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Report to Unitholders

For the year ended 31 March 2020

Dear Unitholders,

We are very pleased to provide you with the annual report on the performance of the Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund I (**Fund**) for the twelve-month period ended 31 March 2020 (**FY20**).

Financial performance

The performance of the Fund on a total return basis over FY20 has been strong with a post-tax Net Tangible Asset (**NTA**) return of 19.1%. This return reflects positive private equity market conditions through 2019 and into 2020 and the success of the underlying fund managers, but also incorporates the impact of COVID-19 towards the end of FY20, which is discussed in more detail below. The return was also aided by the declining Australian dollar, which fell 13.6% against the US dollar during FY20.

Underlying the strong NTA returns, this year's financial results are very pleasing. Net profit was \$14.6 million or 37.4 cents per Unit, compared with \$16.8 million or 43.1 cents per Unit for the previous financial year (**FY19**). The key component of this result was a \$15.8 million fair value movement gain in the Fund's investment in the US Select Private Opportunities Fund Limited Partnership (**LP**) and substantial distributions received by the LP and passed on to Unitholders of the Fund. The LP is the investment vehicle through which the Fund's investments in the underlying United States (**US**) private investment funds are made. At 31 March 2020, the Fund had pre-tax net assets of \$66.1 million representing \$1.69 per Unit and post-tax net assets of \$65.0 million representing \$1.66 per Unit.

Investment activity

The Fund's investment objectives are to provide Unitholders with exposure to a portfolio of investments in small and mid-market private investment funds and privately held companies, predominantly in the US, and capital growth over a five to ten-year investment horizon.

Through its investment in the LP, the Fund is fully committed across nine US private investment funds all focused on small-to-mid-market private investment opportunities, for a total investment of US\$69.8 million¹.

The US private investment funds have been selecting and investing in small to mid-size private businesses since the Fund's inception in August 2012. As a result, many of the underlying business investment opportunities are well-progressed in utilising the capital or have been realised through sale, recapitalisation or another form of investment realisation. As at 31 March 2020, US\$68.5 million (or 98.5%) of total funds committed to the LP had been called. The Fund's proportionate share of the capital called is approximately US\$58.6 million (an 85.5% share).

¹ The LP received a final distribution from Prometheus Partners W, L.P. (one of the nine private investment funds the LP has made commitments into) on 30 June 2016 and has no remaining capital with this Fund.

During the period, the LP received 11 drawdown requests, and benefitted from one capital return. At 31 March 2020, net drawdown requests from underlying investments were US\$0.6 million (or 0.8% of total commitments).

The impact of COVID-19 on the Fund

During FY20, global financial markets, including US markets, hit multi-year highs. These gains were rapidly eroded in late-February and March of 2020 as the world implemented measures to control the spread of COVID-19 and to protect lives, effectively shutting down economic activity. The impact of COVID-19 restrictions will continue to be felt throughout 2020 and probably into 2021 despite economies beginning to re-open and for the time-being, we are in a period of relative uncertainty and dislocation. For private equity markets in general the most likely outcome will be a curtailed level of activity and longer holding periods for investments. At the underlying company level, many will take time to recover and some will not survive, but there are also sectors and companies that are finding opportunity in the crisis. At this stage, it is too early to understand how all of the investments will perform in the medium to longer term, but the Fund's portfolio is well diversified and our underlying managers continue to be proactive in addressing the effect of the outbreak across the portfolio.

Valuation technique adopted

Due to the advent of COVID-19, the prevailing volatility in markets, and the difference between the Fund's reporting date and the date of the most recent reported net assets of the underlying investment funds, the Board, in consultation with the Investment Manager, has considered likely movements in the first quarter 2020 valuations.

The adjustments resulting from the Board's consideration resulted in a reduction of the previously announced after-tax NTA at 31 March 2020 of 7.3%, or \$0.13 per Unit, to \$1.66 per Unit. As the Board and Investment Manager receive updated valuations from underlying fund managers, these will be incorporated into the Fund's monthly NTA reports, as they have been in the past. For further information regarding the valuation technique adopted please refer to the notes to the financial statements in this annual report.

Distributions

Over FY20, the Fund paid two distributions totalling \$0.65 per Unit. These distributions represent the eighth and ninth distributions from the Fund since its inception and were paid as follows: \$0.25 in August 2019 and \$0.40 in March 2020. The distributions gained through your investment in the Fund are shown in the graphic below, which also indicates the amount of your original investment and the value of net tangible assets per Unit as at the end of this FY20 period. The sum of the distributions paid to investors since inception of 166.5 cents per Unit is greater than, or represents 104% of, the initial \$1.60 offer price.

CD1 Unit Value and Income



Asset sale – voted down

On 15 October 2019, the Responsible Entity (**RE**) of CD1 and Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund II (**CD2**) announced that both Funds had entered into sale agreements to sell the underlying US Limited Partnerships (US Select Private Opportunities Fund, L.P (CD1) and US Select Private Opportunities Fund II, L.P (CD2)) to an entity controlled by Whitehorse Liquidity Partners, a Canadian private equity firm. The sale of assets for each Fund was subject to Unitholder approval, by poll, at respective General Meetings held on 26 November 2019. Under the Sale Agreement, the estimated net sale proceeds to unitholders in the Fund if the resolutions were approved was \$1.66 per Unit. The resolutions to approve the sales were not carried, and both CD1 and CD2 continue to operate in line with their existing strategies.

The proposed sales were undertaken in response to feedback from investors seeking liquidity options and in response to the recent discount to net tangible assets at which the Fund was, and continues, to trade. The RE is very pleased with the resounding endorsement of the strategy and the investments held by the Fund.

I would like to thank Unitholders for their continued support as we offer Australian investors the opportunity to gain exposure to small-to-mid-market US-based private investment firms, particularly in this time of economic uncertainty.

Yours faithfully,

Stuart Nisbett

Chairman of Walsh & Company Investments Limited, Responsible Entity

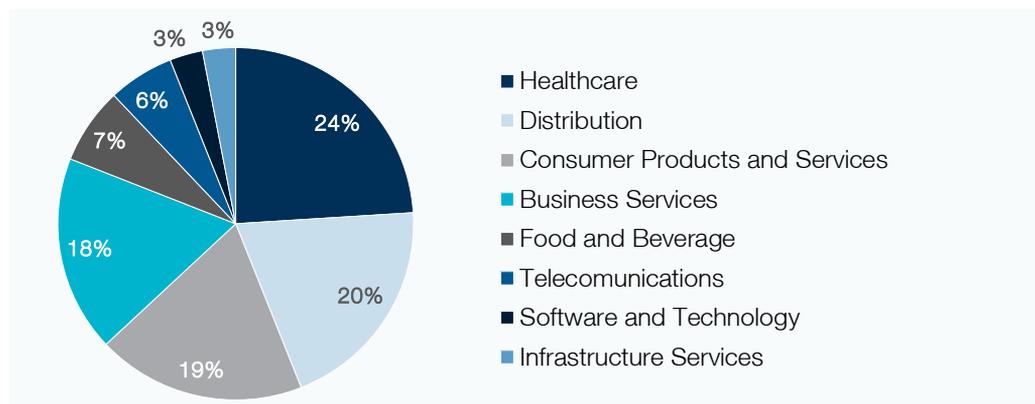
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Manager's Report

For the year ended 31 March 2020

A snapshot of the portfolio by industry exposure as at 31 March 2020 is shown below.



DFW Capital Partners IV, L.P.

In Q2 of calendar year 2019, DFW distributed US\$1,387,500 as a result of the sale of DFW's interest in Superior Controls, a provider of automation and control engineering and operations support services. This was the fifth platform investment exited fully by DFW Capital Partners IV, L.P.

Encore Consumer Capital Fund II, L.P.

In Q2 2019 Encore distributed to the LP US\$1,450,649 related to the sale of Van Law Food Products Inc. and its holding company CLF Acquisition Corp.

FPC Small Cap Fund I, L.P.

In Q3 of 2019, FPC distributed US\$1,358,854 to the LP from the sale of WP Holdco LLC (Wolfepak Software), and residual cash from the previously disclosed sale of 3Phase.

Incline Equity Partners III, L.P.

In Q2 of 2019, Incline sold portfolio company Rotating Machine Services (RMS), resulting in a US\$4,826,998 distribution to the LP.

In Q3 of 2019, Incline distributed US\$3,345,731 to the LP from the sale of Ned Stevens Holding Corp (Ned Stevens).

KarpReilly Capital Partners II, L.P.

In Q3 of 2019, KarpReilly sold portfolio company Cooper's Hawk, resulting in a US\$2,567,048 distribution to the LP.

Peppertree Capital Fund IV, L.P.

There was no significant investment activity at Peppertree during the year.

Trivest Fund V, L.P.

In Q2 of calendar year 2019 the LP received a distribution of US\$54,711 from escrow for the March 2018 sale of PPR Talent Management.

US Select Direct Private Equity Fund (US), L.P.

US Direct distributed US\$2,597,403 to the LP in Q3 of 2019 from the sale of the portfolio holding ettain Group LLC.



Corporate Governance Statement

For the year ended 31 March 2020

Overview

Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund I (**Fund**) is a listed managed investment scheme whose units are traded on the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**). The Fund has no employees, and its day-to-day functions and investment activities are managed by the responsible entity of the Fund, Walsh & Company Investments Limited (**Responsible Entity**), and US Select Private Opportunities Fund, GP LLC, in accordance with the relevant management agreements.

The directors of the Responsible Entity (**Board**) recognise the importance of good corporate governance.

The Fund's corporate governance charter, which incorporates the Fund's policies referred to below, (**Corporate Governance Charter**) is designed to ensure the effective management and operation of the Fund and will remain under regular review. The Corporate Governance Charter is available on the Fund's website www.cordishdixonfunds.com.au.

A description of the Fund's adopted practices in respect of the eight principles and recommendations from the 3rd Edition of the *ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations* (**ASX Recommendations**) is set out below. All these practices, unless otherwise stated, were in place throughout the year and to the date of this report.

1. Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

Board roles and responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the overall operation, strategic direction, leadership and integrity of the Fund and, in particular, is responsible for the Fund's growth and success. In meeting its responsibilities, the Board undertakes the following functions:

- providing and implementing the Fund's strategic direction;
- reviewing and overseeing the operation of systems of risk management, ensuring that significant risks facing the Fund are identified, that appropriate control, monitoring and reporting mechanisms are in place and that risk is appropriately dealt with;
- overseeing the integrity of the Fund's accounting and corporate reporting systems, including the external audit;
- ensuring the Board is comprised of individuals who are best able to discharge the responsibilities of directors having regard to the law and the best standards of governance;
- reviewing and overseeing internal compliance and legal regulatory compliance;
- ensuring compliance with the Fund's constitution and with the continuous disclosure requirements of the ASX Listing Rules and the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* (**Corporations Act**);
- overseeing the Fund's process for making timely and balanced disclosures of all material information concerning the Fund; and
- communicating with and protecting the rights and interests of all unitholders.

The Board has established a formal policy which sets out its functions and responsibilities (**Board Policy**). The Board Policy is set out in section 2 of the Corporate Governance Charter. A review of the Board Policy is conducted annually.

2. Structure the board to add value

Composition of the Board

The Board is structured to maintain a mix of directors from different backgrounds with complementary skills and experience. Details of each director at the date of this report are given in the Directors' Report, including the period in office, skills, experience and expertise relevant to the position of director.

The directors of the Responsible Entity at the date of this report are:

- Mr. Stuart Nisbett (appointed on 19 December 2019)
- Mr. Alex MacLachlan (resigned on 19 December 2019)
- Mr. Warwick Keneally
- Mr. Mike Adams
- Mr. Peter Shear (appointed on 19 December 2019).

Having regard to the size of the Fund and the nature of its business, the Board has determined that a Board with four members is the appropriate composition for the Board and will enable it to continue to effectively discharge its responsibilities to the Fund. However, the composition of the Board will be reviewed periodically.

The current Board comprises two independent directors, Stuart Nisbett and Peter Shear, and two non-independent directors, Warwick Keneally and Mike Adams, with the independent Chairperson holding the casting vote.¹ The Board, however, has established a compliance committee (**Compliance Committee**) with a majority of external members, who are responsible for monitoring the extent to which the Responsible Entity complies with the Fund's constitution, compliance plan and any relevant regulations. The Compliance Committee must provide a report to the Board at least on a quarterly basis and report to the Australian Securities & Investments Commission (**ASIC**) if it is of the view that the Responsible Entity has not complied with the Fund's constitution, compliance plan or any relevant regulations.

The Fund recognises the ASX Recommendations with respect to establishing remuneration, audit, risk and nomination committees as good corporate governance. However, considering the size of the Fund, the functions that would be performed by these committees are best undertaken by the Board.

The Board will review its view on committees in line with the ASX Recommendations and in light of any changes to the size or structure of the Fund, and if required may establish committees to assist it in carrying out its functions. At that time the Board will adopt a charter for such committees in accordance with the ASX Recommendations and industry best practice.

It is the Board's policy to determine the terms and conditions relating to the appointment and retirement of non-executive directors on a case-by-case basis and in conformity with the requirements of the ASX Listing Rules and the Corporations Act. In accordance with the Corporate Governance Charter, directors are entitled to seek independent advice at the expense of the Fund. Written approval must be obtained from the chair prior to incurring any expense on behalf of the Fund.

¹ Prior to his appointment as a director of the Board, Stuart Nisbett was remunerated for services on investment committees for two of the Responsible Entity's unlisted funds. The Board is of the view that this association does not compromise Stuart Nisbett's independence because one of the investment committees was dissolved in 2017 and he ceased to be remunerated for the other investment committee prior to his appointment as director.

3. Promote ethical and responsible decision making

Code of conduct

The Board has adopted a Code of Conduct set out in Section 5 of the Corporate Governance Charter to define the basic principles of business conduct of the Fund and the Responsible Entity. This Code requires the Fund's personnel to abide by the policies of the Fund and the law. The Code is a set of principles giving direction and reflecting the Fund's approach to business conduct and is not a prescriptive list of rules for business behaviour.

Unit trading policy

The Board of the Responsible Entity has established a Unit Trading Policy set out in Section 6 of the Corporate Governance Charter to apply to trading in the Fund's units on the ASX. This policy outlines the permissible dealing of the Fund's units while in possession of price sensitive information and applies to all directors of the Responsible Entity.

The Unit Trading Policy imposes restrictions and notification requirements, including the imposition of blackout periods, trading windows and the need to obtain pre-trade approval.

Insider trading policy

The Board of the Responsible Entity has established an Insider Trading Policy set out in Section 7 of the Corporate Governance Charter to apply to trading in the Fund's units on the ASX. This policy applies to all directors, executives and employees of the Responsible Entity. All directors, executives and employees of the Responsible Entity must not deal in the Fund's units while in possession of price sensitive information. In addition, the general Unit Trading Policy sets out additional restrictions which apply to directors and executives of the Responsible Entity.

4. Safeguard integrity in financial reporting

Compliance Committee

As a registered managed investment scheme, the Fund has a compliance plan that has been lodged with ASIC. The compliance plan is reviewed comprehensively every year to ensure the way in which the Fund operates protects the rights and interests of unitholders and that major compliance risks are identified and properly managed.

The Responsible Entity has formed a Compliance Committee to ensure the Fund complies with the relevant regulations and its constitution. The committee meets and reports to the Board of the Responsible Entity on a quarterly basis.

The committee is structured with three members, the majority of which are external. Details of the Compliance Committee members are as follows:

Mike Adams (Internal Member)

Refer to Information on directors (page 11).

Michael Britton (External Member)

Michael is one of two external members of the Compliance Committee. He is a member of the Compliance Committee for the New Energy Solar Fund, the Australian Governance & Ethical Index Fund, the Evans & Partners Global Disruption Fund, the Evans & Partners Australian Flagship Fund, the Evans & Partners Asia Fund, the Evans & Partners Global Flagship Fund, the Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund Series, the Venture Capital Opportunities Fund and the Fort Street Real Estate Capital Fund Series.

Michael has over 36 years of commercial and financial services experience, initially with Boral Limited and culminating in 13 years as General Manager of the corporate businesses of The Trust Company Limited (now part of Perpetual Limited) (**The Trust Company**) where he established the company's reputation as a leader in the delivery of independent responsible entity services. He has represented The Trust Company as a director on the boards of both domestic and offshore operating subsidiary companies and a large number of special purpose companies delivering the responsible entity function in both conventional and stapled, ASX listed and unlisted managed investment schemes. Michael has acted as a Responsible Manager (as recognised by ASIC), a member of committees of inspection in relation to large insolvency administrations and as an independent compliance committee member for substantial investment managers with portfolios of managed investment schemes.

Currently Michael is an independent director on the boards of the now unlisted Westfield Corporation Limited and Westfield America Management Limited (following Unibail Rodamco absorbing the Westfield offshore Shopping Malls). He is the sole independent director of two special purpose companies involved in high profile wholesale debt capital and securitisation transactions in the aviation and motor vehicle industries and is also a panel member for the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (formerly Financial Ombudsman Service Limited).

Michael holds degrees in Jurisprudence and Law from the University of New South Wales and is a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia.

Barry Sechos (External Member)

Barry is one of two external members of the Compliance Committee. Barry is a member of the Compliance Committee for the New Energy Solar Fund, the Australian Governance & Ethical Index Fund, the Evans & Partners Global Disruption Fund, the Evans & Partners Australian Flagship Fund, the Evans & Partners Asia Fund, the Evans & Partners Global Flagship Fund, the Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund Series, the Venture Capital Opportunities Fund, the Fort Street Real Estate Capital Fund Series and the US Masters Residential Property Fund.

Barry is a Director of Sherman Group Pty Limited, a privately-owned investment company, and is responsible for managing the legal, financial and operational affairs of Sherman Group of companies. Barry has 30 years experience in corporate law and finance having spent seven years as a banking and finance lawyer at Allen Allen & Hemsley (Sydney, Singapore and London), and eight years as a Director of EquitiLink Funds Management and Aberdeen Asset Management Australia. Barry is also a Director of Paddington St Finance Pty Ltd, a specialist structured finance company, See Saw Films, a film production and finance group and winner of the 2011 Academy

Award for Best Picture, Concentrated Leaders Fund Limited, an investment company listed on the ASX, Regeneus Limited, an ASX listed biotech company and a Director of Sherman Centre for Culture and Ideas, a charitable cultural organisation.

5. Make timely and balanced disclosure

The Board is committed to complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Corporations Act and ASX Listing Rules, as well as releasing relevant information to the market and unitholders in a timely and direct manner to promote investor confidence in the Fund and its securities.

The Fund has adopted a Continuous Disclosure Policy set out in Section 4 of the Corporate Governance Charter to ensure the Fund complies with its continuous disclosure requirements under the Corporations Act and ASX Listing Rules. The policy is administered by the Board and monitored by the Compliance Committee.

6. Respect the rights of unitholders

The Fund promotes effective communication with unitholders. The Board has developed a strategy within its Continuous Disclosure Policy to ensure unitholders are informed of all major developments affecting the Fund's performance, governance, activities and state of affairs. Each unitholder is also provided online access to Boardroom Pty Limited (**Registry**) to allow them to receive communications from, and send communication to, the Responsible Entity and the Registry. This also includes using a website to facilitate communication with unitholders.

Information is communicated to unitholders through announcements to ASX, releases to the media and dispatch of financial reports. Unitholders are provided with an opportunity to access such reports and releases electronically; copies of all such ASX announcements are linked to the Fund's website at www.cordishdixonfunds.com.au.

These include:

- monthly net asset value estimates
- monthly fund updates
- quarterly fund updates
- half-year report
- annual report
- occasional announcements to the ASX made in compliance with the Fund's continuous disclosure requirements
- occasional correspondence sent to unitholders on matters of significance to the Fund.

The Board encourages full participation of unitholders at the general meetings held by the Fund to ensure a high level of accountability and identification with the Fund's strategy. Unitholders who are unable to attend a general meeting are given the opportunity to provide questions or comments ahead of the meeting and where appropriate, these questions are answered at the meeting.

7. Recognise and manage risk

The Board has accepted the role of identification, assessment, monitoring and managing the significant areas of risk applicable to the Fund and its operations. It has not established a separate committee to deal with these matters because the directors believe the size of the Fund and its operations do not warrant a separate committee at this time. The Board also monitors and appraises financial performance, including the approval of annual and half-year financial reports and liaising with the Fund's auditor.

In order to evaluate and continually improve the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes, the Responsible Entity has adopted a risk management system as set out in Section 8 of the Corporate Governance Charter (**Risk Management System**) for the Fund. The Board conducts an annual review of the Fund's Risk Management System to satisfy itself that the Risk Management System continues to be sound. During the year ended on 31 March 2020, the Responsible Entity's Risk Management System was reviewed on 16 December 2019.

The Fund does not have a material exposure to sustainability risks.

The Board receives a letter half-yearly from the Fund's external auditor regarding their procedures and reporting that the financial records have been properly maintained and the financial statements comply with the Australian accounting standards.

The Responsible Entity provides declarations required by Section 295A of the *Corporations Act* for all financial periods and confirms that in its opinion the financial records of the Fund have been properly maintained and that the financial statements and accompanying notes comply with the Australian accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Fund, based on its review of the internal control systems, management of risk, the financial statements and the letter from the Fund's external auditor.

Details of the Fund's financial Risk Management System are set out in the notes to the financial statements in the Fund's annual report.

8. Remunerate fairly and responsibly

Due to the relatively small size of the Fund and its operations, the Board does not consider it appropriate at this time to establish a formal remuneration committee.

Directors of the Fund are remunerated by the Responsible Entity. In accordance with the Fund's constitution, the Responsible Entity is entitled to a management fee for services rendered. Details of the Fund's related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to financial statements within the Fund's annual report.

The Fund's constitution is available to unitholders on the Fund's website.



Directors' Report

For the year ended 31 March 2020

The directors of Walsh & Company Investments Limited, the Responsible Entity of the Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund I (**Fund**), present their report together with the annual financial statements of the Fund for the financial year ended 31 March 2020.

Directors

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

- Stuart Nisbett (appointed on 19 December 2019)
- Warwick Keneally
- Mike Adams
- Peter Shear (appointed on 19 December 2019)
- Alex MacLachlan (resigned on 19 December 2019).

Directors were in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Information on the directors:



Stuart Nisbett
Chairman (appointed on 19 December 2019)

Stuart is currently Executive Director and Principal at Archerfield Capital Partners, a boutique corporate advisory firm specialising in real estate, which he established in 2008. He has more than 30 years experience in property development, property funds management, equity and debt raising, corporate advisory and project finance.

Previously, Stuart was Executive Director, Head of Property Funds at ANZ Investment Bank. He was also the Managing Director, Head of Property Banking & Property Investment Banking at N M Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Limited. Stuart has also held senior roles at director level at Macquarie Bank Property Investment Banking Division and at Lend Lease Corporation in its development and commercial asset management divisions.

Stuart is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Commerce with Merit and a Masters of Commerce from the University of NSW, and in 2005 was appointed a Fellow of the Australian Property Institute.



Alex MacLachlan

Chairman (resigned effective 19 December 2019)

Alex joined Dixon Advisory in 2008 to lead the then newly formed Funds Management division, which later became Walsh & Company. From funds under management of under \$100 million at the time of his start, Alex has grown Walsh & Company Group to over \$6 billion of assets under management today, with investments across residential and commercial property, fixed income, private equity, listed equities and renewable energy.

Prior to joining the firm, Alex was an investment banker at UBS AG, where he rose to Head of Energy for Australasia. During his tenure in investment banking, Alex worked on more than \$100 billion in mergers and acquisitions and capital markets transactions, advising some of the world's leading companies.

Alex has a Bachelor of Arts from Cornell University and a Masters of Business Administration from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.



Warwick Keneally

Warwick is Head of Finance at Walsh & Company, the Funds Management division of Evans Dixon Limited. Before joining Walsh & Company, Warwick worked in chartered accounting firms specialising in turnaround and restructuring. Warwick started his career with KPMG, working in their Canberra, Sydney and London offices and has undertaken a range of complex restructuring and insolvency engagements across Europe, UK and Australia, for a range of Australian, UK, European and US banks. Warwick has worked with companies and lenders to develop and implement strategic business options, provide advice in relation to continuous disclosure requirements, develop cash forecasting training for national firms, and lectured on cash management.

Warwick has a Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Commerce from Australian National University and is a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and New Zealand.



Mike Adams

Mike has extensive experience across a broad range of corporate, commercial and private client sectors. His core practice areas involve the provision of advice and transactional expertise in relation to new and existing retail financial products and the regulatory framework within which they operate, as well as debt and equity financing, intellectual property, and film and television media law among others. Mike has previously worked in private practice, public sector and in-house roles in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom, acting across multiple industries for a variety of clients, including high net worth individuals, banks and financial institutions, as well as numerous listed and unlisted corporate entities.

Mike is also a director of MA Law, a Sydney-based financial services law firm, and is admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW. He has a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Otago.



Peter Shear

Director (appointed on 19 December 2019)

Peter has significant expertise in funds management, financial advisory and complex lending arrangements including leveraged finance, property development and debt workout situations. Peter was most recently Co-Managing Partner of Opportunistic Lending and Special Situations at LIM Advisors. Prior to this role, Peter held the positions of Chief Risk Officer and Managing Director & Head of Corporate and Structured Finance at Lloyds Banking Group (and its predecessor HBOS plc) in Australia. Peter was also previously a Partner in Corporate Finance & Restructuring at Ernst & Young.

Peter has a Bachelor of Business from the University of Technology Sydney, an Executive MBA from AGSM, is a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, a Fellow of FINSIA and a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Principal activities and significant changes in nature of activities

The principal activity of the Fund during the financial year was investing in small-to-mid-market private investment funds and privately held companies with a predominate focus in the US. There were no significant changes in the nature of these activities.

Distributions

Distributions paid during the financial year were as follows:

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Distribution – 11 cents per unit paid on 28 May 2018 | – | 4,291,509 |
| Distribution – 14 cents per unit paid on 11 September 2018 | – | 5,461,920 |
| Distribution – 7.5 cents per unit paid on 18 December 2018 | – | 2,926,032 |
| Distribution – 25 cents per unit paid on 14 August 2019 | 9,753,429 | – |
| Distribution – 40 cents per unit paid on 19 March 2020 | 15,605,486 | – |
| | 25,358,915 | 12,679,461 |

Review and results of operations

The profit for the Fund after providing for income tax amounted to \$14,574,168 (31 March 2019: \$16,797,103).

The Fund has invested in a limited partnership, US Select Private Opportunities Fund, L.P. (**LP**) which, in turn, invests in small-to-medium-sized private investment funds. The LP has committed capital across nine underlying private investment funds which focus on a range of industries including communication infrastructure, consumer products, manufacturing and business services. For the year ended 31 March 2020, these underlying private investment funds made drawdown requests on the LP to fund their investments, management fees and operating expenses. Net drawdown requests made by the underlying private investment funds since inception to the end of the year totalled US\$67.5 million.

The Fund has committed capital of US\$59.5 million, representing an interest of 85.5% in the LP. The Fund's proportionate share of the total capital called as at 31 March 2020 was US\$58.6 million (or \$95.6 million).

Total comprehensive income for the year was \$14,574,168 (2019: \$16,797,103). The key component of this result was a \$15,790,449 fair value movement gain (2019: \$18,204,474) on the Fund's investment in the LP during the year. As at 31 March 2020, the Fund had net assets of \$64,954,283 (2019: \$75,739,030), representing \$1.66 per unit (2019: \$1.94 per unit), after paying distributions of \$0.65 per unit (2019: distributions of \$0.325 per unit) to unitholders during the year.

The Fund had a basic and diluted earnings per unit of 37.36 cents for the year ended 31 March 2020 (2019: 43.05 cents per unit).

Events subsequent to the reporting period

The Novel Coronavirus (**COVID-19**) was declared a pandemic in March 2020 by the World Health Organisation. The subsequent quarantine measures imposed by the United States of America and other governments as well as the travel and trade restrictions imposed have caused disruption to businesses and economic activity.

As the situation remains fluid as at the date these financial statements are authorised for issue, the directors considered that the financial effects of COVID-19 on the Fund's financial statements cannot be reasonably estimated for future financial periods. However, the directors considered that the general economic impacts arising from COVID-19 are expected to have an impact on the operations of the portfolio of companies held by the underlying investment funds and consequently on the valuation of the Fund's investment in the LP in subsequent reporting periods.

No other matter or circumstance has occurred subsequent to year end that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Fund, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Fund in subsequent financial years.

Future developments and expected results of operations

The Fund has committed capital to the LP to fund nine underlying private investment funds. The objective of the Fund is to achieve capital growth over a five to 10 years investment horizon from its exposure to a portfolio of investments in small and mid-market private investment funds and privately held companies predominately focused in the US.

Environmental regulation

The Fund is not subject to any particular and significant environmental regulations under a law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory.

Other relevant information

The following lists other relevant information required under the *Corporations Act 2001*:

- details of fees paid to the Responsible Entity during the financial year – refer to note 16 to the financial statements
- details of number of units in the Fund held by the Responsible Entity, their related parties and Directors at the end of the financial year - refer to note 16 to the financial statements
- details of issued interests in the Fund during the financial year – refer to note 6 to the financial statements.

Options

No options were granted over issued or unissued units in the Fund during, or since, the end of the year.

Indemnity and insurance

Under the Fund's constitution, the Responsible Entity, including its officers and employees, is indemnified out of the Fund's assets for any loss, damage expense or other liability incurred by it in properly performing or exercising any of its powers, duties or rights in relation to the Fund.

Insurance premiums have been paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for all of the directors of the Responsible Entity of the Fund. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium.

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for the auditor of the Fund.

Non-audit services

Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, for non-audit services are outlined in note 17 to the financial statements.

The directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services during the financial year, by the auditor (or by another person or firm on the auditor's behalf), is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The directors are of the opinion that the services as disclosed in note 17 to the financial statements do not compromise the external auditor's independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services are reviewed and approved prior to commencement to ensure they do not adversely affect the integrity and objectivity of the auditor; and
- the nature of the services provided does not compromise the general principles relating to auditor independence in accordance with APES110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants set by the Accounting Professionals Ethical Standards Board.

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 298(2)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors



Stuart Nisbett

Chairman of Walsh & Company Investments Limited, Responsible Entity

18 June 2020



Auditor's Independence Declaration

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Walsh & Company Investments Limited
as Responsible Entity for:
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18 June 2020

Dear Board Members

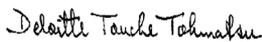
Auditor's Independence Declaration to Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund I

In accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of the Responsible Entity of Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund I.

As lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund I for the year ended 31 March 2020, 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 audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours faithfully



DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU



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Partner
Chartered Accountants

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 March 2020

| | | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|------|--------------------|------------|
| | NOTE | \$ | \$ |
| Investment income | | | |
| Interest income | | 89,552 | 143,138 |
| Foreign exchange (loss)/gain | | (78,324) | 13,365 |
| Fair value movements of equity investments | 10 | 15,790,449 | 18,204,474 |
| Total investment income | | 15,801,677 | 18,360,977 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Management and administration fees | 16 | (390,871) | (368,512) |
| Listing fees | | (49,414) | (47,782) |
| Custody fees | 16 | (12,850) | (21,759) |
| Registry fees | | (23,557) | (29,425) |
| Legal and professional fees | 16 | (587,351) | (341,141) |
| Other expenses | | (25,010) | (23,715) |
| Total expenses | | (1,089,053) | (832,334) |
| Profit before income tax expense | | 14,712,624 | 17,528,643 |
| Income tax expense | 4 | (138,456) | (731,540) |
| Profit after income tax expense for the year | | 14,574,168 | 16,797,103 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax | | – | – |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | 14,574,168 | 16,797,103 |
| | NOTE | CENTS | CENTS |
| Basic earnings per unit | 5 | 37.36 | 43.05 |
| Diluted earnings per unit | 5 | 37.36 | 43.05 |

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

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 March 2020

| | | 2020 | 2019 |
|--------------------------------|------|-------------------|------------|
| | NOTE | \$ | \$ |
| Assets | | | |
| <i>Current assets</i> | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 7 | 5,751,861 | 5,559,985 |
| Receivables | 9 | 405,725 | 337,137 |
| Prepayments | | 10,651 | 10,147 |
| Total current assets | | 6,168,237 | 5,907,269 |
| <i>Non-current assets</i> | | | |
| Other financial assets | 10 | 60,735,621 | 70,947,579 |
| Total non-current assets | | 60,735,621 | 70,947,579 |
| Total assets | | 66,903,858 | 76,854,848 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| <i>Current liabilities</i> | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 11 | 792,546 | 417,176 |
| Total current liabilities | | 792,546 | 417,176 |
| <i>Non-current liabilities</i> | | | |
| Deferred tax | 12 | 1,157,029 | 698,642 |
| Total non-current liabilities | | 1,157,029 | 698,642 |
| Total liabilities | | 1,949,575 | 1,115,818 |
| Net assets | | 64,954,283 | 75,739,030 |
| Equity | | | |
| Unit capital | 6 | 59,862,645 | 59,862,645 |
| Retained earnings | | 5,091,638 | 15,876,385 |
| Total equity | | 64,954,283 | 75,739,030 |

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

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 March 2020

| | UNIT CAPITAL | RETAINED EARNINGS | TOTAL EQUITY |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance at 1 April 2018 | 59,862,645 | 11,758,743 | 71,621,388 |
| Profit after income tax expense for the year | – | 16,797,103 | 16,797,103 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax | – | – | – |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | – | 16,797,103 | 16,797,103 |
| <i>Transactions with unitholders in their capacity as unitholders:</i> | | | |
| Distributions paid (note 13) | – | (12,679,461) | (12,679,461) |
| Balance at 31 March 2019 | 59,862,645 | 15,876,385 | 75,739,030 |

| | UNIT CAPITAL | RETAINED EARNINGS | TOTAL EQUITY |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance at 1 April 2019 | 59,862,645 | 15,876,385 | 75,739,030 |
| Profit after income tax expense for the year | – | 14,574,168 | 14,574,168 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax | – | – | – |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | – | 14,574,168 | 14,574,168 |
| <i>Transactions with unitholders in their capacity as unitholders:</i> | | | |
| Distributions paid (note 13) | – | (25,358,915) | (25,358,915) |
| Balance at 31 March 2020 | 59,862,645 | 5,091,638 | 64,954,283 |

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

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 March 2020

| | | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|------|------------------|------------------|
| | NOTE | \$ | \$ |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | |
| Interest income received | | 92,142 | 142,294 |
| Net payments to suppliers | | (785,365) | (863,108) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | 8 | (693,223) | (720,814) |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | |
| Receipts from distributions | | 25,983,714 | 13,068,459 |
| Net cash from investing activities | | 25,983,714 | 13,068,459 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | |
| Payment for distributions | | (25,358,915) | (12,682,855) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | | (25,358,915) | (12,682,855) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | | (68,424) | (335,210) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year | | 5,559,985 | 5,783,435 |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | | 260,300 | 111,760 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year | 7 | 5,751,861 | 5,559,985 |

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



Notes to the Financial Statements

31 March 2020

1. General information

Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund I (**Fund**) is a Managed Investment Scheme registered and domiciled in Australia. The principal activities of the Fund are to invest in small-to-mid-market private investment opportunities in the United States of America (**US**), through its capacity as a Limited Partner of the US Select Private Opportunities Fund, L.P. (**LP**) registered in the Cayman Islands.

(a) Basis of preparation

The 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.

(b) Statement of compliance

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (**AASB**) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures the financial statements and notes to the financial statements of the Fund comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards (**IFRS**) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (**IASB**).

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 18 June 2020. For the purposes of preparing the financial statements, the Fund is a for-profit entity.

(c) Adoption of new and revised Accounting Standards

The Fund has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the AASB that are relevant to their operations and effective for the current year.

New and revised Standards and amendments thereof and Interpretations effective for the current year that are relevant to the Fund include:

- AASB 16 'Leases'
- AASB Interpretation 23 'Uncertainty Over Income Tax Treatments', AASB 2017-4 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments'
- AASB 2018-1 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements 2015-2017 Cycle'.

No new or revised Standards and Interpretations effective for the current year are considered to materially impact the Fund.

(d) Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued but not yet effective

At the date of authorisation of the financial statements, the Standards and Interpretations listed below were in issue but not yet effective. The potential impact of the new or revised Standards and Interpretations are not expected to be material to the Fund.

(i) AASB 2018-6 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Definition of a Business'

This standard is applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2020. The adoption of this standard from 31 March 2021 is not expected to have a material impact on the Fund.

(ii) AASB 2018-7 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Definition of Material'

This standard is applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2020. The adoption of this standard from 31 March 2021 is not expected to have a material impact on the Fund.

(iii) AASB 2019-1 'Amendments to Australian Standards – References to the Conceptual Framework'

This standard is applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2020. The adoption of this standard from 31 March 2021 is not expected to have a material impact on the Fund.

(iv) AASB 2019-5 'Amendments to Australian Standards – Disclosure of the Effect of New IFRS Standards Not Yet Issued in Australia'

This standard is applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2020. The adoption of this standard from 31 March 2021 is not expected to have a material impact on the Fund.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the financial report.

a) Foreign currencies

The functional and presentation currency of the Fund is Australian dollars. This is based on an assessment that the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates is Australia.

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded in Australian dollars by applying the exchange rates ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are outstanding at the reporting date are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the Statement of Financial Position date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates prevailing at the date when the fair value was determined.

Exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

b) Financial instruments

Financial instruments, incorporating financial assets and financial liabilities, are recognised when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

(i) Financial assets

The Fund's financial assets comprise of cash and cash equivalents, receivables and interest in Limited Partnership.

When financial assets are recognised initially, they are measured at fair value plus, in the case of financial assets not at fair value through profit and loss, directly attributable transaction costs.

Cash and cash equivalents and receivables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method only if the following conditions are met, otherwise they are measured at fair value:

1. where a financial asset is held within a business model for the objective to collect contractual cash flows; and
2. contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The effective interest rate method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability.

The Interest held by the Fund in the Limited Partnership (refer to (c) below) does not meet the conditions to satisfy subsequent measurement at amortised cost, and is therefore measured at fair value through profit and loss.

Gains and losses on all financial assets at fair value are recognised in profit or loss.

(ii) Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as derivative and non-derivative instruments as appropriate. The Fund determines the classification of its financial liabilities at initial recognition. All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value.

Non-derivative instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Derivative liabilities are subsequently measured at fair value.

(iii) Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expire or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are discharged or cancelled or expire. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

(iv) Fair value

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the principal (or most advantageous) market at balance date under current market conditions. Fair value is determined based on the bid price for all quoted investments in an active market. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities and securities in markets that are not active. The unlisted partnership investment held by the Fund is valued using a 'proportionate' value method based on the proportion of the total net asset value of the partnership in which the Fund has an interest at balance date.

c) Interest in Limited Partnership

The Fund has entered into a partnership arrangement with Cordish Private Ventures, with a primary strategy of investing in US small-to-mid-market private investment funds. The partnership has been structured through a limited partnership vehicle – US Select Private Opportunities Fund, L.P. (**LP**), in which the Fund has an 85.5% interest. The interest held by the Fund is regarded as a financial asset which is recorded at fair value (refer to note 2(b)(iv) for the fair value valuation basis adopted in respect of the partnership interest held). Subsequent changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss.

Distributions of capital or income received from the LP are recorded against the investment account, reflecting the fact that such amounts would previously have been included in the investment account either through capital contributions made or through fair value movements recognised in respect of unrealised capital or operating profits relating to the underlying investments.

d) Impairment of financial assets

The Fund recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses (**ECL**) on financial assets that are measured at amortised cost. The amount of ECL is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial instrument.

The Fund recognises lifetime ECL when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. However, if the credit risk on the financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12-month ECL.

Lifetime ECL represents the expected credit losses that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. In contrast, 12-month ECL represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date.

No impairment assessment is performed in respect of the Interest in the Limited Partnership, where fair value changes are recorded in profit or loss.

e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

f) Receivables

Receivables are financial assets with a contractual right to receive fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Receivables also include other accrued receivables. Receivables are recorded at amounts due less any loss allowance for expected credit losses.

g) Taxes

(i) Income tax

Under current Australian income tax laws, the Trust is not liable to pay income tax provided it is not a corporate unit trust or public trading trust and its distributable income for each income year is fully distributed to security holders, by way of cash or reinvestment.

The Fund may be liable to pay income tax in the United States of America (**US**) dependent on the structure of private investment funds in which the Limited Partnership (**LP**) invests and in turn the structure of the underlying investments made by the private investment funds. Rates of tax will vary dependent on the source of income derived.

A deferred tax liability is recognised (at the likely rate of tax in the US) based on the difference between the fair value and tax cost base of certain underlying investments in respect of which an economic interest is held by the Fund and on which income tax is expected to be payable by the Fund in the US on realisation of such investments.

(ii) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense.

Where fees are stated to be exclusive of GST and GST is payable on any fee, the fee will be increased by an amount equal to the GST payable.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

The Fund qualifies for reduced input tax credits at a minimum rate of 55%.

h) Interest income

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

i) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when there is a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of obligation.

j) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are recognised when the Fund becomes obliged to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods or services. The balance is unsecured and is recognised as a current liability with the amount being normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

k) Earnings per unit

Basic earnings per unit is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to unitholders by the weighted average number of units outstanding during the financial period. Diluted earnings per unit is the same as there are no potential dilutive ordinary units.

l) Unit capital

(i) Ordinary units

Ordinary units are classified as equity. Issued capital is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received by the Fund. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary units are recognised as a deduction from equity.

(ii) Distributions to unitholders

Distributions payable are recognised in the reporting period in which the distributions are declared, determined, or publicly recommended by the board of the Responsible Entity on or before the end of the financial period, but not distributed at balance date.

m) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Fund's accounting policies, management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Accounting policies which are subject to significant accounting estimates and judgements include fair value determination of the interest held by the Fund in the Limited Partnership (refer note 10 (iv)), recognition of a deferred tax liability in respect of likely US tax obligations which are expected to arise from underlying fund investment realisations (refer note 12), and selection of Australian dollars as the functional currency of the Fund (refer note 2 (a)).

3. Operating segment

The Fund operates a single reportable segment, that being the business of investing in small-to-mid-market private investments in the United States of America through its interest in a Limited Partnership.

The Responsible Entity of the Fund is the Chief Operating Decision Maker (**CODM**) for the purpose of resource allocation and assessing performance of the operating segment.

Revenue, profit or loss, assets, liabilities and other financial information reported and monitored by the CODM of the single identified segment are reflected in the financial statements and notes to financial statements of the Fund.

4. Income tax expense

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Income tax expense | | |
| Current tax | – | 189,077 |
| Deferred tax: | | |
| – In respect of current year | 138,456 | 542,463 |
| Aggregate income tax expense | 138,456 | 731,540 |
| Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense and tax at the statutory rate | | |
| Profit before income tax expense | 14,712,624 | 17,528,643 |
| Tax at the statutory tax rate of 30% | 4,413,787 | 5,258,593 |
| Tax effect amounts which are not deductible/(taxable) in calculating taxable income: | | |
| – Income and expenditure of Australian trust not subject to tax | (4,413,787) | (5,258,593) |
| – Other income assessable to the Fund in the USA | – | 189,077 |
| – Fair value movement likely to be subject to USA taxation | 138,456 | 542,463 |
| Income tax expense | 138,456 | 731,540 |

5. Earnings per unit

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Profit after income tax | 14,574,168 | 16,797,103 |

| | NUMBER | NUMBER |
|---|-------------------|------------|
| Weighted average number of ordinary units used in calculating basic earnings per unit | 39,013,716 | 39,013,716 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary units used in calculating diluted earnings per unit | 39,013,716 | 39,013,716 |

| | CENTS | CENTS |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Basic earnings per unit | 37.36 | 43.05 |
| Diluted earnings per unit | 37.36 | 43.05 |

There are no adjustments on the basic earnings per unit for the calculation of diluted earnings per unit as there are no transactions that would significantly change the number of ordinary units at the end of the reporting period.

6. Equity – unit capital

| | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| | UNITS | UNITS | \$ | \$ |
| Ordinary units – fully paid | 39,013,716 | 39,013,716 | 59,862,645 | 59,862,645 |

All issued units are fully paid. The holders of ordinary units are entitled to one vote per unit at meetings of the Fund and are entitled to receive distributions declared from time to time by the Responsible Entity.

There were no movements in unit capital during the year and previous year.

Capital management

The Fund manages its capital to ensure it will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to unitholders. The capital structure of the Fund consists of issued capital amounting to \$59,862,645. The Fund is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

7. Current assets – cash and cash equivalents

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Cash at bank | 5,751,861 | 5,559,985 |

The exposure to interest rate risk and a sensitivity analysis is disclosed in note 14 to the financial statements.

8. Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash used in operating activities

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Profit after income tax expense for the year | 14,574,168 | 16,797,103 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Fair value movements of equity investments | (15,790,449) | (18,204,474) |
| Net foreign exchange (gain)/loss | (241,607) | (40,337) |
| Current tax expense | – | 184,836 |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| – Increase in receivables | (68,588) | (7,950) |
| – (Increase)/decrease in prepayments | (504) | 1,172 |
| – Increase/(decrease) in payables | 375,370 | (19,331) |
| – Increase in deferred tax liabilities | 458,387 | 568,167 |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (693,223) | (720,814) |

9. Current assets – receivables

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Interest receivable | 6,403 | 8,993 |
| GST receivable | 6,974 | 12,836 |
| Income tax receivable | 392,348 | 315,308 |
| | 405,725 | 337,137 |

There are no balances included in receivables that contain assets that are impaired. All receivables are non-interest bearing and are generally receivable on 30 day terms. No receivable amounts are overdue. The receivables are recorded at carrying amounts that are reasonable approximations of fair value.

10. Non-current assets – other financial assets

(i) Equity investment constituting interest in Limited Partnership (LP) – at fair value:

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| US Select Private Opportunities Fund, LP (LP) | 60,735,621 | 70,947,579 |

(ii) Reconciliation:

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Balance at the beginning of the year | 70,947,579 | 66,067,825 |
| Movement in fair value through profit or loss* | 15,790,449 | 18,204,474 |
| Distributions received from LP | (26,002,407) | (13,324,720) |
| Balance at the end of the year | 60,735,621 | 70,947,579 |

* Included in the 'movement in fair value' amount of \$15,790,449 (2019: \$18,204,474) is an unrealised foreign exchange translation gain component of \$9,315,711 (2019: \$5,276,564 gain). This amount is also net of the Fund's 85.5% share of management fees paid by the LP to the General Partner of the LP, totaling \$1,744,583 (2019: \$1,631,029) (refer to note 16).

(iii) Fund's interest in assets and liabilities of LP

The 85.5% economic interest held by the Fund is not represented by voting rights or other power vested in the Fund to make decisions relating to the assets and liabilities of the LP. As is common practice with Limited Partnership arrangements, the General Partner of the LP is considered to be the party who holds the existing rights to direct the relevant activities of the LP, including the acquisition and disposal of investments.

The Fund's 85.5% interest in US Select Private Opportunities Fund, L.P. at 31 March 2020 is represented by its proportionate interest in the LP's assets and liabilities as follows:

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|-------------------|------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Cash | 2,809,903 | 3,181,346 |
| Investment in US private investment funds recorded at fair value: | | |
| DFW Capital Partners IV LP | 8,396,152 | 6,639,552 |
| Encore Consumer Capital Fund II LP | 5,526,503 | 6,569,021 |
| FPC Small Cap Fund I LP | 2,575,771 | 3,194,897 |
| Incline Equity Partners III LP | 6,917,897 | 12,941,259 |
| KarpReily Capital Partners II LP | 6,507,202 | 8,815,409 |
| Peppertree Capital Fund IV LP | 2,508,189 | 3,383,608 |
| Trivest Fund V LP | 12,001,893 | 10,166,004 |
| US Select Direct Private Equity Fund (US) LP | 13,492,111 | 16,056,483 |
| Net assets* | 60,735,621 | 70,947,579 |

* Included in the net assets of \$60,735,621 (2019: \$70,947,579) are investments in US private investment funds of \$57,925,718 (2019: \$67,766,233).

(iv) Valuation

Valuation technique adopted

The fair value of the Fund's interest in the LP is determined using a 'proportionate' value method based on the Fund's 85.5% interest held in the total net asset value of the LP.

The LP holds investments predominately in US private investment funds, and the LP adopts a similar fair value measurement basis, based on the proportionate interest it holds in the most recent reported total net asset values of the respective investment funds.

The underlying investment funds typically invest in US unlisted equity investments with fair values determined periodically based on market or income-based valuation techniques, which may involve the use of unobservable inputs such as discount rate and earnings multiple.

The valuation of the Fund's equity investment in the LP are based on the fair values of the underlying investment funds at 31 December 2019 adjusted for any changes to those valuations to reflect movements to 31 March 2020, including foreign exchange translation impacts arising from translating the USD denominated interest in the LP to AUD at each balance date.

As there is up to a three-month difference between the Fund's reporting date and the date of the most recent reported net assets of the underlying investment funds, and given prevailing volatility in markets due to the advent of COVID-19, the Board in consultation with the Investment Manager, has considered likely movements in the first quarter to 31 March 2020 valuations.

The Board has estimated the movement in the fair values of the underlying investment funds between 1 January 2020 and 31 March 2020 based on an estimated percentage discount of 8.25% by having regard to the percentage change in an appropriate US public market index during the quarter, the historic correlation between public and private equity market valuations and market conditions during this period.

A decrease in the fair value discount by five percentage points would result in an increase in equity investments by \$3,466,138 to \$64,201,759. An increase in the fair value discount by five percentage points would result in a decrease in equity investments by \$3,466,138 to \$57,269,483.

Refer further to note 14 for Market Risk sensitivity analysis.

Investment risks

As noted above, the LP has invested in underlying private investment funds in the US market who have in turn invested in a portfolio of private equity investments. Because of the absence of any liquid trading market for these types of investments, it may take longer to liquidate these investments than would be the case for marketable securities and accordingly the value obtained on realisation may differ materially to the estimated fair values at balance date. As there are no directly observable prices, the fair values assigned by the investment funds to each investment are based upon a range of factors including, but not limited to, the initial purchase price, market trading multiples and observed transaction metrics. The resulting valuations may differ significantly from the values that would have been realised had a transaction taken place at the balance date. The differences would directly impact the value of the interest held by the LP in the underlying investment funds and consequently the value of the interest held by the Fund in the LP. Estimation uncertainty also arises in relation to likely US tax obligations the Fund will incur in connection with realisation of recorded fair value movements (refer note 12).

(v) Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2020, the Fund has made capital commitments totalling US\$59.5 million to the LP, of which US\$58.6 million has been called at balance date.

As at 31 March 2020, the Fund has uncalled capital commitments of US\$0.9 million (or A\$1.5 million) outstanding to the LP. The capital commitments can be called at any time in the future.

The uncalled capital commitments referred to above were converted at the AUD:USD year-end exchange rate of 0.6131.

11. Current liabilities – trade and other payables

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|---------------------|----------------|---------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Trade creditors | 8,858 | 26,855 |
| Accrued liabilities | 390,125 | 73,800 |
| Payable to LP | 392,348 | 315,308 |
| Other payables | 1,215 | 1,213 |
| | 792,546 | 417,176 |

Refer to note 14 for further information on financial instruments.

The average credit period for trade creditors is generally 30 days. No interest is charged on trade creditors from the date of the invoice. The Fund has risk management policies in place to ensure invoices are paid within credit terms.

12. Non-current liabilities – deferred tax

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Deferred tax liability | 1,157,029 | 698,642 |

The deferred tax liability has been assessed based on an estimate of likely US tax obligations the Fund will incur upon realisation of recorded fair value movements in connection with certain underlying private equity investments. This estimate is subject to estimation uncertainty as a result of limitations in the availability of information pertaining to the tax structure of the underlying investments in respect of which the Fund has an interest.

13. Equity – distributions

Distributions paid during the financial year were as follows:

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Distribution – 11 cents per unit paid on 28 May 2018 | – | 4,291,509 |
| Distribution – 14 cents per unit paid on 11 September 2018 | – | 5,461,920 |
| Distribution – 7.5 cents per unit paid on 18 December 2018 | – | 2,926,032 |
| Distribution – 25 cents per unit paid on 14 August 2019 | 9,753,429 | – |
| Distribution – 40 cents per unit paid on 19 March 2020 | 15,605,486 | – |
| | 25,358,915 | 12,679,461 |

14. Financial instruments

Financial risk management objectives

The Fund is exposed to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- market risk (foreign exchange risk, market price risk and interest rate risk)
- credit risk
- liquidity risk.

The Responsible Entity has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework, including developing and monitoring risk management policies.

a) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices. The Fund is primarily exposed to market risks arising from fluctuations in market price risk, foreign currency and interest rates. Refer to note 10(iv) for further details of risks relating to equity prices.

Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk arises on financial instruments that are denominated in a foreign currency. Foreign exchange rate movements will impact on the Australian dollar value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities denominated in a currency that is not the Fund's functional currency.

The Fund is exposed to USD foreign exchange risk through its USD denominated cash balances, its investment activities and income derived from these activities.

The table below details the carrying amounts of the Fund's foreign exchange risk as at the end of the reporting period. This represents the Australian dollar exposure, converted at an exchange rate of 0.6131.

| | ASSETS | | LIABILITIES | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 2,121,109 | 1,795,360 | - | - |
| Receivables | 393,808 | 319,161 | - | - |
| Financial assets (equity investments) | 60,735,621 | 70,947,579 | - | - |
| Trade & other payables | - | - | (392,348) | (315,308) |
| | 63,250,538 | 73,062,100 | (392,348) | (315,308) |

Sensitivity analysis

The effect of the foreign exchange risk relating to equity investments (investment in Limited Partnership) is recorded in profit or loss as part of the overall fair value movement in the investment (refer to note 10(ii)). The effect of foreign exchange risk relating to cash and cash equivalents is recorded in profit or loss as a foreign exchange gain or loss.

The Fund considers a 10% movement in the AUD against USD as at 31 March 2020 to be a reasonable possibility at the end of the reporting period. The impact of the strengthening and weakening of AUD against USD in profit or loss and equity is shown by the amounts below as it relates to cash and cash equivalents, equity investments and trade and other payables. This analysis assumes that all other variables remain constant.

| 2020 | AUD STRENGTHENED | | | AUD WEAKENED | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| | % CHANGE | EFFECT ON PROFIT BEFORE TAX | EFFECT ON EQUITY | % CHANGE | EFFECT ON PROFIT BEFORE TAX | EFFECT ON EQUITY |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 10% | (192,828) | (192,828) | (10%) | 235,679 | 235,679 |
| Receivables | 10% | (35,801) | (35,801) | (10%) | 43,756 | 43,756 |
| Equity investments | 10% | (5,521,420) | (5,521,420) | (10%) | 6,748,402 | 6,748,402 |
| Trade and other payables | 10% | 35,668 | 35,668 | (10%) | (43,594) | (43,594) |
| | | (5,714,381) | (5,714,381) | | 6,984,243 | 6,984,243 |

| 2019 | AUD STRENGTHENED | | | AUD WEAKENED | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| | % CHANGE | EFFECT ON PROFIT BEFORE TAX | EFFECT ON EQUITY | % CHANGE | EFFECT ON PROFIT BEFORE TAX | EFFECT ON EQUITY |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 10% | (163,215) | (163,215) | (10%) | 199,484 | 199,484 |
| Receivables | 10% | (29,015) | (29,015) | (10%) | 35,462 | 35,462 |
| Equity investments | 10% | (6,449,780) | (6,449,780) | (10%) | 7,883,064 | 7,883,064 |
| Trade and other payables | 10% | 28,664 | 28,664 | (10%) | (35,034) | (35,034) |
| | | (6,613,346) | (6,613,346) | | 8,082,976 | 8,082,976 |

Market price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether caused by factors specific to individual investments or factors affecting all instruments traded in the market.

Sensitivity analysis

The Fund considers a 10% increase or decrease to be a reasonably possible change in market prices at the reporting date. The sensitivity analysis below reflects the Fund's proportionate exposure to market price risk of the underlying equity investments of the private investment partnership excluding any foreign exchange impact. The impact of a 10% movement in market prices (excluding foreign exchange impact) on profit or loss and equity is shown in the table below:

| 2020 | AVERAGE PRICE INCREASE | | | AVERAGE PRICE DECREASE | | |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| | % CHANGE | EFFECT ON PROFIT BEFORE TAX | EFFECT ON EQUITY | % CHANGE | EFFECT ON PROFIT BEFORE TAX | EFFECT ON EQUITY |
| Equity investments (refer note 10 (iii)) | 10% | 5,792,572 | 5,792,572 | (10%) | (5,792,572) | (5,792,572) |

| | AVERAGE PRICE INCREASE | | | AVERAGE PRICE DECREASE | | |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| | % CHANGE | EFFECT ON PROFIT BEFORE TAX | EFFECT ON EQUITY | % CHANGE | EFFECT ON PROFIT BEFORE TAX | EFFECT ON EQUITY |
| 2019 | | | | | | |
| Equity investments (refer note 10 (iii)) | 10% | 6,776,623 | 6,776,623 | (10%) | (6,776,623) | (6,776,623) |

Interest rate risk

The Fund is exposed to interest rate risk on its variable rate bank deposits. The Fund currently does not hedge against this exposure.

Sensitivity analysis

The Fund considers a 50 basis point increase or decrease to be a reasonably possible change in interest rates. The impact of a 50 basis point movement in interest rates on profit or loss and equity is shown in the table below.

| | BASIS POINTS INCREASE | | | BASIS POINTS DECREASE | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| | BASIS POINTS CHANGE | EFFECT ON PROFIT BEFORE TAX | EFFECT ON EQUITY | BASIS POINTS CHANGE | EFFECT ON PROFIT BEFORE TAX | EFFECT ON EQUITY |
| 2020 | | | | | | |
| Variable rate bank deposits | 50 | 28,759 | 28,759 | (50) | (28,759) | (28,759) |

| | BASIS POINTS INCREASE | | | BASIS POINTS DECREASE | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| | BASIS POINTS CHANGE | EFFECT ON PROFIT BEFORE TAX | EFFECT ON EQUITY | BASIS POINTS CHANGE | EFFECT ON PROFIT BEFORE TAX | EFFECT ON EQUITY |
| 2019 | | | | | | |
| Variable rate bank deposits | 50 | 27,800 | 27,800 | (50) | (27,800) | (27,800) |

b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that contracting parties to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the Fund by failing to discharge an obligation. The Fund manages credit risk by ensuring deposits are made with reputable financial institutions. The majority of funds at year end were deposited with Macquarie Bank Limited (Australia).

The carrying amount of financial assets that represents the maximum credit risk exposure at the end of reporting period are detailed below:

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Summary of exposure | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 5,751,861 | 5,559,985 |
| GST receivable | 6,974 | 12,836 |
| Interest receivable | 6,403 | 8,993 |
| Income tax receivable | 392,348 | 315,308 |
| | 6,157,586 | 5,897,122 |

c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Fund's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Fund's reputation.

The Fund's liquidity primarily comprises cash at bank totaling \$5,751,861 at 31 March 2020 which is held to cover its day-to-day running costs and expenditures and to fund its capital commitments to the LP which total \$1,491,947 at balance date.

The following is the contractual maturity of financial liabilities and capital commitments. The table has been drawn based on the undiscounted cash flows of liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Fund can be required to settle the liability.

| | LESS THAN 12 MONTHS | AT CALL | REMAINING CONTRACTUAL MATURITIES |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--|
| 2020 | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Non-derivatives | | | |
| <i>Non-interest bearing</i> | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 792,546 | – | 792,546 |
| Capital commitments* | – | 1,491,947 | 1,491,947 |
| Total non-derivatives | 792,546 | 1,491,947 | 2,284,493 |

| | LESS THAN 12 MONTHS | AT CALL | REMAINING CONTRACTUAL MATURITIES |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--|
| 2019 | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Non-derivatives | | | |
| <i>Non-interest bearing</i> | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 417,176 | – | 417,176 |
| Capital commitments* | – | 1,287,938 | 1,287,938 |
| Total non-derivatives | 417,176 | 1,287,938 | 1,705,114 |

* LP commitments may be called at any time in the future up until the first to occur of the date the aggregate commitments have been invested, the fifth anniversary date after the first call or certain other specified termination events.

15. Fair value measurement

Fair value

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities approximate their carrying values at the reporting date.

The table below analyses recurring fair value measurements for financial assets and financial liabilities. The fair value measurements are categorised into different levels in the fair value hierarchy based on the inputs to the valuation techniques used. The different levels are defined as follows:

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

| | LEVEL 1 | LEVEL 2 | LEVEL 3 | TOTAL |
|------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| 2020 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |

Financial assets carried at fair value

Other financial assets – equity

investment constituting interest in US

Select Private Opportunities Fund, LP

| | | | | |
|---------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | – | – | 60,735,621 | 60,735,621 |
| Total assets | – | – | 60,735,621 | 60,735,621 |

| | LEVEL 1 | LEVEL 2 | LEVEL 3 | TOTAL |
|--|---------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2019 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Financial assets carried at fair value | | | | |
| Other financial assets – equity investment constituting interest in US Select Private Opportunities Fund, LP | | | | |
| | – | – | 70,947,579 | 70,947,579 |
| Total assets | – | – | 70,947,579 | 70,947,579 |

The Fund recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as at the end of the reporting period during which the transfer has occurred. There were no transfers between levels during the financial year.

Details of the determination of Level 3 fair value measurements, including the valuation technique adopted and the key underlying unobservable inputs used are set out in note 10.

The Fund has established a control framework with respect to measurement and assessment of fair values. This framework includes a sub-investment committee that has overall responsibility for analysing the performance and fair value movements of underlying US investment fund holdings during each reporting period.

16. Related party disclosures

Key management personnel

Stuart Nisbett, Warwick Keneally, Mike Adams and Peter Shear are directors of the Responsible Entity, Walsh & Company Investments Limited, and are deemed to be key management personnel. Alex MacLachlan resigned as director of the Responsible Entity effective 19 December 2019.

The key management personnel do not receive compensation from the Fund or from the Responsible Entity directly for their management function performed for the Fund.

As at reporting date, no directors held units for their own benefit or had an interest in holdings through a third party.

Related party investments in the scheme

The Responsible Entity or its associates do not hold any investments in the scheme.

Management fees

The Responsible Entity's duties include establishing the Fund's 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.

For these services, the Responsible Entity charged management fees of 0.33% per annum (exclusive of GST) on the gross asset value of the Fund. This is comprised of the Responsible Entity Fee of 0.08% per annum and Administration Fee of 0.25% per annum. Management fees are paid to the Responsible Entity monthly in advance.

The total management fees paid to the Responsible Entity for the year ended 31 March 2020 was \$256,500 (2019: \$233,873), exclusive of GST. There were no outstanding management fees as at 31 March 2020 (2019: nil).

Fund administration fee

Australian Fund Accounting Services Pty Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Evans Dixon Limited, the parent of the Responsible Entity, provides fund administration services to the Fund under an agreement with the Responsible Entity. These services include net asset valuation, management accounting, statutory reporting, capital management and taxation. Total fund administration fees paid or payable for the year ended 31 March 2020 were \$120,000 (2019: \$120,000), exclusive of GST.

Investment manager fee

US Select Private Opportunities Fund, L.P. (LP), in which the Fund holds an 85.5% interest, is required to pay its Investment Manager, US Select Private Opportunities Fund, GP, being an entity associated with the Responsible Entity, for acting on behalf of the limited partnership to acquire, manage and transact on partnership interests within the scope of the limited partnership agreement, a fee equivalent to 2% per annum of the total funds committed by the partners to the LP. The fee is payable quarterly in advance from the funds of the LP. The total fees paid or payable during the year amounted to \$2,040,447 (US\$1,391,392) (2019: \$1,907,637 (US\$1,391,392)). The Fund's 85.5% interest equates to \$1,744,583 (2019: \$1,631,029). This fee is recorded in the books of the LP.

US Select Direct Private Equity Fund (US), LP

At balance date, the Fund's share of the LP's investment in US Select Direct Private Equity Fund (US), LP was \$13,492,111 (US\$8,272,013) (2019: \$16,056,483 (US\$11,393,680)). The General Partner of this investment is associated with the Responsible Entity of the Fund. The LP's share of the investment management fees paid to the General Partner for the year ended 31 March 2020 amounted to \$63,387 (US\$43,224) (2019: \$85,968 (US\$62,703)). The Fund's 85.5% interest equates to \$54,195 (US\$36,956) (2019: \$73,502 (US\$53,611)).

Custodial services

The Responsible Entity provides custodial services to the Fund in its personal capacity (**Custodian**) under a custody arrangement with Walsh & Company Investments Limited. The services are provided on commercial terms. The Custodian receives fees equivalent to the greater of 0.02% per annum of the gross asset value of the Fund less a discount of 10%, or \$15,000 indexed to CPI annually less a discount of 10%. The fees are payable quarterly in arrears. Total fees paid or payable for the year ended 31 March 2020 were \$12,828 (2019: nil).

Legal and consulting services

Effective from January 2020, the Responsible Entity entered into an agreement with MDA1 Pty Limited, trading as MA Law, to provide legal and consulting services to the Responsible Entity and the investment schemes under its control. Mike Adams, a director of the Responsible Entity, is also a director and shareholder of MDA1 Pty Limited. Mike Adams previously provided similar services as an employee of a non-related entity to the Fund. The fees paid or payable for the year ended 31 March 2020 were \$2,205 (2019: nil), exclusive of GST, and are included in the total legal and professional fees in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

17. Remuneration of auditors

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, the auditor of the Fund, and its network firms:

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|---------------|--------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Audit services – Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu | | |
| Audit or review of the financial statements | 69,450 | 59,500 |
| Other services – Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu | | |
| Taxation services | 8,500 | 8,250 |
| | 77,950 | 67,750 |
| Other Audit Firms – Deloitte Tax LLP | | |
| Taxation services | 80,606 | 53,129 |

18. Capital commitments

Other than the capital commitments disclosed in note 10(v) to the financial statements, the Fund does not have any other capital commitments outstanding for the year ended 31 March 2020.

19. Contingent liabilities

The directors of the Responsible Entity are not aware of any potential liabilities or claims against the Fund as at balance date.

20. Events after the reporting period

The Novel Coronavirus (**COVID-19**) was declared a pandemic in March 2020 by the World Health Organisation. The subsequent quarantine measures imposed by the United States of America and other governments as well as the travel and trade restrictions imposed have caused disruption to businesses and economic activity.

As the situation remains fluid as at the date these financial statements are authorised for issue, the directors considered that the financial effects of COVID-19 on the Fund's financial statements cannot be reasonably estimated for future financial periods. However, the directors considered that the general economic impacts arising from COVID-19 are expected to have an impact on the operations of the portfolio of companies held by the underlying investment funds and consequently on the valuation of the Fund's investment in the LP in subsequent reporting periods.

No other matter or circumstance has occurred subsequent to year end that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Fund, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Fund in subsequent financial years.

Directors' Declaration

For the year ended 31 March 2020

The directors of the Responsible Entity declare that, in the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including compliance with accounting standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001;
- the attached financial statements are in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as stated in the notes to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 March 2020 and of its performance for the financial year 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.

The directors have been given the declarations required by section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 295(5) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors of the Responsible Entity



Stuart Nisbett

Chairman of Walsh & Company Investments Limited, Responsible Entity

18 June 2020



Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund I



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Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund I, (the "Fund") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2020, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Fund is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 March 2020 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We 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 and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of Walsh & Company Investments Limited (the "Responsible Entity"), would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report for the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.



| Key Audit Matter | How the scope of our audit responded to the Key Audit Matter |
|---|---|
| <p><i>Fair Value of Investment in Limited Partnership (LP)</i></p> <p>As at 31 March 2020 the Fund's fair value of its investment in the LP was \$60,735,621 as disclosed in Note 10.</p> <p>The basis of valuation of the Fund's investment in the LP is disclosed in Note 10(iv).</p> <p>Significant estimation uncertainty is inherent in the determination of the fair value of the investment in the LP due to the fact that:</p> <p>(a) the underlying investments held by the US investment funds in which the LP has an interest are generally illiquid in nature, and their valuation is based on unobservable inputs which are subject to significant estimation judgement by management of the US investment funds; and</p> <p>(b) the movement in fair value of the underlying investment funds in which the LP has an interest for the three-month period to 31 March 2020 is based on management's judgement of an appropriate US public market index, the historic correlation between public and private equity market valuations and market conditions during this period.</p> | <p>Our procedures included, but were not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining an understanding of the basis of valuation and key processes adopted by management, and engaging our valuation specialists to assist in our assessment of management's basis of valuation; • Obtaining the most recent audited financial statements of the underlying investment funds (as at 31 December 2019), and reviewing the nature of the investments held, and the recorded fair values of the investments including the accounting basis adopted for such valuations; • Assessing the independence, competence and objectivity of the auditing firms of the underlying investment funds and reviewing their audit opinions issued; • Evaluating the reasonableness of the inputs used by management to determine the movement in an appropriate US public market index and the correlation factor between public and private equity market valuations; and • Recalculating the mathematical accuracy of management's computation of : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the percentage fair value movement of the LP's portfolio for the three-month period from 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020; and - the fair value movement of the LP's portfolio and the Fund's proportionate share thereof for the three-month period from 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020. <p>We also assessed the appropriateness of the disclosures in Notes 2(c), 2(m) and Note 10 to the financial statements.</p> |
| <p><i>Taxation</i></p> <p>As at 31 March 2020 the Fund has recognised a deferred tax liability of \$1,157,029 in respect of likely US tax obligations which the Fund will incur upon realisation of recorded fair value movements associated with certain underlying investments in which the Fund has an indirect interest.</p> <p>As disclosed in Note 12, the taxation outcomes for the Fund are dependent on the legal structuring of underlying investments and, due to the complexity involved in the interpretation of information pertaining to this structuring, significant judgement is required to be exercised by management in assessing the likely tax outcomes which are recognised.</p> | <p>Our procedures included, but were not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtaining an understanding and reviewing the reasonableness of management's assessment of likely US tax obligations in relation to recorded fair value movements of certain identified investments held by the underlying investment funds; • Testing, on a sample basis, the underlying taxation calculations for identified investments; and • Enquiring of management's taxation experts as part of our assessment of management's correct application of the relevant US taxation legislation. <p>We also assessed the appropriateness of the disclosures in Note 2(m) and Note 12 to the financial statements.</p> |

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Other Information

The directors of the Responsible Entity (the "Directors") are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Fund's annual report for the year ended 31 March 2020, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the 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 financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Fund to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.

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- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

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Chartered Accountants
Sydney, 18 June 2020



Unitholder Information

As at 30 April 2020

Distribution of unitholders

39,013,716 fully paid ordinary units on issue are held by 1,709 unitholders.

| CATEGORY (SIZE OF HOLDING) | NUMBER OF UNITHOLDERS | % |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 to 1,000 | 35 | 0.03 |
| 1,001 to 5,000 | 130 | 1.13 |
| 5,001 to 10,000 | 322 | 6.40 |
| 10,001 to 100,000 | 1,197 | 80.58 |
| 100,001 and over | 25 | 11.86 |
| Total | 1,709 | 100.00 |
| Holding less than a marketable parcel | 29 | |

Top 20 largest holders of units

| | NUMBER OF UNITS HELD | PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL (%) |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mr Orange Pty Limited <Mr White Pension Fund A/C> | 937,500 | 2.40 |
| Mr Alan Cochrane Dixon & Mrs Katharine Dixon <Kate Dixon Pension Fund A/C> | 352,960 | 0.90 |
| Mr Orange Pty Limited | 272,040 | 0.70 |
| Katdar Pty Ltd <Dixon Complying Pen Fund A/C> | 250,000 | 0.64 |
| Romedic Pty Ltd <James Yates Medical S/F A/C> | 221,875 | 0.57 |
| ISS Nominees Pty Limited <ISS Superannuation Fund A/C> | 195,220 | 0.50 |
| Rosebank Staff Super Fund Pty Ltd <Rosebank Staff S/Fund A/C> | 190,625 | 0.49 |
| Aldack Pty Ltd <Dixon Family S/F A/C> | 162,500 | 0.42 |
| Crimson Permanent Assurance Company Pty Ltd <S Dykes & R Maguire S/F A/C> | 159,000 | 0.41 |
| Gruen Superannuation Pty Ltd <Gruen Superannuation Fnd A/C> | 138,124 | 0.35 |
| J & V King Pty Ltd <John G King S/F A/C> | 137,500 | 0.35 |
| Perpetual Corporate Trust Ltd <Affluence LIC Fund> | 136,129 | 0.35 |
| Dowjen Pty Limited <Dowjen Super Fund A/C> | 128,125 | 0.33 |
| EE Shaw Super Pty Ltd <E & E Shaw S/F A/C> | 128,125 | 0.33 |
| Mrs Diane Mora Gallery Mrs Madeleine Jane Lenzner & Mrs Veronica Louise Robson <The Gallery Super Fund A/C> | 125,000 | 0.32 |
| Invalaw Pty Ltd <Riverbank Unit A/C> | 125,000 | 0.32 |
| Assess Pty Ltd <Aristides Family A/C> | 125,000 | 0.32 |
| A Thousand Paperclips Pty Ltd <& You'll Make Profit S/F A/C> | 111,625 | 0.29 |
| Kadina Super Pty Ltd <The Morton Super Fund A/C> | 109,375 | 0.28 |
| Integrity Super Pty Ltd <Devabalini Super Fund A/C> | 106,250 | 0.27 |
| Total | 4,111,973 | 10.54 |

Substantial unitholders

There are no substantial unitholders pursuant to the provisions of section 671B of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Voting rights

Each ordinary unit is entitled to one vote when a poll is called, otherwise each unitholder present at a meeting or by proxy has one vote on a show of hands.

Restricted securities

There are no restricted securities issued by the Fund.

Transactions

There were no transactions in securities during the reporting period.

Limited Partnership Agreement

US Select Private Opportunities Fund GP, LLC (**Investment Manager**), Cordish Private Ventures and the Responsible Entity of Cordish Dixon Private Equity Fund I (**Fund**), have established an exempted limited partnership, US Select Private Opportunities Fund, L.P. (**LP**), in the Cayman Islands for the purposes of acquiring, directly or indirectly, and dealing with, interests in private investment funds and interests in privately held companies.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Fund, as a limited partner, has agreed to make capital contributions towards the acquisition of investments, as directed by the Investment Manager, up to a maximum contribution amount. The limited partners are permitted to satisfy all, or any, of their outstanding capital commitment by making an in-kind contribution of a portfolio investment with the written consent of the other partners. The in-kind contribution will be credited to the account of the contributing partner in an amount equal to the fair market value of the contributions as at the date of the contribution. The Fund will make all further capital contributions until such time as the capital contributions of both parties equate to the relevant pro rata proportion required.

Under the LP Agreement, it is an event of default to fail to make a capital contribution when due and different consequences may result from an event of default, including (among others) interest being payable on overdue amounts, loss of voting rights or, at the discretion of the Investment Manager, forfeiture of distributions and a 50% reduction in the defaulting partner's capital account (with such amounts to be distributed to the remaining partners in their pro rata proportions).

The Investment Manager must ensure that distributions are made on an annual basis (or more frequently, if so determined by the Investment Manager) in connection with a disposal, interest or other income realised from an investment or income from temporary investments.

In consideration for managing the LP and its investments, the Investment Manager is entitled to an investment management fee of an amount equal to 2% of the aggregate capital commitments made by the partners to the LP which will be payable quarterly in advance for a period of 10 years.

Cordish Private Ventures and the Fund are prohibited from withdrawing from the LP or otherwise disposing of their interest in the LP in any circumstances without the consent of the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager in turn must obtain the consent of the other limited partner prior to effecting such disposal or transfer. The Investment Manager may not withdraw from the LP, resign as general partner or otherwise dispose of its interest in the LP in any circumstances without the consent of the limited partners.

The LP will be dissolved upon the occurrence of certain termination events, which include (among others), the last business day of the fiscal year in which all investments have been disposed of or where the LP is no longer subject to any funding obligations in respect of investments or management fees. The Investment Manager may terminate or wind up the LP with the consent of all limited partners. As a limited partner, the Responsible Entity does not have the ability to amend the LP Agreement in a material respect, or require early termination or wind up of the LP without the consent of all other partners.



