

# Appendix 4D

## Half-Year Report

### For the half-year ended 31 December 2018

Name of entity

**Evans & Partners Asia Fund**

ARSN

624 216 404

Reporting Period

1 July 2018 to 31 December 2018

This is the first half-year report prepared for the Fund since registration on 16 February 2018.

#### Results for announcement to the market

	31 December 2018 (\$)
<b>Total revenue</b> ("revenue from ordinary activities")	\$1,335,640
<b>Net operating loss for the year</b> ("loss from ordinary activities after tax attributable to unitholders")	\$(15,156,588)
<b>Total comprehensive loss</b> ("net loss for the period attributable to unitholders")	\$(15,156,588)

#### Commentary on results

Refer to attached Half-Year Financial Report including Director's Report. Additional Appendix 4D disclosure requirements can be found in the notes to the Half-Year Financial Report.

#### Distributions

	Amount per unit
<b>Final 2018 Distribution (paid on 3 August 2018)</b>	2.6 cents
<b>Interim 2019 Distribution (paid on 4 February 2019)</b>	2.6 cents
<b>Ex-distribution date</b>	28 December 2018
<b>Record date</b>	31 December 2018
<b>DRP election date</b>	7 January 2019
<b>Payment date</b>	4 February 2019

There is a distribution reinvestment plan in operation in respect of this distribution. The Fund currently operates a distribution reinvestment plan (DRP) under which unitholders may elect to have all or part of their distribution reinvestment in new units.

#### Net tangible assets per unit

31/12/2018	\$1.09
30/06/2018	\$1.23

#### Earnings per unit

**31 December 2018**

Basic (loss) per unit	(11.77) cents
Diluted (loss) per unit	(11.77) cents

#### Financial Report

This report is based on the 31 December 2018 Half-Year Financial Report and has been reviewed by Deloitte.



## HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

RESPONSIBLE ENTITY:

**WALSH & COMPANY**

INVESTMENTS LIMITED

(ACN 152 367 649) (AFSL 410 433)

INVESTMENT MANAGER:

EVANS AND PARTNERS INVESTMENT  
MANAGEMENT PTY LIMITED

(ACN 619 080 045 | CAR 1255 264)

## **Evans & Partners Asia Fund**

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**Evans & Partners Asia Fund**  
**Chairman's letter**  
**31 December 2018**

Dear Investor

It is a pleasure to provide you with this inaugural half yearly report on the performance of the Evans & Partners Asia Fund (**Fund** or **EAF**) for the financial period ended 31 December 2018 (**HY19**).

The Fund was established on 11 May 2018 to provide investors with attractive risk-adjusted returns by investing in high-quality companies in the Asia ex-Japan region.

In this initial phase, the Investment Committee and Portfolio Managers have overseen the investment of the capital raised in May into a portfolio of 34 stocks at 31 December. The NTA of EAF at 31 December was \$138.9 million or \$1.09 per unit.

**Market Conditions**

The six months to 31 December 2018, and particularly the latter part of the period, was marked by volatility and uncertainty in global markets. Concerns around rising US interest rates; the potential for a US/China trade war and slowing growth in China; consumer demand for products such as smartphones; and doubts as to the course of Brexit, have all contributed to declining sentiment and amplified market movements.

In Asian markets 2018 was equally, and at times more, volatile with the trade tensions focussing on technology demand which specifically impacted sentiment in China, Korea and Taiwan, the biggest technology exporters. Regional currency volatility also contributed to the unsettled market conditions.

The new year has seen an improvement in sentiment, and it has been pleasing to see markets recover some of the declines in the early part of 2019. Comments from the US Federal Reserve Chairman indicating that potential interest rate increases may be tempered and more positive developments in US/China trade negotiations have had a positive impact. We expect to see some movement toward a US/China trade deal in 2019, which should usher in more stable market conditions generally, but particularly in Asia.

Over the period, the best performing markets were Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand, while China and South Korea were the most significant underperformers. On a sector basis, Communication Services and Utilities outperformed but Consumer Discretionary and Healthcare lagged.

We remain positive on the outlook for Asian economies, noting the Chinese government measures to boost domestic demand and to support the private sector to counter US tariffs. In addition, Asian corporate earnings on average continue to grow, and stocks are attractively priced after the recent market decline.

**Fund Performance**

The Fund NTA declined 9.3% in the six months to 31 December 2018 while the benchmark index, the MSCI Asia ex Japan Index, declined 5.6%. The overweight position in TSMC, the world's largest semiconductor foundry, contributed most to the Fund's performance for the six months on the back of its resilient operational and financial performance despite an uncertain demand outlook. Conversely, the overweight position in CSPC Pharmaceutical negatively impacted the Fund's performance as sentiment across the Chinese pharmaceutical sector deteriorated on concerns that central government procurement may seek drug price cuts.

However, as we enter 2019, Asian markets have rebounded quite strongly, up 3.9% in January. Pleasingly, the Fund was well positioned during this rally, returning 5.3% to start the year, outperforming the benchmark by approximately 130 basis points.

We look forward to further updating you on the Fund performance in the full year results statements.

Yours faithfully,



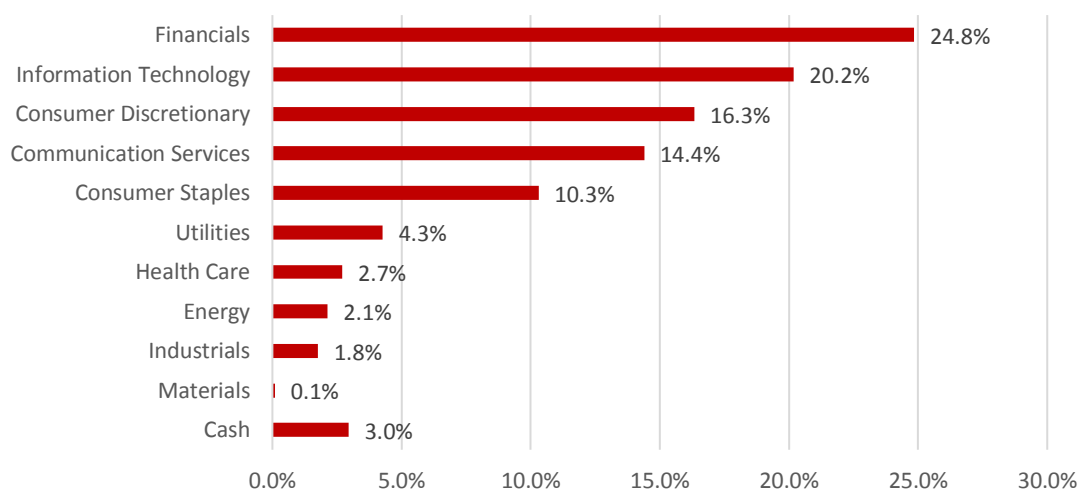
Alex MacLachlan

Chairman of the Responsible Entity

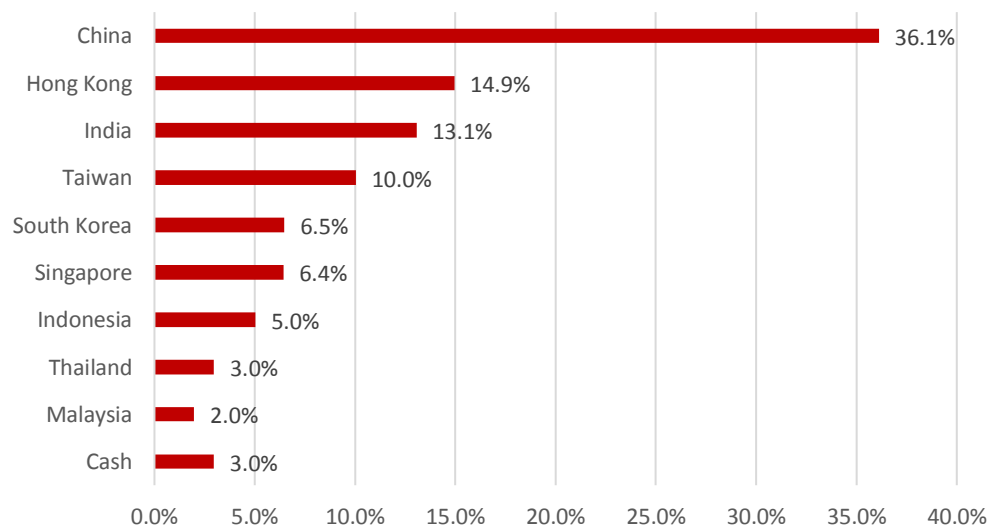
### Top 10 Portfolio Holdings

Company	Sector
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	Consumer Discretionary
ASM Pacific Technology Ltd	Information Technology
HCL Technologies Ltd	Information Technology
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	Information Technology
Shenzhou International Group Holdings Ltd	Consumer Discretionary
Singapore Telecommunications Ltd	Communication Services
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	Information Technology
Techtronic Industries Co Ltd	Consumer Discretionary
Tencent Holdings Ltd	Communication Services
United Overseas Bank Ltd	Financials

### Sector Exposure



### Country Exposure



Source: Bloomberg, Investment Manager

**Evans & Partners Asia Fund**  
**Directors' report**  
**31 December 2018**

The directors of Walsh & Company Investments Limited, the Responsible Entity of Evans & Partners Asia Fund (the **Fund** or **EAF**), present their inaugural report together with the condensed interim financial statements of the Fund for the half-year ended 31 December 2018.

**Directors**

The directors of the Responsible Entity at any time during or since the end of the financial period are:

Alex MacLachlan	
Warwick Keneally	
Mike Adams	Appointed 9 July 2018
Tristan O'Connell	Resigned 9 July 2018

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial period to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

**Principal activities**

The Fund is a registered managed investment scheme structured as a closed end unit trust that is domiciled in Australia and quoted on the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**) (ticker code: EAF). It was registered as a managed investment scheme on 16 February 2018. The registered office and principal place of business of the Responsible Entity of the Fund is located at Level 15, 100 Pacific Highway, North Sydney, NSW, 2060.

The principal activity of the Fund during the financial period was to provide investors with attractive risk-adjusted returns over the long-term by investing in high-quality companies in the Asia ex Japan region.

There were no significant changes in the nature of this activity during the period.

**Review of financial results and operations**

**a) Financial results for the period**

The performance of the Fund, as represented by the results of its operations for the half year ended 31 December 2018, was as follows:

	<b>31 December 2018</b>
<b>Results</b>	
Total net investment (loss) (\$)	(14,170,625)
Total expenses (\$)	(985,963)
Total (\$)	<u>(15,156,588)</u>
<b>Distributions</b>	
Cash distributions - cents per unit	<u>2.6</u>
<b>Net Asset Value</b>	
Net Asset Value Per Unit (ex-distribution) - \$ per unit	<u>1.09</u>

**b) Performance Returns**

The performance returns shown in the table below are for the six months ended 31 December 2018, and have been calculated using the net asset value per unit for the Fund, which is after fees and expenses, assuming reinvestment of distributions. The returns are calculated monthly and compounded to produce longer period returns.

6 months to  
 31 December  
 2018  
 %

#### Performance

Growth return (i)	(11.40)
Distribution return (ii)	<u>2.10</u>
Total return (iii)	<u><u>(9.30)</u></u>

(i) The Growth return is calculated as a percentage by dividing the end of period net asset value per unit by the net asset value per unit at the start of the period minus 1.

(ii) The Distribution return is calculated as a percentage by subtracting the Growth return from the Total return.

(iii) The Total return is calculated as a percentage by dividing the end of period net asset value per unit (cum-distribution) by the net asset value per unit at the start of the period minus 1.

#### Distributions

Distributions paid or declared during the financial period were as follows:

	31 December 2018 \$
Cash distribution - 2.6 cents per unit paid on 3 August 2018	3,372,790
Cash distribution - 2.6 cents per unit paid on 4 February 2019	<u>3,314,102</u>
	<u><u>6,686,892</u></u>

#### Matters subsequent to the end of the financial period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2018 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Fund's operations, the results of those operations, or the Fund's state of affairs in future financial years.

#### 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 immediately after this directors' report.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 306(3)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors



Alex MacLachlan  
 Chairman of Walsh & Company Investments Limited, Responsible Entity

25 February 2019

The Board of Directors  
Evans & Partners Asia Fund  
Level 15  
100 Pacific Highway  
NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2060

25 February 2019

Dear Board Members

## **Evans & Partners Asia Fund**

In accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Evans & Partners Asia Fund.

As lead audit partner for the review of the financial statements of Evans & Partners Asia Fund for the period ended 31 December 2018, 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

  
DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU



Weng W Ching  
Partner  
Chartered Accountants



**Evans & Partners Asia Fund**  
**Condensed statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income**  
**For the period ended 31 December 2018**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>31 December 2018 \$</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Dividend and distribution income		1,329,233
Interest income		6,407
Net change on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(15,609,537)
Net foreign currency gains		103,272
Total net investment loss		<u>(14,170,625)</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management and administration fees	9	(913,584)
Investment transaction costs		<u>(72,379)</u>
Total expenses		<u>(985,963)</u>
<b>Loss before income tax expense</b>		(15,156,588)
Income tax expense		<u>-</u>
<b>Loss after income tax expense for the period</b>		(15,156,588)
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax		<u>-</u>
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the period</b>		<u><u>(15,156,588)</u></u>
		<b>Cents</b>
Basic loss per unit	4	(11.77)
Diluted loss per unit	4	(11.77)

*The above condensed statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes*

**Evans & Partners Asia Fund**  
**Condensed statement of financial position**  
**As at 31 December 2018**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>31 December 2018 \$</b>	<b>30 June 2018 \$</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		4,201,411	10,126,745
Receivables	5	168,045	813,085
Financial assets	6	<u>137,844,071</u>	<u>152,659,377</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>142,213,527</u>	<u>163,599,207</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables		-	258,257
Distributions payable		<u>3,314,102</u>	<u>3,372,790</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>3,314,102</u>	<u>3,631,047</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>138,899,425</u>	<u>159,968,160</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued capital	7	165,123,791	167,721,836
Accumulated losses		<u>(26,224,366)</u>	<u>(7,753,676)</u>
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>138,899,425</u>	<u>159,968,160</u>

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

**Evans & Partners Asia Fund**  
**Condensed statement of changes in equity**  
**For the period ended 31 December 2018**

	<b>Issued capital \$</b>	<b>Accumulated losses \$</b>	<b>Total equity \$</b>
Balance at 1 July 2018	167,721,836	(7,753,676)	159,968,160
Loss after income tax expense for the period	-	(15,156,588)	(15,156,588)
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	-	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	(15,156,588)	(15,156,588)
<i>Transactions with unitholders in their capacity as unitholders:</i>			
Issued capital (Note 7)	1,145,819	-	1,145,819
Unit buybacks (Note 7)	(3,734,294)	-	(3,734,294)
Buyback costs (Note 7)	(9,570)	-	(9,570)
Distributions paid or payable	-	(3,314,102)	(3,314,102)
Balance at 31 December 2018	<u>165,123,791</u>	<u>(26,224,366)</u>	<u>138,899,425</u>

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

**Evans & Partners Asia Fund**  
**Condensed statement of cash flows**  
**For the period ended 31 December 2018**

	<b>31 December 2018 \$</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	
Interest income received	7,688
Dividends and distributions received	1,791,034
Payments to suppliers (inclusive of GST)	(125,928)
Management and administration fees paid	<u>(913,584)</u>
Net cash from operating activities	<u>759,210</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	
Payments for investments	(17,591,819)
Receipts from disposal of investments	<u>16,846,680</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(745,139)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>	
Payments for unit buy-backs	(3,734,294)
Payment of issue and buyback costs	(9,570)
Distributions paid	<u>(2,226,971)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(5,970,835)</u>
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(5,956,764)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial period	10,126,745
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	<u>31,430</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial period	<u><u>4,201,411</u></u>

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

## **1. General information**

Evans and Partners Asia Fund (the **Fund**) is a registered managed investment scheme domiciled in Australia. The investment objective of the Fund is to provide investors with attractive risk-adjusted returns over the long term by investing in high quality companies in the Asia ex Japan region.

The Fund was constituted on 1 February 2018 and accordingly there are no comparative balances and the condensed financial statements cover the interim half year reporting period from 1 July 2018 to 31 December 2018. The condensed interim financial report is intended to provide users with an update on the latest annual financial statements of the Fund. It is therefore recommended that this condensed interim financial report be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2018, together with any public announcements made by the Fund during the half-year.

The condensed financial statements were authorised for issue by the board of directors of the Responsible Entity of the Fund on 25 February 2019.

## **2. Significant accounting policies**

### **Statement of Compliance**

The half year financial report is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and AASB 134: 'Interim Financial Reporting'. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards IAS 134 'Interim Financial Reporting'

The half year report does not include notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. The same accounting policies and methods of computation have been followed in this interim financial report as were applied in the most recent annual financial statements.

### **Basis of Preparation**

The condensed financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical cost with the exception of financial assets which are measured at fair value. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars unless otherwise noted.

### **New Accounting Standards and Interpretations**

#### *Adoption of new and revised Accounting Standards*

The Fund has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (**AASB**) that are mandatory for the current reporting period, which include AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers. There are no material changes to the timing or manner of recognition of the Fund's revenue streams as interest revenue, dividend and distribution income and investment gains/(losses) are excluded the scope of AASB 15.

#### *Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued but not yet effective*

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 31 December 2018 reporting period and have not been early adopted by the Fund. An assessment of the impact of the new standards and interpretations (to the extent relevant to the Fund) which may have a material impact on the Fund is set out below:

- **AASB 16 Leases:** The standard is applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. At 31 December 2018, the Fund is not party to any lease agreements. Where applicable, the Fund will adopt AASB 16 Leases in the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

## **3. Operating segments**

The Fund operates in Australia. Its investments are managed on a single portfolio basis and in one business segment being equity investment. The Fund continues to have foreign exposures as it invests in companies which operate internationally.

**Evans & Partners Asia Fund**  
**Notes to the condensed financial statements**  
**31 December 2018**

**4. Earnings per unit**

	<b>31 December 2018 \$</b>
Loss after income tax	<u>(15,156,588)</u>
	<b>Number</b>
Weighted average number of ordinary units used in calculating basic earnings per unit	<u>128,788,947</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary units used in calculating diluted earnings per unit	<u>128,788,947</u>
	<b>Cents</b>
Basic loss per unit	(11.77)
Diluted loss per unit	(11.77)

**5. Receivables**

	<b>31 December 2018 \$</b>	<b>30 June 2018 \$</b>
Unsettled trades	-	49,630
Other receivables	21,482	31,460
Dividends and distributions receivable	102,675	564,476
Interest receivable	1,619	2,899
GST receivable	<u>42,269</u>	<u>164,620</u>
	<u>168,045</u>	<u>813,085</u>

**6. Financial assets**

	<b>31 December 2018 \$</b>	<b>30 June 2018 \$</b>
Equity investments - listed, at fair value	123,368,534	136,170,272
Managed funds - unlisted, at fair value	<u>14,475,537</u>	<u>16,489,105</u>
	<u>137,844,071</u>	<u>152,659,377</u>

Refer to Note 8 for further information on fair value measurement.

**Evans & Partners Asia Fund**  
**Notes to the condensed financial statements**  
**31 December 2018**

**7. Issued capital**

	<b>31 December 2018 Units</b>	<b>30 June 2018 Units</b>	<b>31 December 2018 \$</b>	<b>30 June 2018 \$</b>
Ordinary units - fully paid	<u>127,465,460</u>	<u>129,722,701</u>	<u>165,123,791</u>	<u>167,721,836</u>

*Movements in ordinary unit capital*

<b>Details</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>\$</b>
Balance	1 July 2018	129,722,701	167,721,836
Issue of ordinary units at \$1.17 per unit (distribution reinvested)	3 August 2018	978,762	1,145,819
Unit buybacks		(3,236,003)	(3,734,294)
Issue and buyback costs		-	(9,570)
Balance	31 December 2018	<u>127,465,460</u>	<u>165,123,791</u>

**8. Fair value measurement**

The aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities at balance date are disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position and in the notes to the financial statements.

The fair values of:

- other assets and other liabilities approximate their carrying value;
- listed securities included in "Equity Investments" are readily traded on global Stock Exchanges in a standardised form. The net fair value of listed securities is determined by valuing them at the last quoted sale price as at the end of the reporting period.

The following tables detail the Fund's assets and liabilities, measured or disclosed at fair value, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being:

**Level 1:** Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date

**Level 2:** Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly

**Level 3:** Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability

<b>31 December 2018</b>	<b>Level 1 \$</b>	<b>Level 2 \$</b>	<b>Level 3 \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<i>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</i>				
Equity investments - listed	123,368,534	-	-	123,368,534
Managed funds - unlisted	-	14,475,537	-	14,475,537
Total assets	<u>123,368,534</u>	<u>14,475,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>137,844,071</u>
<b>30 June 2018</b>	<b>Level 1 \$</b>	<b>Level 2 \$</b>	<b>Level 3 \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<i>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</i>				
Equity investments - listed	136,170,272	-	-	136,170,272
Managed funds - unlisted	-	16,489,105	-	16,489,105
Total assets	<u>136,170,272</u>	<u>16,489,105</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152,659,377</u>

## **8. Fair value measurement (continued)**

The Fund determines Level 2 fair values for unlisted investments at the redemption price at balance date. For unlisted investments, where there is no organised financial market, the net fair value has been based on reasonable estimation of underlying net assets of the investments.

There were no transfers between levels during the financial period.

## **9. Related party transactions**

### *Related party investments in the Fund*

The Responsible Entity or its associates does not hold any investments in the Fund.

### *Responsible entity and administration fees*

The Responsible Entity's duties include establishing the compliance plan and procedures and monitoring against regulatory and legislative requirements, the issuance of disclosure documents, the appointment and monitoring of external service providers to the Fund and overall administration of the Fund. As Responsible Entity, Walsh & Company Investments Limited charged a Responsible Entity fee of 0.10% per annum of the gross asset value of the Fund (inclusive of the net effect of GST).

Total Responsible Entity fee paid or payable to the Responsible Entity for the period ended 31 December 2018 was \$17,071, exclusive of GST, and recognised as management fees in profit or loss.

### *Investment Management fee*

The Investment Manager provides investment management services to the Fund, including overseeing the assessment of market conditions and investment opportunities, the selection and recommendation of investments, monitoring the Funds' investment portfolio, and determining and recommending the retention or sale of investment in the Fund's portfolio.

In connection with the provision of services as Investment Manager, Evans and Partners Investment Management Pty Limited, a related party of the Responsible Entity, received an Investment Management fee of 1.25% per annum (inclusive of the net effect of GST) of the gross asset value of the Fund.

Total Investment Management fee paid or payable to the related party of the Responsible Entity for the period ended 31 December 2018 was \$875,964 exclusive of GST, and recognised as management fees in profit and loss.

### *Brokerage fees*

ED Operations Pty Limited, a related party of the Responsible Entity, is engaged as a broker by the Fund, receives brokerage of 0.25% on all transactions undertaken as part of the Fund's buy-back program.

Total brokerage fees paid or payable to the related party of the Responsible Entity for the period ended 31 December 2018 were \$9,570.

## **10. Events after the reporting period**

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2018 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Fund's operations, the results of those operations, or the Fund's state of affairs in future financial years.



**Evans & Partners Asia Fund**  
**Directors' declaration**  
**31 December 2018**

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Corporations Act 2001, Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting', the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2018 and of its performance for the financial period ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

On behalf of the directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A MacLachlan', written over a horizontal line.

Alex MacLachlan  
Chairman of Walsh & Company Investments Limited, Responsible Entity

25 February 2019

## **Independent Auditor's Review Report to the members of Evans & Partners Asia Fund**

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Evans & Partners Asia Fund, which comprises the condensed statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018, 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, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

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

The directors 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.

### *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 Evans & Partners Asia Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2018 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 Evans & Partners Asia Fund, 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.

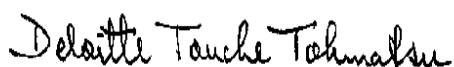
### *Auditor's Independence Declaration*

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 Evans & Partners Global Disruption Fund, 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 Evans & Partners Asia Fund is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the fund's financial position as at 31 December 2018 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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Partner

Chartered Accountants

Sydney, 25 February 2019

**Evans & Partners Asia Fund**  
**Corporate directory**  
**31 December 2018**

The Fund's units are quoted on the official list of Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**).  
**The ASX code is EAF**

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