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## NAOS Ex-50 Opportunities Company Limited

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

Results Announcement for the half year ended 31 December 2022

All comparisons are to the half year ended 31 December 2021

	\$	up/down	% change
Revenue from ordinary activities	517,215	down	-81%
Profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities before tax attributable to shareholders	(801,486)	down	-167%
Profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to shareholders	(446,213)	down	-151%
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Dividend Information	Cents per share	amount per share	Tax rate for franking
2023 Second quarterly interim dividend	1.40c	1.40c	30%
2023 First quarterly interim dividend	1.40c	1.40c	30%
2022 Final quarterly dividend	1.10c	1.10c	30%
Second Quarterly Interim Dividend Dates			
Ex-dividend date			13 March 2023
Record date			14 March 2023
Last date for DRP election			15 March 2023
Payment date			31 March 2023
Dividend Reinvestment Plan			
The Dividend Reinvestment Plan is in operation and the	recommended fully	/ franked quarterl	y interim dividend
of 1.40 cents per share qualifies. The plan will be in effec	ct per the latest div	idend reinvestme	nt rules.
		31 Dec 2022 \$	31 Dec 2021
(Post Tax) Net tangible asset backing per share	<del>-</del>	0.92	1.41

This report is based on the half-year financial report which has been subject to independent review by the auditors, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Australia. All the documents comprise the information required by the Listing Rule 4.2A. This information should be read in conjunction with the 30 June 2022 Annual Financial Report.

NAOS Ex-50 Opportunities Company Limited ACN 169 448 837

Financial report for the half-year ended 31 December 2022

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## **Directors' Report**

The Directors of NAOS Ex-50 Opportunities Company Limited ACN 169 448 837 ("the Company"), submit their half-year report for the Company for the half-year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **Company Information**

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

#### **Principal Activities**

The Company invests primarily in a concentrated portfolio of Australian listed equities with the objective of providing investors with genuine exposure to emerging industrial companies, with a long-term value focus. No change in this activity took place during the half-year or is likely in the future.

#### **Directors**

The following persons were Directors of the Company during the financial period and up to the date of this report:

Name	Title
Sarah Williams	Independent Chair (elected as Chair on 1 December 2022)
David Rickards OAM	Independent Director (retired as Chair on 1 December 2022)
Warwick Evans	Director
Sebastian Evans	Director

## Results and Review of Operations

The Company's operating loss before tax for the half-year was \$801,486 (31 December 2021: operating profit before tax of \$1,198,874), and operating loss after tax was \$446,213 (31 December 2021: operating profit after tax of \$875,797). The investment portfolio produced a return of +0.27% for the 6-month period ended 31 December 2022, while the benchmark S&P/ASX 300 Industrials Accumulation Index returned +6.79% over the same period. The macro backdrop remained highly volatile during the period as central banks continued on their quest to rein in inflation, and the demand for large and liquid equities far outweighed that of less liquid businesses.

The post-tax Net Tangible Asset ("NTA") per share of the Company decreased from \$0.96 at 30 June 2022 to \$0.92 at 31 December 2022. After adjusting for the 2.50 cents per share of fully franked dividends paid to shareholders during the 6-month period to 31 December 2022, the NTA return was -1.56%.

Total shareholder return ("TSR"), which measures the change in share price and dividends paid during the period, increased by +2.34% for the 6 months to 31 December 2022. This increase was driven by the narrowing of the share price discount to NTA over the period. This measure does not include the benefit of franking credits received by shareholders.

During the half-year, the Company continued with the on-market buyback program to take advantage of the discount of the share price relative to NTA. During the half-year 259,627 shares were bought back for a total consideration of \$220,381. The buyback of shares by the Company at a discount is accretive to NTA per share and as such the Board considers the buyback program to be an effective use of the Company's capital and in the interests of all shareholders.

#### Subsequent Events

Since the end of the half-year, the Directors declared a quarterly interim fully franked dividend of 1.40 cents per share, to be paid on 31 March 2023.

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

## Subsequent Events (continued)

There has been no other matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the end of the half-year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

#### Rounding

In accordance with ASIC Corporation (rounding in Financials/Directors' Report) Instrument 2016/191, the amounts in the Directors' Report and in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar, unless otherwise indicated.

#### Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 3.

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

Sebastian Evans

Director

23 February 2023



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The Board of Directors NAOS Ex-50 Opportunities Company Limited Level 34, 25 Martin Place Sydney NSW 2000

23 February 2023

Dear Directors,

## NAOS Ex-50 Opportunities Company Limited

In accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 200*1, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of NAOS Ex-50 Opportunities Company Limited.

As lead audit partner for the review of the half-year financial statements of NAOS Ex-50 Opportunities Company Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2022, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

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

Yours sincerely,

**DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU** 

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Jonathon Corbett

Partner

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# Independent Auditor's Review Report to the Members of NAOS Ex-50 Opportunities Company Limited

#### Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of NAOS Ex-50 Opportunities Company Limited (the "Company"), which comprises the condensed statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, and the condensed of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the condensed statement of cash flows and the condensed statement of changes in equity for the half-year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

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

- Giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- Complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the *Corporations Regulations* 2001.

## Basis for Conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Half-year Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the annual 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 the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's review report.

## Directors' Responsibilities for the Half-year Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Half-year Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations* 2001.

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## Deloitte.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU

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Jonathon Corbett

Partner

**Chartered Accountants** 

Sydney, 23 February 2023

## Condensed Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the half-year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Half-year ended 31 December 2022 \$	Half-year ended 31 December 2021 \$
Income	3	517,215	2,776,712
Expenses Management fees Interest on convertible notes Administration fees Directors' remuneration ASX fees Registry fees Other expenses		(526,569) (485,205) (25,625) (27,500) (26,533) (23,487) (203,782)	(790,408) (485,206) (32,885) (27,500) (29,336) (23,487) (189,016)
(Loss)/Profit before income tax expense		(801,486)	1,198,874
Income tax benefit/(expense)		355,273	(323,077)
(Loss)/Profit for the half-year attributable to shareholders of the Company		(446,213)	875,797
Other comprehensive income			
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the half-year attributable to shareholders of the Company		(446,213)	875,797
Basic (loss)/earnings per share (cents per share)		(0.99)	1.93
Diluted (loss)/earnings per share (cents per share)		(0.99)	1.79

## Condensed Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2022

		At 31 December 2022	At 30 June 2022
	Notes	\$	\$
Assets			
Current assets		550,000	0.044.704
Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables		550,206 294,290	2,344,784 3,077,811
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	55,496,197	54,991,358
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Total current assets	_	56,340,693	60,413,953
Non-current assets			
Deferred tax assets	_	2,658,161	2,302,889
Total non-current assets	_	2,658,161	2,302,889
Total assets	_	58,998,854	62,716,842
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		569,311	2,541,297
Total current liabilities		569,311	2,541,297
Non-current liabilities Borrowings	11	17,110,403	17,069,062
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Total non-current liabilities	_	17,110,403	17,069,062
Total liabilities		17,679,714	19,610,359
Total habilities	_	,0.0,	10,010,000
Net assets		41,319,140	43,106,483
Equity Issued capital	6	46 196 F70	46 406 060
Profits reserves	6 7	46,186,579 21,655,946	46,406,960 22,776,695
Accumulated losses	7	(26,523,385)	(26,077,172)
Total equity		41,319,140	43,106,483
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## Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity for the half-year ended 31 December 2022

	_	Issued capital	Profits reserve	Accumulated losses	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2021 Profit for the half-year Transfer to Profits Reserve Dividends paid Shares bought back from shareholders Share options exercised Purchase of shares on market for DRP Shares allotted under dividend reinvestm plan	ent -	45,834,627 - - (1,131,243) 3,061,192 143,419 (143,419)	24,789,804 - 875,797 (1,437,115) - - -	(6,914,078) 875,797 (875,797) - - - -	63,710,353 875,797 (1,437,115) (1,131,243) 3,061,192 143,419 (143,419)
Balance at 31 December 2021	_	47,764,576	24,228,486	(6,914,078)	65,078,984
Balance at 1 July 2022 Loss for the half-year Shares bought back from shareholders Dividends paid Purchase of shares on market for DRP Shares allotted under dividend reinvestment plan	4	<b>46,406,960</b> - (220,381) - 127,595 (127,595)	<b>22,776,695</b> (1,120,749) -	(26,077,172) (446,213) - - - -	<b>43,106,483</b> (446,213) (220,381) (1,120,749) 127,595 (127,595)
Balance at 31 December 2022	6, 7	46,186,579	21,655,946	(26,523,385)	41,319,140

## Condensed Statement of Cash Flows for the half-year ended 31 December 2022

		Half-year ended	Half-year ended
ŀ	Notes	31 December 2022 \$	31 December 2021 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Payments for purchase of investments		(39,195,726)	(51,726,876)
Proceeds from sale of investments		39,392,855	57,244,491
Dividends received		631,521	515,588
Interest received		4,388	15
Interest paid to note holders		(484,667)	(485,606)
Management fees paid		(529,630)	(794,913)
Performance fees paid		-	(3,492,440)
Income tax paid		-	(1,251,411)
Audit fees paid		(40,610)	(39,045)
Registry fees paid		(24,846)	(11,894)
ASX fees paid		(47,526)	(51,456)
Administration and tax fees paid		(25,625)	(39,599)
Other payments		(137,016)	(138,740)
Other receipts		3,134	228,412
Net cash used in operating activities		(453,748)	(43,474)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends paid net of amounts reinvested		(992,854)	(1,282,013)
Purchase of shares on market for dividend reinvestment plan		(127,595)	(143,419)
Share buybacks		(220,381)	(1,131,243)
Share options exercised		-	3,061,192
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		(1,340,830)	504,517
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(1,794,578)	461,043
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year		2,344,784	234,048
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the half-year		550,206	695,091

#### **Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements**

#### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

These interim financial statements and notes for the half-year represent those of NAOS Ex-50 Opportunities Company Limited. The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Directors on 23 February 2023.

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

#### (a) Basis of Preparation

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

This general purpose financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis using historical cost convention, except for the revaluation of investments in financial assets and liabilities, which have been measured at fair value. The condensed Statement of Financial Position is presented on current and non-current assets, and current and non-current liabilities classifications.

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

#### (b) Prior Year Comparatives

Comparative information has been disclosed in respect of the previous period for amounts reported in the financial statements. Where the presentation or classification of items in the financial statements is amended, the comparative amounts have been reclassified to conform with current period presentation.

## (c) Statement of Compliance

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

#### (d) Details of Reporting Half-year

The current reporting period is the half-year ended 31 December 2022. For the Condensed Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity and the Condensed Statement of Cash Flow, the previous corresponding period is the half-year ended 31 December 2021. For the Condensed Statement of Financial Position, the previous corresponding date is 30 June 2022.

#### (e) Reporting Currency

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

#### (f) Going Concern Basis

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

#### **Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements**

#### 2. Adoption of New and Revised Accounting Standards

## New or amended Accounting Standard and Interpretations adopted in the current period

The Company has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period. These Standards and Interpretations did not have a material impact on these financial statements.

#### New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet adopted

There are no new accounting standards or interpretations applicable that would have a material impact for the Company.

#### 3. Income

	Half-year ended 31 December 2022 \$	Half-year ended 31 December 2021 \$
Net (losses)/gains on financial instruments held at fair value		
through profit or loss	(129,640)	2,395,274
Interest income	4,388	15
Dividend income	637,967	381,423
Other income	4,500	<u> </u>
Total income	517,215	2,776,712

## 4. Dividend Paid or Payable

Half-year ended 31 December 2022	Dividend (cents per share)	Total \$ amount	% Franked	Date of payment
2022 Final quarterly dividend (declared 18 August 2022) 2023 First quarterly interim dividend (declared 18	1.10	493,865	100%	21 September 2022
October 2022)	1.40	626,884	100%	30 November 2022
Half-year ended 31 December 2021	Dividend (cents per share)	Total \$ amount	% Franked	Date of payment
2021 Final guarterly dividend (declared 19 August				
2021) 2022 First quarterly interim dividend (declared 20	1.55	697,601	100%	20 September 2021

Since the end of the period, the Directors have declared an interim quarterly fully franked dividend of 1.40 cents per share, payable on 31 March 2023.

#### **Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements**

#### 5. Investments in Financial Instruments

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

	As at 31 December 2022 \$	As at 30 June 2022 \$
Investments in listed equity securities Investments in listed options	55,496,197 	54,915,643 75,715
	55,496,197	54,991,358

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

There were no financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss as at 31 December 2022 (30 June 2022: \$nil)

#### (c) Disclosed Fair Values

For all financial instruments their carrying value approximates fair value.

#### (d) Fair Value Hierarchy

AASB 13: Fair Value Measurement requires the disclosure of fair value information using a fair value hierarchy reflecting the significance of the inputs in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy consists of the following levels:

#### Level 1:

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

#### Level 2:

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

Included within Level 2 of the hierarchy are unlisted investments. The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, unlisted investments) is determined using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2.

#### Level 3:

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

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

#### **Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements**

## 5. Investments in Financial Instruments (continued)

## (d) Fair Value Hierarchy (continued)

## Level 3: (continued)

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

## Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss

	Level 1	31 December 2022 Level 2 \$	Level 3	Total
Financial assets	55,496,197	-	-	55,496,197
Total	55,496,197	<u>-</u>	-	55,496,197
	Level 1	30 June 2022 Level 2 \$	Level 3	Total
Financial assets	54,991,358	-	_	54,991,358
Total	54,991,358	-	_	54,991,358

There were no transfers between levels 1, 2 and 3 during the half-year (30 June 2022: None). The Company's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

## 6. Issued Capital

	As at 31 December 2022			As at 30 June 2022
	No. of Shares	\$	No. of Shares	\$
Issued and paid up capital - Ordinary shares	44,747,194	46,186,579	45,006,821	46,406,960

## **Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements**

## 6. Issued Capital (continued)

## **Movements in Ordinary Share Capital**

Date	Details			
			No. of shares	\$
1 July 2021	Opening balance		44,292,032	45,834,627
	DRP shares allotted  Purchase of shares on market for dividend reinvestment		260,521	280,544
			(260,521)	(280,544)
	Share buybacks	'	(2,405,526)	(2,641,606)
	Share options exercised		3,120,315	3,213,939
	•	•		
30 June 2022	Closing balance		45,006,821	46,406,960
1 July 2022	Opening balance		45,006,821	46,406,960
•	DRP shares allotted		148,384	127,595
	Purchase of shares on market for dividen	d reinvestment plan	(148,384)	(127,595)
	Share buybacks		(259,627)	(220,381)
	•			
31 December 2022	Closing balance		44,747,194	46,186,579
7. Accumulated Los	ses and Reserves			
(a) Accumulated Los	ses			
		Half-year e	nded	Year ended
		31 December 2022		30 June 2022
			\$	\$
Opening balance (26,0		(26,077	',172)	(6,914,078)
Transfer to Profits Rese	Transfer to Profits Reserve		-	(875,797)
	r attributable to the shareholders of the			
		5,213)	(18,287,297)	
Balance at the end of the reporting period (26,523)		3,385)	(26,077,172)	
(b) Profits Reserve				
		Half-year ended		Year ended
		31 December 2022		30 June 2022
			\$	\$
Opening balance Transfer of profits during the period/year		22,776,695		24,789,804
		_,	-	
Dividends paid		(1,120	,749)	875,797 (2,888,906)
Balance at the end of the reporting period		21,655	5,946	22,776,695

#### **Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements**

#### 8. Segment Information

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

#### 9. Commitments and Contingencies

There are no commitments or contingencies at 31 December 2022 (30 June 2022: \$ nil).

#### 10. Key Management Personnel and Related Party Information

Remuneration arrangements of key management personnel are disclosed in the 2022 annual report.

	Half-year ended 31 December 2022 \$	Half-year ended 31 December 2021 \$
Directors' remuneration	27,500	27,500

#### Management Fees

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

The following management fees were paid or payable to the Investment Manager during the half-year ended 31 December 2022:

- Management fees of \$526,569 (for the half-year ended 31 December 2021: \$790,408) (excluding GST and RITC\*) were incurred during the half-year.
- Management fees payable at 31 December 2022 amounted to \$89,661 (30 June 2022: \$92,722) (including GST and RITC\*).

#### Performance Fees

In the event that the portfolio outperforms the Benchmark, being the S&P/ASX 300 Industrials Accumulation Index ('XKIAI'), the Company must pay the Investment Manager a performance fee equal to 20% (excluding GST) per annum of the amount the portfolio outperforms the Benchmark. No performance fee is payable if the portfolio underperforms the Benchmark. Any underperformance to the Benchmark is carried forward to future performance calculation periods and must be recouped before the Investment Manager is entitled to a performance fee. At its discretion and subject to shareholder approval, the Investment Manager may elect to receive the performance fee in shares.

There was no accrued performance fee payable to the Investment Manager as at 31 December 2022 (31 December 2021: Nil). Any performance fee payable will not be crystallised until 30 June 2022.

In addition, for the half-year ended 31 December 2022 the Investment Manager was paid total fees of \$44,500 (excluding GST) for the provision of company secretarial, administrative, financial and accounting services (2021: \$44,500) under the terms of a services agreement.

<sup>\*</sup>RITC-Reduced Input Tax Credit on GST of 75%.

#### **Notes to the Condensed Financial Statements**

#### 11. Borrowings

On 17 November 2020, the Company issued 175,000 unsecured, redeemable, convertible notes with a total face value of \$17.5 million, listed under the ticker code (ASX: NACGA). The convertible notes carry a fixed interest entitlement of 5.50% per annum until 30 September 2025, and are convertible into ordinary shares at a conversion price of \$1.15 at any time until 30 September 2025. Interest is paid half-yearly on 31 March and 30 September. The maturity date of the convertible notes is 30 September 2027. Terms of the convertible notes are regulated under a trust deed between the Company and Melbourne Securities Corporation Limited. As at 31 December 2022, a total of \$244,885 (2021: \$244,665) interest is payable on the convertible notes.

#### 12. Subsequent Events

Since the end of the half-year, the Directors declared a quarterly interim fully franked dividend of 1.40 cents per share, to be paid on 31 March 2023.

There has been no other matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the end of the half-year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial periods.

## **Directors' Declaration**

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of NAOS Ex-50 Opportunities Company Limited, we declare that:

In the opinion of the Directors:

- the condensed financial statements and notes are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including compliance with Australian Accounting Standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company for the half-year ended 31 December 2022; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

On behalf of the Board

Sebastian Evans

Director

23 February 2023

## **Corporate Information**

#### **Directors**

Sarah Williams Independent Chair (elected as Chair on 1 December 2022)

David Rickards OAM Independent Director (retired as Chair on 1 December 2022)

Sebastian Evans Director Warwick Evans Director

## **Company Secretary**

Rajiv Sharma Sebastian Evans

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