparty, namely Citigroup Pty Limited. Citigroup Pty Limited at 30 June 2025 had a credit rating of A(stable)/A1(S&P) (2024: A(stable)/A1(S&P)). At 30 June 2025, substantially all cash and cash equivalents, balances due from brokers and investments are held in custody by Citigroup Pty Limited.

## 3 Financial risk management (continued)

### (c) Credit risk (continued)

*(vi) Maximum exposure to credit risk*

The maximum exposure to credit risk before any credit enhancements at the end of each financial year is the carrying amount of the financial assets.

### (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. This risk is controlled through the Fund's investment in financial instruments, which under normal market conditions are readily convertible to cash, as the majority are listed on global exchanges. In addition, the Fund maintains sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet normal operating requirements.

The Fund may periodically invest in derivative contracts traded over the counter and unlisted equity investments that are not traded in an active market. As a result, the Fund may not be able to quickly liquidate its investments in these instruments at an amount close to their fair value to meet its liquidity requirements or to respond to specific events such as deterioration in the creditworthiness of any particular issuer or counterparty. The Fund's policy is to hold at least 60% of the net assets attributable to unitholders in liquid investments.

In accordance with the Fund's policy, the Responsible Entity monitors the Fund's liquidity position on a daily basis. The Fund's policy is reviewed annually. 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 unitholders. The Fund did not reject or withhold any redemptions during 2025 and 2024.

The Fund's Constitution provides for daily application and redemption of units and it is therefore exposed to liquidity risk of meeting unitholder redemptions at any time. Units are redeemed on demand at the unitholder's option. At 30 June 2025, net assets attributable to unitholders was $422,446,867 (2024: $188,504,734).

*Maturity analysis for non-derivative financial liabilities*

The table below analyses the Fund's non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the end of the financial year to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Net assets attributable to unitholders has been included below as units are redeemed on demand at the unitholder's option. However, the Board of Directors does not envisage that the contractual maturity disclosed in the table will be representative of the actual cash flows, as holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to the long term.

| **30 June 2025** | **Less than 1 month $'000** | **1-3 months $'000** | **3-12 months $'000** | **12-60 months $'000** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Distributions payable | **259** | **–** | **–** | **–** |
| Redemptions payable | **303** | **–** | **–** | **–** |
| Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased | **14,465** | **–** | **–** | **–** |
| Accrued expenses | **256** | **217** | **–** | **–** |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders | **422,446** | **–** | **–** | **–** |
| **Contractual cash flows (excluding derivatives)** | **437,729** | **217** | **–** | **–** |

## 3 Financial risk management (continued)

### (d) Liquidity risk (continued)

*Maturity analysis for non-derivative financial liabilities (continued)*

| 30 June 2024 | Less than 1 month $'000 | 1-3 months $'000 | 3-12 months $'000 | 12-60 months $'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Redemptions payable | 118 | – | – | – |
| Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased | 2,275 | – | – | – |
| Accrued expenses | 1,080 | 77 | – | – |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders | 188,505 | – | – | – |
| Contractual cash flows (excluding derivatives) | 191,978 | 77 | – | – |

*Maturities of gross settled derivative financial instruments*

The table below analyses the Fund's gross settled derivative financial instruments based on their contractual maturity. The Fund may, at its discretion, settle financial instruments prior to their original contractual settlement date, in accordance with its investment strategy, where permitted by the terms and conditions of the relevant instruments.

| **30 June 2025** | **Less than 1 month $'000** | **1-6 months $'000** | **6-12 months $'000** | **More than 1 year $'000** | **Total $'000** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Gross settled derivatives** | | | | | |
| Futures | | | | | |
| Outflows | **–** | **(17,699)** | **–** | **–** | **(17,699)** |

| 30 June 2024 | Less than 1 month $'000 | 1-6 months $'000 | 6-12 months $'000 | More than 1 year $'000 | Total $'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gross settled derivatives | | | | | |
| Futures | | | | | |
| Outflows | – | (3,325) | – | – | (3,325) |
| Forward foreign exchange contracts | | | | | |
| Inflows | – | 498 | – | – | 498 |
| Outflows | – | (499) | – | – | (499) |

## 4 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is 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. The gross and net positions of financial assets and liabilities that have been offset in the statement of financial position are disclosed in the first three columns of the tables below.

| | **Effect of offsetting on the statement of financial position** | | | **Related amount not offset** | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **30 June 2025** | **Gross amounts $'000** | **Gross amounts set off in the statement of financial position $'000** | **Net amount presented in the statement of financial position $'000** | **Amounts subject to master netting arrangements $'000** | **Collateral pledged/ received $'000** | **Net amount $'000** |
| **Financial assets** | | | | | | |
| Margin accounts | **1,301** | **–** | **1,301** | **–** | **–** | **1,301** |
| Derivative financial instruments (i) | **15** | **–** | **15** | **–** | **–** | **15** |
| **Total** | **1,316** | **–** | **1,316** | **–** | **–** | **1,316** |
| **Financial liabilities** | | | | | | |
| Margin accounts | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** |
| Derivative financial instruments (i) | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** |
| **Total** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** | **–** |

| | Effect of offsetting on the statement of financial position | | | Related amount not offset | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30 June 2024 | Gross amounts $'000 | Gross amounts set off in the statement of financial position $'000 | Net amount presented in the statement of financial position $'000 | Amounts subject to master netting arrangements $'000 | Collateral pledged/ received $'000 | Net amount $'000 |
| Financial assets | | | | | | |
| Margin accounts | 240 | – | 240 | – | – | 240 |
| Derivative financial instruments (i) | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total | 240 | – | 240 | – | – | 240 |
| Financial liabilities | | | | | | |
| Margin accounts | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Derivative financial instruments (i) | 12 | – | 12 | – | – | 12 |
| Total | 12 | – | 12 | – | – | 12 |

*(i) Master netting arrangement – not currently enforceable*

Agreements with derivative counterparties are based on ISDA Master Agreement. Under the terms of these arrangements, only where certain credit events occur (such as default), the net position owing/receivable to a single counterparty in the same currency will be taken as owing and all the relevant arrangements terminated. The Fund does not presently have a legally enforceable right of set-off because no credit event occurred. Accordingly, these amounts have not been offset in the statement of financial position, but have been presented separately in the above table.

## 5 Fair value measurements

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

The Fund has no financial assets or financial liabilities measured at fair value after initial recognition on a non-recurring basis in the current financial year.

**Fair value hierarchy**

*Classification of financial assets and financial liabilities*

The Fund classifies fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the subjectivity of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

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

*(i) Fair value in an active market (level 1)*

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities traded in active markets is based on their quoted market prices at the end of the financial year without any deduction for estimated future selling costs.

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

The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Fund is the last traded price; the appropriate quoted market price for financial liabilities is the last traded price. When the Fund holds derivatives with offsetting market risks, it uses mid-market prices as a basis for establishing fair values for the offsetting risk positions and applies this bid or asking price to the net open position, as appropriate.

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

*(ii) Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (level 2)*

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (e.g. over-the counter derivatives) is determined using valuation techniques that maximise the use of observable market data and rely as little as possible on entity-specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2. The foreign currency contracts are valued at the forward rate.

*(iii) Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (level 3)*

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm’s length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of a substantially similar other instrument, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on management's best estimates and the discount rate used is a market rate at the end of the financial year applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions.

For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the end of the financial year. Fair values for unquoted equity investments are estimated, if possible, using applicable price/earnings ratios for similar listed companies adjusted to reflect the specific circumstances of the issuer.

## 5 Fair value measurements (continued)

**Fair value hierarchy (continued)**

*(iii) Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (level 3) (continued)*

The fair value of derivatives that are not exchange traded is estimated at the amount that the Fund would receive or pay to terminate the contract at the end of financial year taking into account current market conditions (volatility and appropriate yield curve) and the current creditworthiness of the counterparties.

Investments in other unlisted unit trusts are recorded at the redemption value per unit as reported by the investment managers of such trusts.

Some of the inputs to these models may not be market observable and are therefore estimated based on assumptions.

Valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Fund holds. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including liquidity risk and counterparty risk.

The carrying value less impairment provision of other receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Fund for similar financial instruments.

**Recognised fair value measurements**

The tables below set out the Fund's financial assets and financial liabilities (by class) measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy at 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024.

| **As at 30 June 2025** | **Level 1 $'000** | **Level 2 $'000** | **Level 3 $'000** | **Total $'000** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:** | | | | |
| Listed equity securities* | **388,398** | **–** | **–** | **388,398** |
| Unlisted equity securities | **–** | **13,534** | **–** | **13,534** |
| Derivatives - Futures | **–** | **15** | **–** | **15** |
| **Total financial assets** | **388,398** | **13,549** | **–** | **401,947** |

| As at 30 June 2024 | Level 1 $'000 | Level 2 $'000 | Level 3 $'000 | Total $'000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: | | | | |
| Listed equity securities* | 185,217 | – | – | 185,217 |
| Total financial assets | 185,217 | – | – | 185,217 |
| Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss: | | | | |
| Derivatives - Futures | – | 11 | – | 11 |
| Derivatives - Forward foreign exchange contracts | – | 1 | – | 1 |
| Total financial liabilities | – | 12 | – | 12 |

*Listed equity securities include listed equities and listed unit trusts.

There were no transfers between levels during the financial year ended 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024.

## 6 Auditor's remuneration

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

| | Year ended | |
|---|---|---|
| | **30 June 2025 $** | 30 June 2024 $ |
| **PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm** | | |
| ***Audit and other assurance services*** | | |
| Audit and review of financial statements | **48,000** | 20,710 |
| Audit of compliance plan | **3,845** | 3,655 |
| **Total remuneration of audit services** | **51,845** | 24,365 |
| ***Non-audit services*** | | |
| Taxation compliance services | **–** | 5,990 |
| **Total remuneration for non-audit services** | **–** | 5,990 |
| **Total remuneration for PricewaterhouseCoopers** | **51,845** | 30,355 |

The fees for audit and non-audit services are paid by the Investment Manager out of the management fee that they earn.

## 7 Distributions to unitholders

The distributions were paid/payable as follows:

| | Year ended | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **30 June 2025 $'000** | **30 June 2025 CPU** | 30 June 2024 $'000 | 30 June 2024 CPU |
| **A Class** | | | | |
| Distributions paid - December | **–** | **–** | 627 | 1.1067 |
| Distributions payable - June | **155** | **0.1153** | – | – |
| | **155** | | 627 | |
| **B Class** | | | | |
| Distributions paid - December | **–** | **–** | 29 | 1.6836 |
| Distributions payable - June | **57** | **0.1301** | – | – |
| | **57** | | 29 | |
| **M Class** | | | | |
| Distributions paid - December | **–** | **–** | 128 | 1.1758 |
| Distributions payable - June | **47** | **0.1141** | – | – |
| | **47** | | 128 | |

## 8 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

| | As at 30 June 2025 $'000 | 30 June 2024 $'000 |
|---|---|---|
| **Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss** | | |
| Listed equity securities* | **388,398** | 185,217 |
| Unlisted equity securities | **13,534** | – |
| Derivatives - Futures | **15** | – |
| **Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss** | **401,947** | 185,217 |

*Listed equity securities include listed equities and listed unit trusts.

An overview of the risk exposures relating to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is included in note 3.

## 9 Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

| | As at 30 June 2025 $'000 | 30 June 2024 $'000 |
|---|---|---|
| **Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss** | | |
| Derivatives - Futures | **–** | 11 |
| Derivatives - Forward foreign exchange contracts | **–** | 1 |
| **Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss** | **–** | 12 |

An overview of the risk exposures relating to financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss is included in note 3.

## 10 Receivables

| | As at 30 June 2025 $'000 | 30 June 2024 $'000 |
|---|---|---|
| Applications receivable | **1,083** | 293 |
| Accrued income | **271** | 209 |
| GST receivable | **179** | 40 |
| Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold | **4,005** | 2,507 |
| **Total receivables** | **5,538** | 3,049 |

## 11 Payables

| | As at 30 June 2025 $'000 | 30 June 2024 $'000 |
|---|---|---|
| Redemptions payable | **303** | 118 |
| Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased | **14,465** | 2,275 |
| Accrued expenses | **473** | 1,157 |
| **Total payables** | **15,241** | 3,550 |

## 12 Derivative financial instruments

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into transactions in various derivative financial instruments which have certain risks. A derivative is a financial instrument or other contract which is settled at a future date and whose value changes in response to the change in a specified interest rate, financial instrument price, commodity price, foreign exchange rate, index of prices or rates, credit rating or credit index or other variable.

Derivative financial instruments require no initial net investment or an initial net investment that is smaller than would be required for other types of contracts that would be expected to have a similar response to changes in market factors.

Derivative transactions include many different instruments such as forwards, futures and options. Derivatives are considered to be part of the investment process and the use of derivatives is an essential part of the Fund's portfolio management. Derivatives are not managed in isolation. Consequently, the use of derivatives is multifaceted and includes:

- hedging to protect an asset or liability of the Fund against a fluctuation in market values or to reduce volatility,
- a substitution for trading of physical securities, or
- adjusting asset exposures within the parameters set in the investment strategy and adjusting the duration of fixed interest portfolios or the weighted average maturity of cash portfolios.

While derivatives are used for trading purposes, they are not used to gear (leverage) a portfolio. Gearing a portfolio would occur if the level of exposure to the markets exceeds the underlying value of the Fund.

The Fund holds the following derivative instruments:

**(a) Futures**

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

**(b) Forward foreign exchange contracts**

Forward foreign exchange contracts are primarily used by the Fund to hedge against foreign currency exchange rate risks on its non-Australian dollar denominated trading securities. The Fund agrees to receive or deliver a fixed quantity of foreign currency for an agreed upon price on an agreed future date. Forward foreign exchange contracts are valued at the prevailing bid price at the end of each financial year. The Fund recognises a gain or loss equal to the change in fair value at the end of each financial year.

The Fund's derivative financial instruments as at 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024 are detailed below:

| **30 June 2025** | | **Fair values** | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Contract/ Notional value $'000** | **Assets $'000** | **Liabilities $'000** |
| Futures | **17,699** | **15** | **–** |
| | **17,699** | **15** | **–** |

| 30 June 2024 | | Fair values | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Contract/ Notional value $'000 | Assets $'000 | Liabilities $'000 |
| Futures | 3,314 | – | 11 |
| Forward foreign exchange contracts | 500 | – | 1 |
| | 3,813 | – | 12 |

An overview of the risk exposure relating to derivatives is included in note 3.

## 13 Net assets attributable to unitholders

During the financial years ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2025 the Fund's units were reclassified from equity to liability as they do not satisfy all the criteria under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation,* to be classified as equity. Refer to note 2(b) for further detail.

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

| | As at | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **30 June 2025 Units** | 30 June 2024 Units | **30 June 2025 $'000** | 30 June 2024 $'000 |
| **A Class*** | | | | |
| Balance as at 1 July | **72,377,453** | 57,146,191 | **106,662** | 68,857 |
| Applications | **73,437,619** | 26,723,197 | **126,299** | 36,863 |
| Redemptions | **(11,359,000)** | (12,017,398) | **(18,777)** | (15,248) |
| Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions | **–** | 525,463 | **–** | 667 |
| Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders | **–** | – | **39,948** | 15,523 |
| **Closing balance** | **134,456,082** | 72,377,453 | **254,132** | 106,662 |
| **B Class** | | | | |
| Balance as at 1 July | **40,850,161** | 1,874,207 | **64,431** | 2,373 |
| Applications | **25,259,667** | 49,828,730 | **48,793** | 75,584 |
| Redemptions | **(22,067,571)** | (10,891,164) | **(39,687)** | (16,513) |
| Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions | **–** | 38,388 | **–** | 52 |
| Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders | **–** | – | **18,815** | 2,935 |
| **Closing balance** | **44,042,257** | 40,850,161 | **92,352** | 64,431 |
| **M Class** | | | | |
| Balance as at 1 July | **12,070,038** | 10,242,390 | **17,412** | 12,117 |
| Applications | **31,811,430** | 2,184,057 | **55,347** | 2,919 |
| Redemptions | **(2,839,710)** | (405,530) | **(4,759)** | (551) |
| Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions | **–** | 49,121 | **–** | 61 |
| Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders | **–** | – | **7,962** | 2,866 |
| **Closing balance** | **41,041,758** | 12,070,038 | **75,962** | 17,412 |
| **Total net assets attributable to unitholders** | | | **422,446** | 188,505 |

*A Class units include unlisted units and units listed on the ASX under ASX ticker: FSML.

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. For the financial year ended 30 June 2025, there were three separate classes of units and each unit has the same right attaching to it as all other units in the same class of the Fund. Unitholders of A Class, B Class and M Class units are entitled to be notified of any general meetings regarding the Fund, voting rights and dividends. The difference between the class units is in regard to fees as outlined in the relevant Product Disclosure Statements.

## 13 Net assets attributable to unitholders (continued)

### Capital risk management

The Fund considers its net assets attributable to unitholders as capital. The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily applications and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders. Net assets attributable to unitholders are representative of the expected cash outflows on redemption, excluding any applicable transaction costs.

The Fund monitors the level of daily applications and redemptions relative to the liquid assets in the Fund. The Fund's strategy was to hold a certain portion of the net assets attributable to unitholders in liquid investments. Liquid assets include cash and cash equivalents and listed equities. 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 a redemption of units, if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unitholders.

## 14 Related party transactions

### Responsible entity

The Responsible Entity of the Firetrail Australian Small Companies Fund is Pinnacle Fund Services Limited.

Pinnacle Investment Management Limited is the parent company of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited. Pinnacle Investment Management Group Limited is the ultimate holding company of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited.

Firetrail Investments Pty Limited is the Investment Manager of the Fund.

### Key management personnel

### Directors

Key management personnel includes persons who were directors of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited and Pinnacle Investment Management Limited at any time during the financial year as follows:

Pinnacle Fund Services Limited

Mr I Macoun
Mr C Kwok
Mr A Chambers

Pinnacle Investment Management Limited

Mr I Macoun
Mr C Kwok
Mr A Chambers
Mr D Longan

### Other key management personnel

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

## 14 Related party transactions (continued)

### Management fees and other transactions

All related party transactions are conducted on normal commercial terms and conditions. The transactions during the financial year and amounts payable at financial year end between the Fund and the Responsible Entity and the Investment Manager were as follows:

| | Year ended | |
|---|---|---|
| | **30 June 2025** | 30 June 2024 |
| | **$** | $ |
| Management fees for the financial year paid/payable by the Fund | **1,629,737** | 765,411 |
| Management fees payable to the Investment Manager at the reporting date | **217,002** | 77,044 |
| Performance fees for the financial year paid/payable by the Fund | **5,394,935** | 1,654,375 |
| Performance fees payable to the Investment Manager at the reporting date | **255,568** | 1,080,062 |

The management fee (0.85% p.a. for A Class, nil for B Class and 0.65% p.a. for M Class) is calculated daily based on the net asset value of the Fund. The performance fee of 20% of the Fund's excess return versus its benchmark, S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index, is calculated net of management fee.

Responsible Entity fees are paid by the Investment Manager out of the fees that they earn.

### Related party unitholdings

Parties related to the Fund (including Pinnacle Fund Services Limited, its related parties and other schemes managed by Pinnacle Fund Services Limited), held units in the Fund as follows:

**2025**

| **Unitholders** | **Number of units held opening (Units)** | **Number of units held closing (Units)** | **Fair value of investment ($)** | **Interest held (%)** | **Number of units acquired (Units)** | **Number of units disposed (Units)** | **Distributions paid/payable by the Fund ($)** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Firetrail Absolute Return Fund – B Class | **39,234,485** | **17,550,805** | **36,825,099** | **8.72** | **–** | **21,683,680** | **–** |
| Firetrail Alpha Plus Fund – B Class | **–** | **3,272,073** | **6,861,210** | **1.62** | **3,272,073** | **–** | **4,259** |
| Firetrail Investments PL – B Class | **81,300** | **81,300** | **170,584** | **0.04** | **–** | **–** | **–** |
| Macoun Superannuation PL ATF Macoun Superannuation Fund – M Class | **2,067,576** | **2,067,576** | **3,829,151** | **0.91** | **–** | **–** | **–** |
| Macoun Family PL ATF Macoun Family Super Fund – M Class | **353,366** | **353,366** | **654,435** | **0.15** | **–** | **–** | **–** |

## 14 Related party transactions (continued)

**Related party unitholdings (continued)**

2024

| Unitholders | Number of units held opening (Units) | Number of units held closing (Units) | Fair value of investment ($) | Interest held (%) | Number of units acquired (Units) | Number of units disposed (Units) | Distributions paid/payable by the Fund ($) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Firetrail Absolute Return Fund – B Class | – | 39,234,485 | 61,880,629 | 32.83 | 49,751,805 | 10,517,321 | – |
| Firetrail Investments PL – B Class | 81,300 | 81,300 | 127,845 | 0.07 | – | – | 1,369 |
| Macoun Superannuation PL ATF Macoun Superannuation Fund – M Class | 2,049,395 | 2,067,576 | 2,974,002 | 1.58 | 18,181 | – | 24,096 |
| Macoun Family PL ATF Macoun Family Super Fund – M Class | 350,259 | 353,366 | 508,282 | 0.27 | 3,107 | – | 4,118 |

**Investments**

The Fund did not hold any investments in Pinnacle Fund Services Limited or its related parties during the financial year.

**Key management personnel compensation**

Key management personnel of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited are paid by Pinnacle Services Administration Pty Ltd. Payments made from the Fund to Pinnacle Fund Services Limited do not include any amounts directly attributable to key management personnel remuneration.

**Key management personnel loan disclosures**

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

**Other transactions within the Fund**

From time to time directors of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited, or their director related entities, may invest in or withdraw from the Fund. These investments or withdrawals are on the same terms and conditions as those entered into by other Fund investors and are not material in nature.

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 key management personnel's interests existing at financial year end.

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

| | Year ended | |
|---|---|---|
| | **30 June 2025** | 30 June 2024 |
| | **$'000** | $'000 |
| **(a) Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities** | | |
| Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders | **66,725** | 21,324 |
| Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss | **374,523** | 155,855 |
| Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss | **(510,078)** | (237,163) |
| Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss | **(70,441)** | (22,611) |
| Net movement in margin accounts | **(1,061)** | (60) |
| Distributions to unitholders | **259** | 784 |
| Dividends/distributions reinvested | **(54)** | (101) |
| Net change in receivables | **(201)** | (8) |
| Net change in payables | **(684)** | 1,102 |
| **Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities** | **(141,012)** | (80,878) |
| **(b) Cash and cash equivalents** | | |
| Cash at bank | **29,160** | 3,561 |
| | **29,160** | 3,561 |
| **(c) Non-cash financing activities** | | |
| Distributions reinvestments | **–** | 780 |
| | **–** | 780 |

As described in note 2(k), income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unitholders. The change in this amount each financial year (as reported in (a) above) represents a non-cash financing cost as it is not settled in cash until such time as it becomes distributable.

## 16 Segment information

The Fund is organised into one main operating segment with only one key function in Australia, being the investment of funds.

## 17 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024.

## 18 Events occurring after the reporting period

No significant events have occurred since the end of the financial year which would impact on the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 2025 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the financial year ended on that date.

## Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

(a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 6 to 33 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

  (i) complying with 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 2025 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 comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

Mr C Kwok
Director

Sydney
19 September 2025

# Independent auditor's report

To the unitholders of Firetrail Australian Small Companies Fund

## Report on the audit of the financial report

## Our opinion

In our opinion:

The accompanying financial report of Firetrail Australian Small Companies Fund (the Fund) is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

a. giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended

b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

### What we have audited

The financial report comprises:

- the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended
- the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- the notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information
- the declaration of the directors of the Responsible Entity.

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

### Independence

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 & 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.

## Our audit approach

An audit is designed to provide reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

We tailored the scope of our audit to ensure that we performed enough work to be able to give an opinion on the financial report as a whole, taking into account the geographic and management structure of the Fund, its accounting processes and controls and the industry in which it operates.

### Audit Scope

Our audit focused on where the Fund made subjective judgements; for example, significant accounting estimates involving assumptions and inherently uncertain future events.

Our audit approach reflected the nature of the investments held by the Fund and consideration of activities performed by third party service organisations ("service organisations"), including custody, fund administration, and unit registry services. These third-party service organisations significantly contribute to the safe keeping of the Fund's assets, the maintenance of the Fund's financial records and the preparation of the Fund's financial report.

## Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report for the current period. The key audit matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. Further, any commentary on the outcomes of a particular audit procedure is made in that context. We communicated the key audit matters to the Board of Directors.

| *Key audit matter* | *How our audit addressed the key audit matter* |
|---|---|
| **Financial significance of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss**<br><br>Refer to note 2(c) (Summary of material accounting policies) and note 5 (Fair value measurements)<br><br>As at 30 June 2025, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss primarily comprise listed equity securities amongst others (“investments”).<br><br>As described in note 2(c) of the financial report, these investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.<br><br>Whilst there is no significant judgement in determining the existence or valuation of these investments, we determined this to be a key audit matter because they represent a significant proportion of the total net assets attributable to unitholders of the Fund and fluctuations in the balance impact the net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss recognised in the Fund's statement of comprehensive income. | We performed the following procedures, amongst others:<br><br>• Obtained and evaluated the most recent controls reports issued by the Fund’s administrator and custodian, setting out the controls in place at these service organisations, which included an assurance report over the design and implementation, and operating effectiveness of those controls.<br><br>• Obtained independent confirmations of the Fund's investment holdings from the custodian and compared the confirmed balances to the Fund's underlying accounting records as at balance date.<br><br>• Evaluated the Fund’s valuation policy and independently obtained market price data from third-party price vendors, or other observable market data, and compared it to the prices used by the Fund’s administrator to measure the fair value of investments as at year end.<br><br>• Assessed the reasonableness of the disclosures in the financial report against the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards. |

## Other information

The directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2025, 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 through our opinion on the financial report.

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 that we 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 Pinnacle Fund Services Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors of the Responsible Entity determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that 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 ability of the Fund 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 the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar2_2020.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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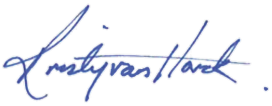

Kristy van Horck
Partner

Brisbane
19 September 2025