

# **Unitholder meeting**

2 December 2020



## Online attendees – Question process



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## Agenda

- 1 Chairman's welcome
- 2 Purpose of the Meeting
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- 4 Formal Business of the Meeting



## **Purpose of Meeting**

- The meeting is to consider the proposal relating to the following matters
  - The transition of the Fund to an open-ended unit trust and removal of the Evans & Partners Asia Fund (**Fund**) from the official list of the ASX.
  - The replacement of E&P Investments Limited (E&P Investments) as Responsible Entity of the Fund.
  - Changes to the Constitution of the Fund.
- Resolutions 1 and 2 are inter-conditional, so that if either of these Resolutions is not passed by Unitholders, the Proposal will not proceed.
- Separate to the Proposal Resolutions previously mentioned, E&P Investments Limited, is seeking Unitholder approval to refresh the Fund's buyback program.



## Overview of the Proposal

- The Proposal comprises two key parts:
  - transition of the Fund from a listed investment trust (LIT) to an open-ended unit trust; and
  - replacement of E&P Investments Limited as Responsible Entity of the Fund by The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited (**Perpetual**).
- To optimise the structure of the Fund for growth and to best position the Fund to continue to deliver strong performance, E&P Investments has undertaken a review of the options available.
- Several alternative options to the Proposal were considered, including maintaining the status quo and a wind-up of the Fund.
- The Board of the out-going Responsible Entity concluded that the Proposal is superior to both the existing arrangements and the other alternatives considered.



#### Benefits for the Fund

Improved ability to realise investment at or around NTA

Potentially increased liquidity

Greater access for new and existing investors

Potential for scale benefits from an increased Fund size

Continuity of investment management

No change in aggregate fees

Experience in open-ended unit trust

**Diversity of Unitholders** 



## Reasons you may vote against

Investments will no longer be ASX listed

Additional administrative and compliance requirements

Settlement time

Potential for capital outflows reducing the scale of the Fund

Potential capital outflows increasing proportion of residual interests

Disclosure requirement changes

Responsible Entity voting threshold

Change of responsible entity

**DRP** Discount

Potential implementation risk



#### **Board recommendation**

The Board unanimously recommends that Unitholders vote in favour of the Proposal

The Board considers the Proposal to be in the best interests of Unitholders. Accordingly, the Board unanimously recommends that Unitholders vote in favour of the Proposal.

In forming its recommendation, the Board has had regard to:

- the benefits, risks and any potential disadvantages for Unitholders of the Proposal; and
- the available alternatives.







## Online attendees – Voting process



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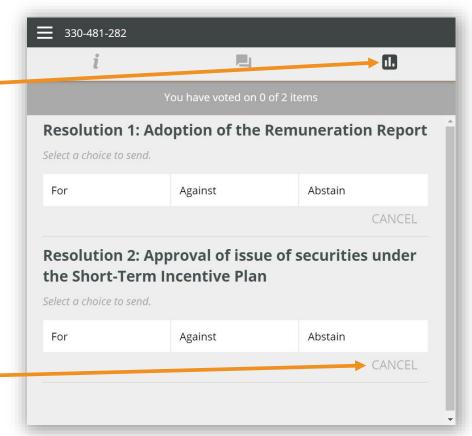
To vote simply select the direction in which you would like to cast your vote. The selected option will change colour

For

Against

Abstain

There is no submit or send button, your selection is automatically recorded. You can change your mind or cancel your vote any time before the poll is closed





Resolution to approve the removal of the Fund from the ASX

To consider and if thought fit, pass the following resolution:

"That the Evans & Partners Asia Fund be removed from the official list of ASX under Listing Rule 17.11, conditional upon the passing of Resolution 2."



Resolution to appoint The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited as responsible entity

To consider and if thought fit, pass the following resolution:

"That The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited be appointed as responsible entity of the Fund, conditional upon the passing of Resolution 1, with this Resolution 2 to choose the new responsible entity becoming effective immediately upon the removal of the Fund from the official list of ASX."



#### Resolution to amend the constitution of the Fund

To consider and if thought fit, pass the following resolution:

"That the constitution of the Fund be amended for the purposes of section 601GC(1)(a) of the Corporations Act as set out in the copy of the supplemental deed available at www.asiafund.com.au, and that the Responsible Entity be authorised to execute the supplemental deed and lodge it with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission."



Resolution to approve the buyback

To consider and if thought fit, pass the following resolution:

"That the Fund authorises and approves, for the purposes of Section 601KH(8)(a) of the Corporations Act (as inserted by ASIC Legislative Instrument 2016/1159) and for all other purposes, the buyback of up to 25% of the issued units in the Fund on-market during the 12 month period from 3 December 2020."



# **Proxy votes**

TOTAL VALID VOTES	FOR	OPEN	AGAINST
Resolution 1 Approve the removal of the Fund from the ASX	18,423,066	3,363,677	495,547
Resolution 2 Appoint Perpetual as responsible entity	18,448,709	3,480,606	352,975
Resolution 3 Amend the constitution of the Fund	18,448,709	3,480,606	352,975
Resolution 4 Approve the buyback	18,412,719	3,509,106	344,365



## **Next steps**

The results of each item will be announced via the ASX later today.

If the Proposal is approved by the Unitholders, the indicative next dates in relation to the Proposal are as follows;

- Last day for trading units in the Fund on the ASX, 29 January 2021;
- Implementation date for delisting, 1 February 2021;
- Date of change for responsible entity, 1 February 2021;
- Issue of Product Disclosure Statement for the Fund as an open-ended trust, 1 February 2021.







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