

# **Atlantic Pacific Australian Equity Fund**

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This condensed financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, this condensed financial report is to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023 and any public announcements made in respect of Atlantic Pacific Australian Equity Fund during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

This condensed financial report covers Atlantic Pacific Australian Equity Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of Atlantic Pacific Australian Equity Fund is Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) (AFSL 240975).

The Responsible Entity's registered office is:

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

## Directors' report

The directors of Equity Trustees Limited, the Responsible Entity of Atlantic Pacific Australian Equity Fund (the "Fund"), present their report together with the condensed financial statements of the Fund for the half-year ended 31 December 2023. These condensed financial statements have been prepared as it is a disclosing entity under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

### Principal activities

The Fund is a long-bias equity market product which typically buys, or short sells, Australian listed securities. Cash, cash equivalents, convertible notes, derivatives and securities in respect of which listing has been proposed may be used within the strategy, in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund did not have any employees during the half-year ended 31 December 2023.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the Fund's activities during the half-year ended 31 December 2023.

The various service providers for the Fund are detailed below:

| Service                     | Provider   |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Responsible Entity          | Equity Trustees Limited                            |
| Investment Manager          | APSEC Funds Management Pty Ltd                     |
| Custodian and Administrator | Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd (an Apex Group Company) |
| Prime Broker                | Interactive Brokers LLC                            |
| Statutory Auditor           | PricewaterhouseCoopers                             |

### Directors

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

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Philip D Gentry   | Chairman |
| Michael J O'Brien |          |
| Russell W Beasley |          |
| Mary A O'Connor   |          |
| David B Warren    |          |

### Review and results of operations

During the half-year, the Fund continued to invest its funds in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund's performance for Class A and Class B was -0.4% and 0.3% (net of fees) respectively for the half-year ended 31 December 2023. The Fund's benchmark, the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index, returned 7.6% for the same period.

Fund Returns are prepared on a redemption unit price basis after management and performance fees inclusive of GST. Distributions are assumed to be re-invested at the mid unit price.

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

|  | Half-year ended  |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|
|  | 31 December 2023 | 31 December 2022 |
| Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unit holders for the half-year (\$'000) | (256)            | 2,986            |
| Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)  | -                | 1,041            |
| Distributions (cents per unit)   | -                | 4.0551           |

### Significant changes in the state of affairs

In the opinion of the directors, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund that occurred during the half-year ended 31 December 2023.

## Directors' report (continued)

### Matters subsequent to the end of the period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2023 that has significantly affected, or may have a significant effect on:

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

### 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 4.

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



Philip D Gentry  
Chairman

Melbourne  
12 March 2024



## Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the review of Atlantic Pacific Australian Equity Fund for the half-year ended 31 December 2023, 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 review; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CJ Cummins', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

CJ Cummins  
Partner  
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Sydney  
12 March 2024

Atlantic Pacific Australian Equity Fund  
Condensed statement of comprehensive income  
For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

Condensed statement of comprehensive income

|  | Note | Half-year ended               |                               |
|--|------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|  |      | 31 December<br>2023<br>\$'000 | 31 December<br>2022<br>\$'000 |
| <b>Investment income</b>   |      |                               |                               |
| Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost                                  |      | 394                           | 102                           |
| Dividend income  |      | 307                           | 918                           |
| Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss         |      | (180)                         | 3,103                         |
| <b>Total investment income/(loss)</b>  |      | <b>521</b>                    | <b>4,123</b>                  |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |      |                               |                               |
| Dividend expense   |      | 82                            | 211                           |
| Management fees and costs  |      | 477                           | 619                           |
| Transaction costs  |      | 217                           | 305                           |
| Other expenses   |      | 1                             | 2                             |
| <b>Total expenses</b>  |      | <b>777</b>                    | <b>1,137</b>                  |
| <b>Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unit holders for the half-year</b> |      | <b>(256)</b>                  | <b>2,986</b>                  |
| <b>Finance costs attributable to unit holders</b>  |      |                               |                               |
| Distributions to unit holders  | 7    | -                             | (1,041)                       |
| (Increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders                           | 6    | 256                           | (1,945)                       |
| <b>Profit/(loss) for the half-year</b>   |      | <b>-</b>                      | <b>-</b>                      |
| Other comprehensive income   |      | -                             | -                             |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the half-year</b>                                      |      | <b>-</b>                      | <b>-</b>                      |

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

**Condensed statement of financial position**

|  | Note | As at                         |                           |
|--|------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
|  |      | 31 December<br>2023<br>\$'000 | 30 June<br>2023<br>\$'000 |
| <b>Assets</b>  |      |                               |                           |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                  |      | 21,963                        | 34,273                    |
| Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold          |      | -                             | 638                       |
| Receivables  | 8    | 25                            | 105                       |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss      | 4    | 17,092                        | 19,514                    |
| <b>Total assets</b>  |      | <b>39,080</b>                 | <b>54,530</b>             |
| <b>Liabilities</b>   |      |                               |                           |
| Distributions payable                                      | 7    | -                             | 1,355                     |
| Payables   | 9    | 68                            | 92                        |
| Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss | 5    | 2,777                         | 3,003                     |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                                   |      | <b>2,845</b>                  | <b>4,450</b>              |
| <b>Net assets attributable to unit holders – liability</b> |      | <b>36,235</b>                 | <b>50,080</b>             |

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

**Condensed statement of changes in equity**

|  | Note | Half-year ended               |                               |
|--|------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|  |      | 31 December<br>2023<br>\$'000 | 31 December<br>2022<br>\$'000 |
| <b>Total equity at the beginning of the half-year</b>        |      | -                             | 43,235                        |
| Reclassification due to issuance of a second class of units* |      | -                             | (43,235)                      |
| <b>Comprehensive income for the half-year</b>                |      |                               |                               |
| Profit/(loss) for the half-year                              |      | -                             | -                             |
| Other comprehensive income                                   |      | -                             | -                             |
| <b>Total comprehensive income</b>                            |      | -                             | -                             |
| <b>Transactions with unit holders</b>                        |      |                               |                               |
| Applications   |      | -                             | -                             |
| Redemptions  |      | -                             | -                             |
| Reinvestment of distributions                                |      | -                             | -                             |
| <b>Total transactions with unit holders</b>                  |      | -                             | -                             |
| <b>Total equity at the end of the half-year</b>              |      | -                             | -                             |

\*Effective from 1 July 2022, the Fund's units have been reclassified from equity to financial liability. As a result, equity transactions, from this date including distributions are not included in the above statement for the half-year ended 31 December 2022.

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



**Atlantic Pacific Australian Equity Fund**  
**Condensed statement of cash flows**  
**For the half-year ended 31 December 2023**

**Condensed statement of cash flows**

|   | Half-year ended               |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|   | 31 December<br>2023<br>\$'000 | 31 December<br>2022<br>\$'000 |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>   |                               |                               |
| Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss    | 25,361                        | 67,192                        |
| Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss | (22,707)                      | (67,379)                      |
| Interest income received from financial assets at amortised cost                    | 394                           | 102                           |
| Dividends received  | 317                           | 1,037                         |
| Other income received   | 70                            | -                             |
| Dividend expense paid on short position securities                                  | (82)                          | (211)                         |
| Management fees and costs paid  | (501)                         | (578)                         |
| Transaction costs paid  | (217)                         | (305)                         |
| Other expenses paid   | (1)                           | (65)                          |
| <b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>                          | <b>2,634</b>                  | <b>(207)</b>                  |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>   |                               |                               |
| Proceeds from applications by unit holders  | 2,868                         | 8,708                         |
| Payments for redemptions by unit holders  | (17,614)                      | (3,632)                       |
| Distributions paid to unit holders  | (198)                         | (904)                         |
| <b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</b>                          | <b>(14,944)</b>               | <b>4,172</b>                  |
| <b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>                         | <b>(12,310)</b>               | <b>3,965</b>                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year                         | 34,273                        | 22,037                        |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year</b>                        | <b>21,963</b>                 | <b>26,002</b>                 |
| <b>Non-cash operating and financing activities</b>                                  |                               |                               |
| Issue of units under the distribution reinvestment plan                             | 1,157                         | 5,379                         |

*The above condensed statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

## Notes to the condensed financial statements

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## 1 General information

These condensed financial statements cover Atlantic Pacific Australian Equity Fund (the "Fund") as an individual entity. The Fund is an Australian registered managed investment scheme which was constituted on 1 May 2012 and will terminate in accordance with 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. These condensed financial statements are presented in the Australian currency unless otherwise noted.

The Fund is a long-bias equity market product which typically buys, or short sells, Australian listed securities. Cash, cash equivalents, convertible notes, derivatives and securities in respect of which listing has been proposed may be used within the strategy, in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The condensed 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 condensed financial statements.

## 2 Basis of preparation

These condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Act 2001*. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

These condensed financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements. Accordingly, these condensed financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 and any public announcements made in respect of the Fund during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The directors are satisfied that the Fund has sufficient resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future, a period of not less than 12 months from the date of this report. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the condensed financial statements.

### Material accounting policies

The accounting policies applied in these condensed financial statements are the same as those applied to the Fund's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

#### i. *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 listed above did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

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

#### ii. *New standards and interpretations not yet adopted*

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

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

## 3 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 4 and Note 5)

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

### 3 Fair value measurement (continued)

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

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

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

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

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and listed equity securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs.

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

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

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. The fair value of an option contract is determined by applying the Black Scholes option valuation model.

#### c. Recognised fair value measurements

The table below presents the Fund's financial assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value as at 31 December 2023 and 30 June 2023.

|                                    | Level 1<br>\$'000 | Level 2<br>\$'000 | Level 3<br>\$'000 | Total<br>\$'000 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>As at 31 December 2023</b>      |                   |                   |                   |                 |
| <b>Financial assets</b>            |                   |                   |                   |                 |
| Listed equity securities           | 16,924            | -                 | -                 | 16,924          |
| Options                            | -                 | 168               | -                 | 168             |
| <b>Total financial assets</b>      | <b>16,924</b>     | <b>168</b>        | <b>-</b>          | <b>17,092</b>   |
| <b>Financial liabilities</b>       |                   |                   |                   |                 |
| Listed equity securities           | 2,618             | -                 | -                 | 2,618           |
| Futures                            | 159               | -                 | -                 | 159             |
| <b>Total financial liabilities</b> | <b>2,777</b>      | <b>-</b>          | <b>-</b>          | <b>2,777</b>    |
| <b>As at 30 June 2023</b>          |                   |                   |                   |                 |
| <b>Financial assets</b>            |                   |                   |                   |                 |
| Listed equity securities           | 19,514            | -                 | -                 | 19,514          |
| <b>Total financial assets</b>      | <b>19,514</b>     | <b>-</b>          | <b>-</b>          | <b>19,514</b>   |
| <b>Financial liabilities</b>       |                   |                   |                   |                 |
| Listed equity securities           | 3,003             | -                 | -                 | 3,003           |
| <b>Total financial liabilities</b> | <b>3,003</b>      | <b>-</b>          | <b>-</b>          | <b>3,003</b>    |

### 3 Fair value measurement (continued)

#### d. Transfer between levels

Management's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

There were no transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period (30 June 2023: nil)

#### e. Financial instruments not carried at fair value

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

- i. Cash and cash equivalent, balances due from/to brokers 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
- ii. 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.

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

|  | As at                         |                           |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | 31 December<br>2023<br>\$'000 | 30 June<br>2023<br>\$'000 |
| Listed equity securities   | 16,924                        | 19,514                    |
| Options  | 168                           | -                         |
| <b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b> | <b>17,092</b>                 | <b>19,514</b>             |

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

|   | As at                         |                           |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | 31 December<br>2023<br>\$'000 | 30 June<br>2023<br>\$'000 |
| Listed equity securities  | 2,618                         | 3,003                     |
| Futures   | 159                           | -                         |
| <b>Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b> | <b>2,777</b>                  | <b>3,003</b>              |

### 6 Net assets attributable to unit holders - liability

The Fund's units are classified as a liability as they do not meet the definition of a financial instrument to be classified as equity.

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

|  | Half-year ended     |                     | Half-year ended     |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | 31 December<br>2023 | 31 December<br>2023 | 31 December<br>2022 | 31 December<br>2022 |
|  | Units<br>'000       | \$'000              | Units<br>'000       | \$'000              |
| <b>Class A</b>   |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Opening balance  | 41,075              | 49,553              | 34,624              | 43,235              |
| Applications   | 2,402               | 2,868               | 6,083               | 8,167               |
| Redemptions  | (14,656)            | (17,614)            | (2,715)             | (3,632)             |
| Reinvestment of distributions                                  | 957                 | 1,155               | 4,303               | 5,379               |
| Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders | -                   | (256)               | -                   | 1,965               |
| <b>Closing balance</b>   | <b>29,778</b>       | <b>35,706</b>       | <b>42,295</b>       | <b>55,114</b>       |
| <b>Class B</b>   |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Opening balance  | 596                 | 527                 | -                   | -                   |
| Applications   | -                   | -                   | 541                 | 541                 |
| Reinvestment of distributions                                  | 2                   | 2                   | -                   | -                   |
| Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders | -                   | -                   | -                   | (20)                |
| <b>Closing balance</b>   | <b>598</b>          | <b>529</b>          | <b>541</b>          | <b>521</b>          |
| <b>Closing balance</b>   |                     | <b>36,235</b>       |                     | <b>55,635</b>       |

## 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 in the underlying assets of the Fund.

There are two separate classes of units and each unit has the same rights attaching to it as all other units of the Fund. Each unit class has a different management fee rate.

## 7 Distributions to unit holders

There were distributions declared during the half-years ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022.

|                                | Half-year ended               |                            | Half-year ended               |                            |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                | 31 December<br>2023<br>\$'000 | 31 December<br>2023<br>CPU | 31 December<br>2022<br>\$'000 | 31 December<br>2022<br>CPU |
| <b>Distributions - Class A</b> |                               |                            |                               |                            |
| December (payable)             | -                             | -                          | 1,032                         | 2,4408                     |
| <b>Total distributions</b>     | -                             | -                          | 1,032                         | 2,4408                     |
| <b>Distributions - Class B</b> |                               |                            |                               |                            |
| December (payable)             | -                             | -                          | 9                             | 1,6143                     |
| <b>Total distributions</b>     | -                             | -                          | 9                             | 1,6143                     |
| <b>Total distributions</b>     | -                             | -                          | 1,041                         |                            |

## 8 Receivables

|                          | As at                         |                           |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                          | 31 December<br>2023<br>\$'000 | 30 June<br>2023<br>\$'000 |
| Dividends receivable     | -                             | 10                        |
| GST receivable           | 25                            | 95                        |
| <b>Total receivables</b> | <b>25</b>                     | <b>105</b>                |

## 9 Payables

|                                   | As at                         |                           |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                   | 31 December<br>2023<br>\$'000 | 30 June<br>2023<br>\$'000 |
| Management fees and costs payable | 68                            | 92                        |
| <b>Total payables</b>             | <b>68</b>                     | <b>92</b>                 |

## 10 Events occurring after the reporting period

No significant events have occurred since the end of the half-year which would impact on the financial position of the Fund as disclosed in the condensed statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the half-year ended on that date.

## 11 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

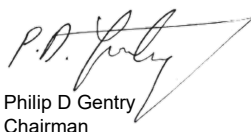
There were no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 31 December 2023 and 30 June 2023.

## Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

- a. The condensed financial statements and notes set out on pages 5 to 13 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 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the half-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.

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.



Philip D Gentry  
Chairman

Melbourne  
12 March 2024



## Independent auditor's review report to the unit holders of Atlantic Pacific Australian Equity Fund

### Report on the half-year financial report

#### **Conclusion**

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Atlantic Pacific Australian Equity Fund (the Fund) which comprises the condensed statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the condensed statement of comprehensive income, condensed statement of changes in equity and condensed statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, material accounting policy information and selected explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the accompanying half-year financial report of Atlantic Pacific Australian Equity Fund does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

1. giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date
2. complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

#### **Basis for conclusion**

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity* (ASRE 2410). Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year 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 & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to the audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

#### **Responsibilities of the directors of the responsible entity for the half-year financial report**

The directors of Equity Trustees Limited (the responsible entity), the responsible entity of the Fund, are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

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### ***Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year financial report***

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

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Partner

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12 March 2024