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ASX Announcement – Full-Year 2017 Results

Highlights

- Full Year after-tax profit of \$8.5 million, up \$2.8 million from the 2016 year
- 4.0 cents per share fully-franked, full year dividend, up from 3.3 cents per share in prior year
- +12.7% investment portfolio performance
- Increase in Net Tangible Asset backing (NTA) per share before tax to \$1.21, up from \$1.11 in prior year

QV Equities (the Company) today reported a net after-tax profit of \$8.5 million for the year to 30 June 2017. On an earnings per share basis, the FY 2017 result equates to after-tax basic earnings of 3.61 cents.

The Company announced a final, fully franked dividend of 2.0 cents per share, to be paid on 31 October 2017. For the full year, QVE's fully-franked dividend is 4.0 cents per share, up from 3.3 cents per share in the prior year.

The Company's portfolio enjoyed a solid year, returning +12.7% before tax for the 12 months to 30 June 2017.

QV Equities Chairman Peter McKillop said QVE's objective is to deliver long-term capital growth and sustainable income for shareholders from a more diversified range of investments than is currently available from those companies that comprise the top 20 Index.

"In its third year, the QVE portfolio has delivered solid growth in assets and investment performance, and the Board is pleased to announce an increased fully-franked dividend," Mr McKillop said.

"The Board continues to believe that a carefully-selected holding of ex-20 stocks, managed by Investors Mutual Limited, will provide long term value for investors."

QVE Portfolio and Performance

Anton Tagliaferro, Investment Director at Investors Mutual Limited said: "We have taken a prudent and cautious approach to investing QVE's funds to create a diversified and balanced portfolio of ASX listed securities outside the S&P/ASX 20 Index.

"The portfolio performance of +12.7% before tax, while a pleasing outcome in challenging markets, was slightly behind the benchmark return of +13.6%."

"In the current uneven economic environment we have skewed the portfolio towards those companies which we believe remain reasonably priced and which we believe can continue to generate earnings growth and pay healthy dividends in the years ahead," Mr Tagliaferro said.

"The portfolio benefitted from its exposure to quality holdings such as Pinnacle Investments, Duet Group, Orica and GWA Group. We will continue to follow a disciplined investment approach and IML's intensive research process to deliver value for investors over the long term."

Year in Summary FY2017

Profit after tax \$8,497,402	Management Expense Ratio 1.01%		
Earnings Per Share (cents) 3.61 Basic	Portfolio Return (Pre-tax)* +12.7%	Benchmark** +13.6%	ASX 300* +13.8%
Dividends 3.3 cps Fully Franked (declared for FY 2016) 4.0 cps Fully Franked (declared for FY 2017)	Portfolio Return (Post-tax)* +12.0%		
Net Assets \$320,401,651	Net Tangible Assets 1.21 (pre-tax cum div) 1.16 (post tax cum div)		

All data as at 30 June 2017

* Returns are measured for the 2017 financial year

S&P/ASX300 ex20 index

Dividend Reinvestment Plan and Important Dates

QVE offers a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) for shareholders. This year, shareholders participating in the DRP will benefit from a 3% discount. To participate in QVE's DRP for the final dividend payment, shareholders must provide their election to the Company before **5pm on 4 October 2017**. Further details regarding dividend payments will be sent to shareholders in the coming weeks.

The table below summarises the key dates related to the final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2017.

Ex-Dividend date	2 October 2017
Record Date	3 October 2017
Last Election date for DRP	4 October 2017
Payment Date	31 October 2017

QV Equities' Annual General Meeting & IML Investment Update

QVE's shareholders are invited to attend the Company's AGM on the following date:

Date	Wednesday, 1 November 2017
Time	10.00am
Location	The Adelaide Room at the Sofitel Hotel Sydney 61-101 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Following the AGM, shareholders are invited to attend an Investment Update from Investors Mutual Limited, the Investment Manager for the Company.

For shareholders who are unable to attend the AGM, a **webinar** of the AGM proceedings and investment update will be held on **Wednesday 1 November at 2pm AEDT**. To register, simply email info@qvequities.com providing your full name & email address, or register online at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6788981109765587971>

About QV Equities: QV Equities Limited (QVE) is a Listed Investment Company established with the primary objective of providing both long term capital growth and income, through a diversified portfolio of ASX listed entities outside of the S&P/ASX 20 Index. The portfolio is managed by Investors Mutual Limited (IML), a multi award-winning and experienced investment management company, with an excellent track record of successfully managing Australian equities since 1998.

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