

## NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Limited

ASX Code: NAC ACN: 169 448 837

### Appendix 4D | Results for Announcement to the Market

Results Announcement for the half year ended 31 December 2017

All comparisons are to the half year ended 31 December 2016

	\$	up/down	% change
Revenue from ordinary activities	8,164,070	up	136.8%
Profit from ordinary activities before tax attributable to shareholders	6,289,906	up	162.4%
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to shareholders	4,618,201	up	121.3%
Dividend Information	Cents per share	Franked amount per share	Tax rate for franking
2018 Interim dividend	2.75	2.75	30%
2017 Final dividend	2.50	2.50	30%
Interim Dividend Dates			
Ex-dividend date			19 March 2018
Record date			20 March 2018
Last date for DRP election			21 March 2018
Payment date			6 April 2018
Dividend Reinvestment Plan			
The Dividend Reinvestment Plan is in operation and the recommended fully franked interim dividend of 2.75 cents per share qualifies. The plan will be in effect per the latest dividend reinvestment rules.			
	31 Dec 2017 \$	31 Dec 2016 \$	
(Post Tax) Net tangible asset backing per share	1.13	1.12	
This report is based on the half-year financial report which has been subject to independent review by the auditors, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Australia. All the documents comprise the information required by the Listing Rule 4.2A. This information should be read in conjunction with the 30 June 2017 Annual Financial Report.			

**NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Limited**

**ACN 169 448 837**

Financial report for the half-year ended 31 December 2017.

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## Directors' Report

The Directors of NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Limited ACN 169 448 837 ("the Company"), submit their half-year report for the Company for the half-year ended 31 December 2017.

### Company Information

The Company is a listed investment company ("LIC") and its shares are listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX: NAC). The Company has outsourced its investment management function to NAOS Asset Management Limited (ACN 107 624 126) (Australian Financial Services Licence Number 273529) (the "Investment Manager").

### Principal Activities

The Company invests primarily in mid-cap listed equities through a long biased structure with a long term value focus that can produce positive absolute returns through the cycle with a lower correlation to general equity market movements. No change in this activity took place during the half-year or is likely in the future.

### Directors and Officers

The names of the Directors of the Company, in office from inception (8 May 2014) and up to the date of this report are:

Name	Title
David Rickards	Independent Chairman
Warwick Evans	Director
Sebastian Evans	Director

### Review of Operations

#### Results

The results of the operations of the Company are disclosed in the Condensed Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income included in these financial statements. The results and dividends for the half-year ended 31 December 2017 were as follows:

	Half-year ended 31 December 2017	Half-year ended 31 December 2016
	\$	\$
Profit before income tax expense	6,289,906	2,396,632
Income tax expense	(1,671,705)	(309,351)
<b>Profit for the half-year attributable to shareholders</b>	<b>4,618,201</b>	<b>2,087,281</b>

### Dividends Paid or Payable

#### Half-year ended 31 December 2017

	Dividend (cents per share)	Total amount (\$)	% Franked	Date of payment
2017 Final dividend (declared 24 August 2017)	2.50	1,313,422	100%	8 November 2017

#### Half-year ended 31 December 2016

	Dividend (cents per share)	Total amount (\$)	% Franked	Date of payment
2016 Final dividend (declared 25 August 2016)	2.50	1,025,454	100%	30 November 2016

## ***Directors' Report (continued)***

### ***Net Tangible Assets***

As at 31 December 2017 and 30 June 2017, the net tangible assets of the Company were:

	<b>31 December 2017</b>	<b>30 June 2017</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Net tangible assets	59,623,236	56,318,457
Pre-Tax Net tangible asset backing per share	1.17	1.08
Post-Tax Net tangible asset backing per share	1.13	1.07

### ***Subsequent Events***

Since the end of the half year, the Directors declared an interim dividend of 2.75 cent per share fully franked, to be paid on 6 April 2018. There has been no other matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the end of the half-year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

### ***Rounding***

The amounts contained in this report and in the financial statements have not been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars under the option available to the Company under ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financials/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191. The company is an entity to which the legislative instrument applies.

### ***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 3.

This directors' report is signed in accordance with a resolution of directors of the Company made pursuant to Section 306(3) of the Corporations Act 2001.



Sebastian Evans

Director

16 February 2018

The Board of Directors  
NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Limited  
Level 34, MLC Centre  
19 Martin Place  
Sydney NSW 2000

16 February 2018

Dear Directors,

**Naos Absolute Opportunities Company Limited**

In accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Naos Absolute Opportunities Company Limited.

As lead audit partner for the review of the financial statements of Naos Absolute Opportunities Company Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2017, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Yours sincerely,

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David Salmon

David Salmon  
Partner  
Chartered Accountants

## **Independent Auditor's Review Report to the Shareholders of NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Limited**

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Limited (the "Company"), which comprises the condensed statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, and the condensed statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the condensed statement of cash flows and the condensed statement of changes in equity for the half-year ended on that date, selected explanatory notes and, the directors' declaration as set out on pages 6 to 17.

### *Directors' Responsibility for the Half-Year Financial Report*

The directors of NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Limited 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 is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, 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 NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Limited's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and 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*. As the auditor of the NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

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.

### *Auditor's Independence Declaration*

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Limited, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's review report.



## Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of the NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Limited is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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David Salmon

David Salmon  
Partner  
Chartered Accountants  
Canberra, 16 February 2018



# Condensed Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the half-year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	Half-year ended 31 December 2017 \$	Half-year ended 31 December 2016 \$
<b>Income</b>	3	8,164,070	3,447,460
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fees		(526,544)	(396,261)
Performance fees		(1,000,352)	(403,611)
Dividend expense - short sales		(64,251)	(5,969)
Administration fees		(29,821)	(24,733)
Directors' fees		(22,181)	(22,181)
ASX listing and CHES fees		(24,622)	(21,146)
Share registry fees		(20,047)	(26,354)
Other expenses		(186,346)	(150,573)
<b>Profit before income tax expense</b>		<b>6,289,906</b>	<b>2,396,632</b>
Income tax expense		(1,671,705)	(309,351)
<b>Profit for the half-year attributable to shareholders of the Company</b>		<b>4,618,201</b>	<b>2,087,281</b>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the half-year attributable to shareholders of the Company</b>		<b>4,618,201</b>	<b>2,087,281</b>
<b>Basic and diluted earnings per share (cents per share)</b>		<b>8.79</b>	<b>5.80</b>

The accompanying notes to the condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with this statement.

**Condensed Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2017**

	Note	31 December 2017 \$	30 June 2017 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		8,606,549	5,403,270
Trade and other receivables		265,339	2,351,609
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	54,047,698	54,796,849
Deferred tax assets		380,565	942,664
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>63,300,151</b>	<b>63,494,392</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Bank overdraft		78,720	7,660
Trade and other payables		1,248,414	579,769
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	5	-	5,348,331
Current tax liabilities		136,948	-
Deferred tax liabilities		2,212,833	1,240,175
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>3,676,915</b>	<b>7,175,935</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>59,623,236</b>	<b>56,318,457</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued capital	6	53,528,189	53,528,189
Accumulated losses	7	(1,004,927)	(1,004,927)
Reserves	7	7,099,974	3,795,195
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>59,623,236</b>	<b>56,318,457</b>

The accompanying notes to the condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with this statement.

## Statement of Changes in Equity for the half-year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	Issued capital	Share option reserve	Accumulated losses	Reserves	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2016</b>		<b>26,740,114</b>	<b>1,298,636</b>	-	<b>4,043,638</b>	<b>32,082,388</b>
Profit for the half-year		-	-	2,087,281	-	2,087,281
Dividend paid		-	-	-	(1,025,454)	(1,025,454)
Share option exercise		14,961,250	-	-	-	14,961,250
Transfer from share option reserve		1,298,636	(1,298,636)	-	-	-
Transfer to profits reserve		-	-	(2,087,281)	2,087,281	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2016</b>	6	<b>43,000,000</b>	-	-	<b>5,105,465</b>	<b>48,105,465</b>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2017</b>		<b>53,528,189</b>	-	<b>(1,004,927)</b>	<b>3,795,195</b>	<b>56,318,457</b>
Profit for the half-year		-	-	4,618,201	-	4,618,201
Dividend paid		-	-	-	(1,313,422)	(1,313,422)
Shares issued under dividend reinvestment plan		135,775	-	-	-	135,775
Purchase of shares on market for dividend reinvestment plan		(135,775)	-	-	-	(135,775)
Transfer to profits reserve		-	-	(4,618,201)	4,618,201	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2017</b>	6	<b>53,528,189</b>	-	<b>(1,004,927)</b>	<b>7,099,974</b>	<b>59,623,236</b>

The accompanying notes to the condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with this statement.

**Condensed Statement of Cash Flows for the half-year ended 31 December 2017**

	Half-year ended 31 December 2017	Half-year ended 31 December 2016
Note	\$	\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Dividends received	1,009,170	1,412,304
Interest received	25,661	34,864
Interest paid	(14,927)	(15,071)
Management fees paid	(516,941)	(371,775)
Performance fees paid	-	(1,089,511)
Income tax (paid)/refunded	302,656	(253,944)
Prime broker and custody fees paid	(67,926)	(55,281)
Audit fee paid	(30,954)	(29,464)
Share registry fees paid	(17,505)	(25,695)
ASX fee paid	(43,516)	(36,345)
Administration and tax service fee paid	(38,358)	(30,312)
Other payments	(60,087)	(63,593)
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	<b>547,273</b>	<b>(523,823)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Payments for purchase of investments	(73,273,582)	(82,125,529)
Proceeds from sale of investments	77,249,978	76,404,677
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>	<b>3,976,396</b>	<b>(5,720,852)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Dividends paid	(1,255,675)	(937,710)
Purchase of shares on market for dividend reinvestment plan	(135,775)	-
Receipts from option exercise	-	14,961,250
<b>Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities</b>	<b>(1,391,450)</b>	<b>14,023,540</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>3,132,219</b>	<b>7,778,865</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year (including bank overdraft)	5,395,610	110,444
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year (including bank overdraft)</b>	<b>8,527,829</b>	<b>7,889,309</b>
<b>Non cash activities - Dividend reinvestment</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The accompanying notes to the condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with this statement.

## Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements

### General Information

NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Limited (the “Company”) is a public company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX:NAC) registered and domiciled in Australia. The Company was constituted on 8 May 2014 and commenced operations on 12 November 2014.

The registered office and principal place of business of the Company is Level 34, MLC Centre, 19 Martin Place, Sydney, NSW 2000.

NAOS Asset Management Limited (the “Investment Manager”) is the investment manager of the Company. The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Directors on 16 February 2018.

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these condensed financial statements are set out below.

#### a) Basis of Preparation

This general purpose half-year financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements and interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (the “AASB”), and the Corporations Act 2001 in Australia. For the purposes of preparing financial statements, the Company is a for-profit entity.

This general purpose financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis using historical cost convention, except for the revaluation of investments in financial assets and liabilities, which have been measured at fair value.

The condensed Statement of Financial Position is presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity. All balances are expected to be recovered or settled within 12 months, except for investments in financial assets, deferred tax assets, deferred tax liabilities and net assets attributable to shareholders.

The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in the preparation of the half-year financial report are consistent with those adopted and disclosed in the Company’s 2017 annual financial report for the financial year ended 30 June 2017, except for the impact of the Standards and Interpretations described in note 2. These accounting policies are consistent with Australian Accounting Standards and with International Financial Reporting Standards.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on the historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

Other than the items detailed in the accounting policies below there are no differences in actual and estimated results.

#### b) Statement of Compliance

The half-year report is a general purpose financial report in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and AASB 134 “*Interim Financial reporting*”. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) IAS 34 “*Interim Financial reporting*”. A typical half-year report does not include notes of the type normally included in an annual report and should be read in conjunction with the annual report.

#### c) Details of Reporting Half-year

The current reporting period is the half-year ended 31 December 2017. For the condensed Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, condensed Statement of Changes in Equity and the condensed Statement of Cash Flow, the previous corresponding period is the half-year ended 31 December 2016. For the condensed Statement of Financial Position, the previous corresponding date is 30 June 2017.

## Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements

## 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

*d) Comparative Amounts*

Certain amounts included in the prior period comparatives have been re-classified to conform to the current period's presentation. The reclassification has not affected the recognition, measurement or valuation of any items in these financial statements.

*e) Reporting Currency*

All amounts are presented in Australian dollars as the functional and presentational currency of the Company.

*f) Going Concern Basis*

This financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis.

## 2. Adoption of New and Revised Accounting Standards

*a) Standards and Interpretations adopted in the current period*

There are no standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the financial period beginning 1 July 2017 that have had a material impact on the Company.

*b) Standards and Interpretations in issue but not yet adopted*

At the date of authorisation of the financial statements, the Standards and Interpretations listed below were in issue but not yet effective, and are available for early adoption.

Standard/Interpretation	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after	Expected to be initially applied in the financial year ending
AASB 9 'Financial Instruments', and the relevant amending standards	1 January 2018	30 June 2019
AASB 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers' and the relevant amending standards	1 January 2018	30 June 2019

The potential effect of these standards on the Company's financial statements has not yet been determined. However, based on the Company's preliminary assessment, the above Standards and Interpretations are not expected to have a material impact on the amounts recognised in these financial statements. There are no other Standards and Interpretations that are not yet effective and that are expected to have a material impact on the Company during the current or future reporting periods.

## 3. Income

	Half-year ended 31 December 2017 \$	Half-year ended 31 December 2016 \$
Gains on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	7,116,991	2,464,540
Interest income	24,089	39,029
Dividend income	1,022,990	943,891
<b>Total income</b>	<b>8,164,070</b>	<b>3,447,460</b>

## Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements

## 4. Dividend Paid or Payable

## Half-year ended 31 December 2017

	Dividend (cents per share)	Total amount (\$)	% Franked	Date of payment
2017 Final dividend (declared 24 August 2017)	2.50	1,313,422	100%	8 November 2017

## Half-year ended 31 December 2016

	Dividend (cents per share)	Total amount (\$)	% Franked	Date of payment
2016 Final dividend (declared 25 August 2016)	2.50	1,025,454	100%	30 November 2016

Since the end of the period, the Directors have declared an interim fully franked dividend of 2.75 cents per share, payable on 6 April 2018.

## 5. Investments in Financial Instruments

## a) Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss

	31 December 2017 \$	30 June 2017 \$
Investment in listed equity securities	54,047,698	54,796,849
<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>54,047,698</b>	<b>54,796,849</b>

## b) Financial Liabilities at Fair Value through Profit or Loss

	31 December 2017 \$	30 June 2017 \$
Investment in listed equity securities - short sales	-	5,348,331
<b>Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,348,331</b>

## c) Disclosed fair values

For all financial instruments their carrying value approximates fair value.

## d) Fair Value Hierarchy

AASB 7 ("Financial Instruments Disclosures") requires entities to provide disclosures in their financial report that enable users to evaluate the significance of financial instruments for the entity, and the nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments to which the entity is exposed to. Below is an analysis of the financial instruments of the Company.

## Level 1:

Financial instruments are valued by reference to quoted prices in an active market(s) for identical assets or liabilities. These quoted prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

## Level 2:

Financial instruments are valued using inputs other than quoted prices covered in Level 1. These other inputs include quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices). The inputs included in this level encompass quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets in which there are few transactions for identical or similar assets or liabilities. Financial instruments that are valued using other inputs that are not quoted prices but are observable for the assets or liabilities also fall into this categorisation.



## Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements

## 5. Investments in Financial Instruments (continued)

## d) Fair Value Hierarchy (continued)

## Level 3:

Financial instruments that have been valued, in whole or in part, by using valuation techniques or models that are based on unobservable inputs that are neither supported by prices from observable current market transactions in the same instrument nor are they based on available market data.

Unobservable valuation inputs are determined based on the best information available, which might include the entity's own data, reflecting its assumptions as well as best practices carried out or undertaken by other market participants. These valuation techniques are used to the extent that observable inputs are not available.

The following table shows an analysis of financial instruments, recorded at fair value and presented by level of the fair value hierarchy:

**Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss**

	31 December 2017			Total \$
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Investment in listed equity securities	54,047,698	-	-	54,047,698
<b>Total financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>54,047,698</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,047,698</b>

	30 June 2017			Total \$
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Investment in listed equity securities	54,796,849	-	-	54,796,849
<b>Total financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>54,796,849</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,796,849</b>

**Financial Liabilities at Fair Value through Profit or Loss**

There are no financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss as at 31 December 2017.

	30 June 2017			Total \$
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Investment in listed equity securities - short sales	5,348,331	-	-	5,348,331
<b>Total financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>5,348,331</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,348,331</b>

There were no transfers between levels 1, 2 and 3 during the half-year ended 31 December 2017 (2016: None). The Company's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

## Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements

## 6. Issued Capital

	31 December 2017		30 June 2017	
	No. of shares	\$	No. of shares	\$
Issued and paid up capital - Ordinary shares	52,536,889	53,528,189	52,536,889	53,528,189

## Movements in Ordinary Share Capital

Date	Details	No. of shares	Issue price \$	\$
1 July 2016	Opening balance	28,038,750		26,740,114
	Share option exercise	14,961,250	1.000	14,961,250
	Shares issued under placement and SPP	9,410,791	1.120	10,540,229
	Share placement fees (net of tax)	-		(151,132)
	Shares issued under Dividend Reinvestment Plan	126,098	1.103	139,092
	Dividend reinvestment on market shares	152,297		175,650
	Purchase of shares on market for Dividend Reinvestment Plan	(152,297)		(175,650)
	Share option reserve	-		1,298,636
30 June 2017	Closing balance	52,536,889		53,528,189
1 July 2017	Opening balance	52,536,889		53,528,189
	Dividend reinvestment on market shares	131,832		135,775
	Purchase of shares on market for Dividend Reinvestment Plan	(131,832)		(135,775)
31 December 2017	Closing balance	52,536,889		53,528,189

## 7. Reserves

## a) Accumulated Losses

	Half-year ended 31 December 2017	Year Ended 30 June 2017
	\$	\$
Opening balance	(1,004,927)	-
Net profit attributable to shareholders of the Company	4,618,201	2,087,281
Net accumulated losses attributable to shareholders of the Company	-	(1,004,927)
Transfer to profits reserve	(4,618,201)	(2,087,281)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	(1,004,927)	(1,004,927)

The current half-year profits at the end of 31 December 2017 were transferred to profits reserve. This amount is preserved for future dividend payments.

## Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements

## 7. Reserves (continued)

*b) Profits Reserve*

	Half-year ended 31 December 2017	Year Ended 30 June 2017
	\$	\$
Opening balance	3,795,195	4,043,638
Dividends paid	(1,313,422)	(2,335,724)
Transfer of profits during the period	4,618,201	2,087,281
<b>Balance at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b>7,099,974</b>	<b>3,795,195</b>

*c) Share Options Reserve*

Share options reserve as at 31 December 2017 and 30 June 2017 were \$nil.

## 8. Segment Information

The Company has only one reportable segment. The Company operates predominantly in Australia and in one industry being the securities industry, deriving revenue from dividend income, interest income and from the investment portfolio.

## 9. Commitments and Contingencies

There are no commitments or contingencies at 31 December 2017 (30 June 2017: \$ nil).

## 10. Key Management Personnel and Related Party Information

Remuneration arrangements of key management personnel are disclosed in the 2017 annual report.

	Half-year ended 31 December 2017	Half-year ended 31 December 2016
	\$	\$
Directors' remuneration	22,181	22,181
<b>Total Directors' remuneration</b>	<b>22,181</b>	<b>22,181</b>

## Management Fees

In return for the performance of its duties as Investment Manager of the Company, the Investment Manager is entitled to be paid a monthly management fee equal to 0.146% (excluding GST) of the gross value of the portfolio calculated on the last business day of each month representing an annualised management fee of 1.75% (excluding GST) per annum of the average gross value of the portfolio. At its discretion and subject to shareholder approval, the Investment Manager may elect to be paid in shares.

The following management fees were paid or payable to the Investment Manager during the half-year ended 31 December 2017:

- Management fees of \$526,544 (for the half year ended 31 December 2016: \$396,261) (excluding GST and RITC\*) were incurred during the half-year
- Management fees payable at 31 December 2017 amounted to \$100,560 (30 June 2017: \$90,957) (including GST and RITC\*).

**Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements****10. Key Management Personnel and Related Party Information (continued)****Performance Fees**

In the event that the portfolio outperforms the Reserve Bank of Australia cash rate +250 basis points ("Benchmark"), the Company must pay the Investment Manager a performance fee equal to 20% (excluding GST) per annum of the amount the portfolio outperforms the Benchmark. No performance fee is payable if the portfolio underperforms the Benchmark. Any underperformance to the Benchmark is carried forward to future performance calculation periods and must be recouped before the Investment Manager is entitled to a performance fee.

The following performance fees were paid or payable to the Investment Manager during the half-year ended 31 December 2017:

- Performance fees of \$1,000,352 (for the half year ended 31 December 2016: \$403,611) (excluding GST and RITC\*) were incurred during the half-year.
- Performance fees payable at 31 December 2017 amounted to \$1,073,548 (30 June 2017: \$ nil) (including GST and RITC\*).

\*RITC-Reduced Input Tax Credit on GST of 75%.

**11. Subsequent Events**

Since the end of the half year, the Directors declared an interim dividend of 2.75 cent per share fully franked, to be paid on 6 April 2018. There has been no other matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the end of the half-year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial periods.

## Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of NAOS Absolute Opportunities Company Limited, we declare that:

In the opinion of the Directors:

- the condensed financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including compliance with Australian Accounting Standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company for the half-year ended 31 December 2017;
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors made pursuant to section 303(5) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors



Sebastian Evans

Director

16 February 2018

## Corporate Information

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