

METRICS INCOME OPPORTUNITIES TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 30 June 2023

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This report covers the Metrics Income Opportunities Trust as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of Metrics Income Opportunities Trust is
The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited (ABN 45 003 278 831) (AFSL 235 150).

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METRICS INCOME OPPORTUNITIES TRUST APPENDIX 4E

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

DETAILS OF REPORTING PERIOD

Current: Year ended 30 June 2023

Previous corresponding: Year ended 30 June 2022

The Directors of The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited, the Responsible Entity of the Metrics Income Opportunities Trust (the “Fund” or “MOT”) announce the audited results of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2023 as follows:

RESULTS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MARKET

Extracted from Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023 \$'000	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 \$'000	% INCREASE/ (DECREASE) OVER CORRESPONDING PERIOD
Revenue from ordinary activities	57,382	56,387	2%
Profit/(loss) for the year	49,417	47,487	4%
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	49,417	47,487	4%

DETAILS OF DISTRIBUTIONS

	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023 \$'000	CPU*	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 \$'000	CPU*
The distributions for the year were as follows:	44,840	16.89	29,913	13.20

* Distribution is expressed as the cents per unit amount in Australian Dollars.

Subsequent to year end, on 25 July 2023, the Directors declared a distribution of 1.60 cents per ordinary unit which amounted to \$4,225,801 and was paid on 8 August 2023.



DETAILS OF DISTRIBUTION REINVESTMENT PLAN

The Responsible Entity has established a Distribution Reinvestment Plan ("DRP") on 13 May 2019 in relation to all future distributions.

The Responsible Entity expects to make distributions on a monthly basis. For such distributions, it is expected the record date will be the first ASX trading day of each month and the last day for electing into the DRP will be 5.00pm (Sydney time) on the first business day after the record date.

Units under the DRP are currently issued at the net asset value of a unit as determined in accordance with the MOT constitution on the record date.

NET TANGIBLE ASSETS

	AS AT 30 JUNE 2023	AS AT 30 JUNE 2022
Total Net Tangible Assets attributable to unitholders (\$'000)	566,333	559,835
Units on issue ('000)	265,896	264,991
Net Tangible Assets attributable to unit holders per unit (\$)	2.13	2.11

CONTROL GAINED OR LOST OVER ENTITIES DURING THE YEAR

There were no entities over which control was gained or lost during the year ended 30 June 2023.

NAME OF ENTITIES	DATE OF GAIN OF CONTROL	DATE OF LOSS OF CONTROL	CONTRIBUTION TO PROFIT 30 JUNE 2023 (\$'000)
Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust	23 Apr 2019	—	56,739

DETAILS OF ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURE ENTITIES

The Fund did not have any interest in associates and joint venture entities during the current year.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

Additional disclosure requirements can be found in the notes to the Metrics Income Opportunities Trust financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

This report is based on the financial report which has been audited by the Fund's auditor. All the documents comprise the information required by Listing Rule 4.3A.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited (ABN 45 003 278 831, AFSL 235150) is the responsible entity (the “**Responsible Entity**”) of Metrics Income Opportunities Trust (the “**Fund**”). The directors of the Responsible Entity (the “**Directors**”) present their report together with the financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2023.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Fund is a registered managed investment scheme domiciled in Australia.

The Fund's investment strategy is to create a diversified exposure to private credit investments and other assets such as warrants, options, preference shares and equity. Through active portfolio risk management, the Investment Manager seeks to provide a target cash income distribution of 7.00% per annum net of fees and costs, paid monthly, and to preserve investor capital. Amounts raised by the Fund are invested in the Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust. The Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust invests directly in wholesale funds or directly in investment assets.

Through active portfolio risk management, the Investment Manager (Metrics Credit Partners Pty Ltd) will seek to balance the delivery of unitholder returns and preserving investor capital.

The Fund was constituted on 25 February 2019, commenced operations on 23 April 2019 and its units commenced trading on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: MOT) on 29 April 2019.

The Fund did not have any employees during the year.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the Fund's activities during the year.

DIRECTORS

The Directors of The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited during the year and up to the date of this report are shown below. The Directors were in office for this entire year except where stated otherwise:

NAME	POSITION
Glenn Foster	Director
Christopher Green	Appointed as Director on 23 January 2023
Vicki Riggio	Director
Phillip Blackmore	Alternate Director for Vicki Riggio
Simone Mosse	Resigned as Director on 23 January 2023

UNITS ON ISSUE

Units on issue in the Fund at the end of the year are set out below:

	AS AT 30 JUNE 2023 UNITS ('000)	AS AT 30 JUNE 2022 UNITS ('000)
Units on issue	265,896	264,991

REVIEW AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

During the year, the Fund invested in accordance with the investment objective and guidelines as set out in the governing documents of the Fund and in accordance with the provision of the Fund's Constitution (“**Fund's Constitution**”).

RESULTS

The performance of the Fund, as represented by the results of its operations, was as follows:

	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022
Profit/(loss) for the year (\$'000)	49,417	47,487
Distributions paid/payable (\$'000)	44,840	29,913
Distributions (cents per unit)	16.89	13.20

FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2023, the Fund's total assets amounted to \$566,333,000 (30 June 2022: \$559,835,000)*.

Net Tangible Assets ("NTA") per unit as disclosed to the ASX were as follows:

	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022
At reporting period	2.1299	2.1243
High during period*	2.1458	2.1310
Low during period	2.1144	2.0273

* The above NTA per unit was the cum-price which includes 1.59 cents per unit distribution (2022: 1.17 cents per unit)

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATES OF AFFAIRS

On 23 January 2023, Simone Mosse resigned as Director and Christopher Green was appointed as Director.

In the opinion of the Directors, there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund that occurred during the year.

MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

On 25 July 2023, the Directors declared a distribution of 1.60 cents per ordinary unit which amounted to 4,255,801* and was paid on 8 August 2023.

There is no other matter or circumstance which has arisen since 30 June 2023 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (i) the operations of the Fund in future financial years, or
- (ii) the results of those operations in future financial years, or
- (iii) the state of affairs of the Fund in future financial years.

LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS AND EXPECTED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Fund will continue to be managed in accordance with the investment objectives and guidelines as set out in the governing documents of the Fund and in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The results of the Fund's operations will be affected by a number of factors, including the performance of investment markets in which the Fund invests. Investment performance is not guaranteed, and future returns may differ from past returns. As investment conditions change over time, past returns should not be used to predict future returns.

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE OF OFFICERS AND AUDITORS

No insurance premiums are paid for out of the assets of the Fund in regard to the insurance cover provided to either the officers of the Responsible Entity or the auditors of the Fund. So long as the officers of the Responsible Entity act in accordance with the Fund's Constitution and the *Corporations Act 2001*, the officers remain indemnified out of the assets of the Fund against losses incurred while acting on behalf of the Fund.

The auditor of the Fund is in no way indemnified out of the assets of the Fund.

FEES PAID TO AND INTERESTS HELD IN THE FUND BY THE RESPONSIBLE ENTITY OR ITS ASSOCIATES

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its associates out of the Fund's property during the year are disclosed in Note 12 of the financial statements.

No fees were paid out of the Fund's property to the Directors of the Responsible Entity during the year.

The number of interests in the Fund held by the Responsible Entity or its associates as at the end of the financial year are disclosed in Note 12 of the financial statements.

UNITS IN THE FUND

The movement in units on issue in the Fund during the year is disclosed in Note 7 of the financial statements.

The value of the Fund's assets and liabilities is disclosed in the statement of financial position and derived using the basis set out in Note 2 of the financial statements.

* Amounts have not been rounded.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

The operations of the Fund are not subject to any particular or significant environmental regulations under Commonwealth, State or Territory law.

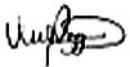
ROUNDING OF AMOUNTS TO THE NEAREST THOUSAND DOLLARS

The Fund is an entity of a kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191* issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the Directors' report and Financial Statements. Amounts in the Directors' report and Financial Statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with that *ASIC Corporations Instrument*, 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 15.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited.



Director
The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited

Sydney
23 August 2023

INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

FUND PERFORMANCE & OUTLOOK

Metrics Income Opportunities Trust ("**Fund**" or "**MOT**") seeks to provide investors with access to a diversified portfolio of private credit assets with exposure to equity upside gains through its investment in the wholesale funds managed by Metrics. The Fund provides access to a diversified portfolio of private credit assets including Australian mid-market corporates, commercial real estate, and structured finance transactions at different levels of the capital structure and may also provide exposure to private equity and equity-like investments.

At the end of the June 2023 financial year, MOT had a NAV of \$566 million, compared to \$560 million in June 2022.

MOT has generated consistent monthly income distributions over the last twelve months and delivered a net return of 9.14%, outperforming in the lower end of the target return of 8 – 10% p.a. The Fund has delivered annualised returns since inception of 8.71% p.a., also in line with Fund's target return.

As at 30 June 2023, MOT has been deployed across 161 individual assets (compared to 138 assets in June 2022), entering 88 new investments and exiting 65 investments over the course of the financial year.

Outperformance can be attributed to strong credit performance over the past 12 months and Metrics' highly selective investment allocation, in-house loan origination/structuring and close ongoing asset monitoring during the year.

With Australian corporates facing challenging economic and business conditions, Metrics continues to prioritise risk management and take a highly selective approach with respect to new investments, favouring existing clients well known us.

Metrics continues to target investments in the commercial real estate sector where developers are seeking alternate funding sources away from the traditional banking sector, by way of senior and subordinated debt or equity investment. As the Australian M&A market starts to open in the second half of 2023, we expect to also see investment opportunities from its private-equity sponsor clients.

As a predominantly floating rate fund, returns have benefited from the continued increase in base rates. As at 30 June 2023 the current running yield excluding equity upside (calculated as the last 12 months spread plus the current 3 month BBSW) was 10.23% p.a.

INVESTMENT MANAGER UPDATE

MOT provides investors with an investment product that delivers a highly skilled investment team and a robust, independent governance framework under the control of the Responsible Entity. Metrics continues to seek opportunities to diversify the portfolio, build scale, lower costs and manage the investment risks associated with the operations of the Fund.

During the 2023 financial year, Metrics' total assets under management has grown to over \$14bn following inflows from investors. During the year, Metrics launched four new funds for large institutional investors. As part of its continued growth, Metrics has continued to increase staff numbers to a current total of c.120, bringing onboard a wealth of experience and direct lending relationships and further building out its operational and governance practices.

Metrics received industry recognition over the past 12 months and was awarded Non-Bank Investor of the Year by the Asia Pacific Loan Market Association (APLMA), Best Private Debt Fund at the Australian Alternative Investment Awards and Best Fixed Income Manager at the 2022 Zenith Awards.

ESG UPDATE

Sustainability remains at the heart of the Metrics business, which has a responsibility to act in the best long-term interests of investors in our funds. Our approach flows from the Board through the whole organisation. The Investment Committee is responsible for ensuring that the investment process reflects our Responsible Investment and ESG Policy and the firm's commitments under our memberships, including the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment, the UN Global Compact Network and the Net Zero Asset Managers initiative.

Over the past 12 months Metrics has measured our financed emissions as an early adopter of leading global carbon accounting standards and being among a small group of Australian asset managers to have disclosed ambitious science-based emissions reduction targets in line with their Net Zero Asset Managers initiative commitments. Metrics ongoing efforts were recognised through the Net Zero Leadership Award at the 34th National Banksia Sustainability Awards.

In the same period, Metrics obtained Reconciliation Australia's endorsement of our first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), under which we developed an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business loan product that earned us recognition as one of the Australian Financial Review's Sustainability Leaders for 2022, with the special distinction of Social Benefit Innovator.

Through its industry collaborations, Metrics has been an active advocate for policy reform to support sustainability initiatives. In the past 12 months, Metrics became an investor signatory to the 2022 Global Investor Statement to Governments on the Climate Crisis, signed the ASFI-coordinated Joint Statement on Accelerating Sustainable Finance, signed a joint Finance Industry Statement on the Government's proposed Safeguard Mechanism reforms, became a signatory to the NZ Stewardship code as well as contributing to various government consultations and industry publications.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

BACKGROUND

The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited (**Responsible Entity**) is the responsible entity for Metrics Income Opportunities Trust (**Fund**), a registered managed investment scheme that is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**).

The Responsible Entity is a wholly owned subsidiary of Perpetual Limited (ASX: PPT) (**Perpetual**).

The Responsible Entity is reliant on Perpetual for access to adequate resources including directors, management, staff, functional support (such as company secretarial, responsible managers, legal, compliance, risk and finance) and financial resources. As at the date of this Corporate Governance Statement, Perpetual has at all times made such resources available to the Responsible Entity.

In operating the Fund, the Responsible Entity's overarching principle is to always act in good faith and in the best interests of the Fund's unitholders, in accordance with our fiduciary duty. The Responsible Entity's duties and obligations in relation to the Fund principally arise from: the Constitution of the Trust; the Compliance Plan for the Fund; the *Corporations Act 2001* (**Act**); the ASX Listing Rules; the Responsible Entity's Australian Financial Services Licence; relevant regulatory guidance; relevant contractual arrangements; and other applicable laws and regulations.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

At Perpetual, good corporate governance includes a genuine commitment to the ASX Corporate Governance Council Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th Edition) (**Principles**).

The directors of the Responsible Entity are committed to implementing high standards of corporate governance in operating the Fund and, to the extent applicable to registered managed investment schemes, are guided by the values and principles set out in Perpetual Limited's Corporate Governance Statement and lodged with the ASX each year. The Responsible Entity is pleased to advise that, to the extent the Principles are applicable to registered managed investment schemes, its practices are largely consistent with the Principles.

As a leading responsible entity, the Responsible Entity operates a number of registered managed investment schemes (**Schemes**). The Schemes include the Fund as well as other schemes that are listed on the ASX. The Responsible Entity's approach in relation to corporate governance in operating the Fund is consistent with its approach in relation to the Schemes generally.

The Responsible Entity addresses each of the Principles that are applicable to externally managed listed entities in relation to the Schemes, including the Fund, as at the date of this Corporate Governance Statement.

PRINCIPLE 1 – LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT

The role of the Responsible Entity's Board is generally to set objectives and goals for the operation of the Responsible Entity and the Schemes, to oversee the Responsible Entity's management, to regularly review performance and to monitor the Responsible Entity's affairs and act in the best interests of the unitholders of the Fund. The Responsible Entity's Board is accountable to the unitholders of the Fund, and is responsible for approving the Responsible Entity's overall objectives and overseeing their implementation in discharging their duties and obligations and operating the Fund.

Directors, management and staff are guided by Perpetual's Code of Conduct and Perpetual's Risk Appetite Statement which is designed to assist them in making ethical business decisions.

The role of the Responsible Entity's management is to manage the business of the Responsible Entity in operating the Fund. The Responsible Entity Board delegates to management all matters not reserved to the Responsible Entity's Board, including the day-to-day management of the Responsible Entity and the operation of the Fund.

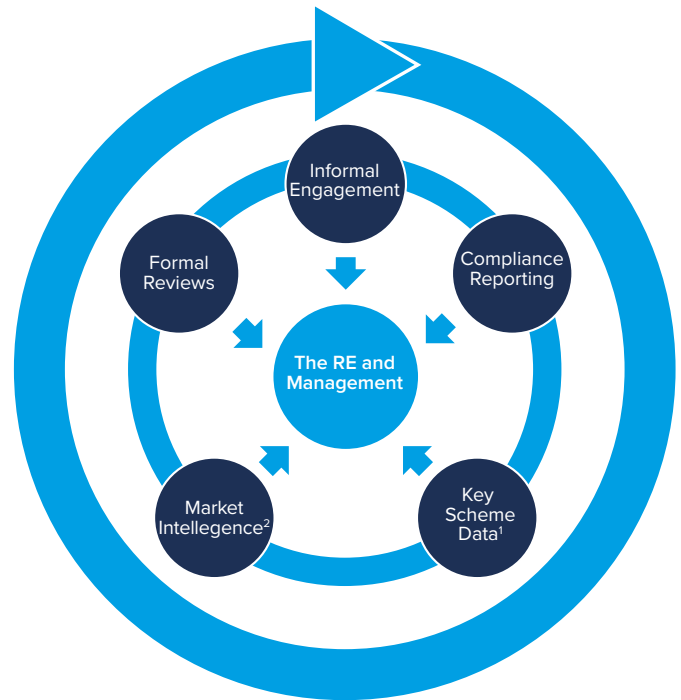
The Responsible Entity appoints agents (Service Providers) to manage the key operations of the Fund which include investment management, administration, custody and other specialist services and functions as required depending on the nature of the Fund. The Responsible Entity obtains relevant services from third party service providers under outsourcing agreements.

Effective processes for monitoring Service Providers are integral to the Responsible Entity's operations, given that substantial operational activities are outsourced to third parties. The Management of the Responsible Entity ensure a systematic and rigorous approach is applied with respect to monitoring the performance of outsourced Service Providers to the Fund.

The Responsible Entity views all interactions with Service Providers as a monitoring opportunity, from the informal discussions that regularly occur with Service Providers, to more formalised monitoring reviews. The outcomes of all interactions with Service Providers inform the Responsible Entity's view as to the extent to which the Service Provider is complying with their operational obligations to the Responsible Entity.

Prior to appointment, all Service Providers are subject to operational due diligence, to verify that the Service Provider can deliver the outsourced services in an efficient, effective and compliant manner. All Service Providers are assigned an initial operational risk rating.

The Responsible Entity's approach to Service Provider monitoring is outlined in the diagram below. In addition to the continuous monitoring that occurs through day to day interactions with Service Providers in the regular course of business, all Service Providers are required to periodically report to the Responsible Entity as to the extent to which they have met their obligations. Periodically, the Service Provider's risk rating is reviewed by the stakeholders within the business, based on the outcomes of all interactions that have occurred with the Service Provider during the review period.



1. Includes information regarding investment performance, actual versus strategic asset allocation, liquidity where applicable and complaints, incidents and issues arising with respect to the operation of the Fund.
2. Information from secondary sources, including the media and analysts and rating house reports.

The Responsible Entity maintains policy, procedure and program documents that determine the nature and frequency of formal service provider monitoring reviews. Service providers are typically subject to reviews every 2 years.

The Service Provider risk rating dictates any additional monitoring measures required to be put in place – for example a Service Provider assessed as 'low to medium risk' will be subject to the standard monitoring measures the Responsible Entity utilises under the Service Provider Monitoring Framework. Service Providers risk rated 'high to very high' may be subject to additional oversight measures to deal with the factors that caused the Service Providers risk rating to be high or very high. In addition, management and stakeholders utilise the risk assessment rating in determining if any action is required when considering information and the outcomes of all interactions that have occurred with the Service Provider during the review period.

PRINCIPLE 2 – STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO BE EFFECTIVE AND ADD VALUE

At present the Responsible Entity Board consists of three executive directors, one non-executive director and one alternate director. The names of the current directors and year of appointment is provided below:

The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited

Name of Director	Year of Appointment
Glenn Foster	2021
Vicki Riggio	2018
Christopher Green	2023 (Appointed 23 January 2023)
Simone Mosse	2019 (Resigned 23 January 2023)
Phillip Blackmore (Alternate for Vicki Riggio)	2018

As the Responsible Entity's Board consists of a majority of executive directors, a Compliance Committee is appointed in relation to the Fund (refer to Principle 7). None of the directors of the Responsible Entity are independent and they are not remunerated by the Responsible Entity. The Compliance Committee comprises a majority of external members and is chaired by an external member who is not the chair of the Responsible Entity Board.

PRINCIPLE 3 – INSTIL A CULTURE OF ACTING LAWFULLY, ETHICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY

The Responsible Entity relies on a variety of mechanisms to monitor and maintain a culture of acting lawfully, ethically and responsible:

- > policies and procedures: a Code of Conduct which articulates and discloses Perpetual's values, cyclical mandatory training, a Whistleblowing Policy and a Gifts, Political Donations, Bribery and Corrupt Practices Policy (further details noted below);
- > Perpetual's Enterprise Behaviours framework, and risk ratings that are intertwined into its annual performance, remuneration and hiring processes; and
- > a regular feedback mechanism in place to assess employee sentiment, with actions implemented in response to results.

These apply to all directors and employees of Perpetual, and the Responsible Entity. The Code of Conduct, Perpetual's Enterprise Behaviours and core values supports all aspects of the way the Responsible Entity conducts its business and is embedded into Perpetual's performance management process.

The Code of Conduct draws from and expands on Perpetual's Core Values of integrity, partnership and excellence. The Code of Conduct underpins Perpetual's culture. The Responsible Entity Board and the Compliance Committee are informed of material breaches of the Code of Conduct which relate to the Schemes and the Responsible Entity.

Additional policies deal with a range of issues such as the obligation to maintain client confidentiality and to protect confidential information, the need to make full and timely disclosure of any price sensitive information and to provide a safe workplace for employees, which is free from discrimination. Compliance with Perpetual's Code of Conduct is mandatory for all employees. A breach is considered to be a serious matter that may impact an employee's performance and reward outcomes and may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

A full copy of the Code of Conduct is available on Perpetual's website; (<https://www.perpetual.com.au/about/corporate-governance/code-of-conduct>).

Perpetual also has a Whistleblowing Policy to protect directors, executives, employees (including current and former), contractors and suppliers (and relatives and dependants of any of these people) who report misconduct, including:

- > conduct that breaches any law, regulation, regulatory licence or code that applies to Perpetual;
- > fraud, corrupt practices or unethical behaviour;
- > bribery;
- > unethical behaviour which breaches Perpetual's Code of Conduct or policies;
- > inappropriate accounting, control or audit activity; including the irregular use of Perpetual or client monies;
- > any conduct that amounts to modern slavery, such as debt bondage and human trafficking of employees; and
- > any other conduct which could cause loss to, or be detrimental to the interests or reputation of, Perpetual or its clients.

As part of Perpetual's Whistleblowing Policy, a third party has been engaged to provide an independent and confidential hotline for whistle-blowers who prefer to raise their concern with an external organisation.

A full copy of the Whistleblowing Policy is available on Perpetual's website (<https://www.perpetual.com.au/about/corporate-governance/code-of-conduct>).

As part of Perpetual's commitment to promoting good corporate conduct and to conducting business in accordance with the highest ethical and legal standards, bribery and corrupt practices will not be tolerated by Perpetual under any circumstances. Perpetual's Gifts, Political Donations, Bribery and Corrupt Practices Policy supports Perpetual's commitment by:

- > prohibiting the payment of political donations;
- > instituting proper procedures regarding the exchange of gifts;
- > clearly outlining Perpetual's zero tolerance for bribery and corruption; and
- > including avenues where concerns may be raised.

Material breaches of the Code of Conduct or the Gifts, Political Donations, Bribery and Corrupt Practice policy are managed in accordance with Perpetual's usual issues management process which would include reporting to the Responsible Entity Board and Compliance Committee where the breach relates to a product or service offered by the Responsible Entity.

A full copy of the Gifts, Political Donations, Bribery and Corrupt Practices Policy is available on Perpetual's website (<https://www.perpetual.com.au/about/corporate-governance/code-of-conduct>).

Mechanisms are in place to ensure the Responsible Entity Board and the Compliance Committee are informed of material breaches which impact the Fund and the Responsible Entity which would include material breaches of the Code of Conduct and material incidences reported under the Whistleblowing Policy.

PRINCIPLE 4 – SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF CORPORATE REPORTS

The functions of an audit committee are undertaken by the full Responsible Entity Board with assistance from management. The Responsible Entity has policies and procedures designed to ensure that the Fund's:

- > financial reports are true and fair and meet high standards of disclosure and audit integrity; and
- > other reports released on ASX are materially accurate and balanced.

This includes policies relating to the preparation, review and sign off process required for the Fund's financial reports, the engagement of the Fund's independent auditors and the review and release of certain reports on the ASX.

The declarations under section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001* provide formal statements to the Responsible Entity Board in relation to the Fund (refer to Principle 7). The declarations confirm the matters required by the Corporations Act in connection with financial reporting. The Responsible Entity receives confirmations from the service providers involved in financial reporting and management of the Fund, including the Investment Manager. These confirmations together with the Responsible Entity's Risk and Compliance Framework which includes the service provider oversight framework, assist its staff in making the declarations provided under section 295A of the Corporations Act. The Responsible Entity manages the engagement and monitoring of independent 'external' auditors for the Fund. The Responsible Entity Board receives periodic reports from the external auditors in relation to financial reporting and the compliance plans for the Fund.

PRINCIPLE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE

The Responsible Entity has a continuous disclosure policy to ensure compliance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act and the ASX Listing Rules in relation to the Fund. This policy sets out the processes to review and authorise market announcements and is periodically reviewed to ensure that it is operating effectively. The Responsible Entity requires service providers, including the Investment Manager, to comply with its policy in relation to continuous disclosure for the Fund.

The Responsible Entity board has appointed a Continuous Disclosure Committee to assist in meeting its continuous disclosure obligations. The Committee is comprised of the Company Secretary (who is also the Continuous Disclosure Officer), General Manager Managed Fund Services Perpetual Corporate Trust, and Global Head of Corporate Affairs & Sustainability. The Responsible Entity's management is required to notify the Continuous Disclosure Officer or Continuous Disclosure Committee of any information a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the unit price or would influence an investment decision in relation to the Fund, to determine if immediate disclosure to ASX is required.

The Responsible Entity board also considers its continuous disclosure obligations as a standing item at each scheduled board meeting.

PRINCIPLE 6 – RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF UNITHOLDERS

The Responsible Entity is committed to ensuring timely and accurate information about the Fund is available to security holders via the Fund's website. All ASX announcements are promptly posted on the Fund's website: <https://metrics.com.au/mot>. The annual and half year results financial statements and other communication materials are also published on the website.

In addition to the continuous disclosure obligations, the Responsible Entity receives and responds to formal and informal communications from unitholders and convenes formal and informal meetings of unitholders as requested or required. The meetings are held in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act that apply to a registered managed investment scheme. The Responsible Entity has an active program for effective communication with the unitholders and other stakeholders in relation to Fund.

The Responsible Entity is ultimately responsible for ensuring that any complaints received from unitholders are handled in accordance with its policy settings and regulatory requirements. The Responsible Entity has adopted Perpetual's Complaints Handling Policy, which is available at Making a complaint | Perpetual.

The Responsible Entity is a member of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) external dispute resolution scheme. If unitholders are dissatisfied with the Responsible

Entity's handling of their complaint, AFCA may be able to assist unitholders achieve resolution to their complaint.

The Responsible Entity is also committed to communicating with shareholders electronically in relation to communications from the unit registry. Shareholders may elect to receive information from the Company's share registry electronically.

PRINCIPLE 7 – RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK

The Responsible Entity has established a Compliance Committee, comprised of Johanna Turner (**Chair**), Penni James and Vicki Riggio. A majority of the Responsible Entity Compliance Committee is comprised of external members, including an external independent Chair.

The Compliance Committee meets at least quarterly. The Compliance Committee Terms of Reference sets out its role and responsibilities, which is available upon request. The Compliance Committee is responsible for monitoring compliance by the Responsible Entity of the Compliance Plan for the Fund, Trust Constitution and the Corporations Act. It is also responsible for assessing the adequacy of the Compliance Plan for the Fund and making recommendations to the Responsible Entity board.

The Responsible Entity values the importance of robust risk and compliance management. The Responsible Entity operates under the Perpetual Limited (**Perpetual**) Risk Management Framework (**RMF**) which applies to all the activities Perpetual undertakes as Responsible Entity. The RMF aligns to International Standard ISO 31000:2018 'Risk Management Guidelines' and consists of supporting frameworks, programs and policies which have been developed, implemented and are regularly assessed for effectiveness to support the management of specific risks considered material to Perpetual defined within the following risk categories: Strategic, People, Financial, Investment, Operational, Information Technology, Cyber Security, Outsourcing, Environmental, Social & Governance, Compliance & Legal and Conduct Risk.

At Perpetual a current risk register is maintained as part of our formal risk management program. The systems supporting the business have been designed to ensure risks are managed within the boundaries of the Perpetual Risk Appetite Statement (**RAS**) which articulates the expected behaviours, measures and tolerances that management are to take into account when setting and implementing strategy and running their day-day areas of responsibility.

Perpetual's RMF is reviewed at least annually and was last updated and approved by the Perpetual Board on 19 April 2023. Additionally, other programs and policies supporting the RMF regularly reviewed to ensure they remain fit-for purpose and effective.

The Perpetual Board sets a clear tone from the top regarding its commitment to effective risk management by promoting an effective risk culture where all Group Executives are accountable for managing risk, embedding risk management into business processes within their area of responsibility and creating an environment of risk awareness, ownership and responsiveness by all Perpetual employees. The Board's commitment is reflected through the establishment of, and investment in the Perpetual Risk, Compliance and Internal Audit functions, led by the Chief Risk and Sustainability Officer (**CRSO**).

The RMF is underpinned by the "Three Lines of Accountability" model to implement best practice risk management. This model sees the first line, being business unit management, accountable for the day to day identification, ownership and management of risks. Perpetual's Risk, Compliance and Client Advocacy functions represent the second line who provide the risk and compliance governing documents, systems, tools, advice and assistance to enable management to effectively identify, assess, manage and monitor risk and meet their compliance obligations, and are responsible for reviewing and challenging first line activities. Internal Audit provides independent assurance, representing the third line, and reports to the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee (**ARCC**).

Internal Audit is an integral part of Perpetual's governance and risk management culture and aims to protect Perpetual's earnings, reputation and customers. Perpetual's Internal Audit function reports functionality to the Perpetual Limited ARCC, and for administrative purposes, through the Perpetual CRSO and is independent from the External Auditor and from Perpetual Executive Management. Internal Audit provides independent and objective assurance, a disciplined approach to the assessment and improvement of risk management and monitoring and reporting on audit findings and recommendations. The Internal Audit Plan (**Plan**) is approved formally by the ARCC each year and re-assessed quarterly to ensure it is dynamic and continues to address the key risks faced by the Group. Progress against the Plan, changes to the Plan and results of audit activity are reported quarterly to the ARCC.

Perpetual's ARCC is responsible for oversight and monitoring of the Perpetual's RAS, Compliance and Risk Management Frameworks and internal control systems, and risk culture. The ARCC is also responsible for monitoring overall legal and regulatory compliance across Perpetual including the Responsible Entity. The ARCC is comprised of Ian Hammond (Chair), Nancy Fox, Kathryn Matthews and Gregory Cooper. The ARCC Terms of Reference sets out its role and responsibilities. This can be obtained on the Perpetual website.

The Investment Manager (Metrics) engages in responsible investment and believes that environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues can affect the financial performance of the entities in which Metrics invest and affect the long-term, risk-adjusted returns ultimately delivered to investors. Understanding and assessing ESG-related risks are key parts of Metrics investment process. Metrics understands that investors want to be better aligned with the broader objectives of a fair, equitable and sustainable society and engages in responsible investment to align with this investor sentiment. Metrics endeavour to utilise market position to encourage companies to act in a manner consistent with principles of equity, sustainability, and good governance.

Metrics has a Responsible Investment and ESG Policy which you can find on its website. Given the limited public disclosure of ESG data by many of the entities in which Metrics invests, Metrics does not rely on any single third-party source for ESG and sustainability analysis. Metrics incorporates ESG into their investment process by assessing each potential investment on several key environmental, social, and governance issues that may impact the relevant industry, which are identified in their ESG and Sustainability Ratings Guidelines. Those key sustainability factors include environmental issues (GHG emissions, water use, land use and biodiversity, and waste and pollution), social issues (workforce and diversity, safety management, customer engagement and community engagement) and governance issues (structure and oversight, code and values, transparency and reporting, and financial and operational risk assessment). After conducting due diligence on those key ESG factors, Metrics assesses the degree of overall risk that those factors present to the company's future cash flows and value.

Additionally, Metrics assesses the company's impact on society and the environment, more broadly. Metrics will only invest if ESG concerns are adequately mitigated and both financial and non-financial risks are adequately addressed.

Entities may be removed from further consideration if the Investment Committee considers that their ESG or other business practices, products and/or strategy falls short of the standards expected of responsible businesses in the relevant industry. For example, Metrics may exclude investments in companies that operate in certain industries, that disregard local laws or regulations or are disrespectful of their communities, that are connected to modern slavery in their value chains, that do not provide safe and equitable workspaces, that have poor land use practices, or that are oversize contributors to greenhouse gas emissions, among other factors.

**PRINCIPLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY
AND RESPONSIBLY**

The RE does not have a Remuneration Committee. The fees and expenses which the Responsible Entity is permitted to pay out of the assets of the Fund are set out in the Fund constitution. The Fund financial statements provide details of all fees and expenses paid by the Fund during a financial period.

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION



Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To the Directors of The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited as the
Responsible Entity of Metrics Income Opportunities Trust

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of Metrics Income Opportunities Trust for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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KPMG

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Reeves'.

Andrew Reeves
Partner
Sydney
23 August 2023

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

		YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023 \$'000	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 \$'000
	NOTES		
Investment income			
Interest income from Financial assets at amortised cost		643	509
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		4,570	20,077
Distribution income		52,169	35,801
Total investment income/(loss)		57,382	56,387
Expenses			
Responsible Entity and Custodian fees	12	144	143
Management fees	12	5,790	4,738
Performance fees	12	190	2,504
Investor equalisation expense		1,448	1,184
Administration and other expenses		393	331
Total expenses		7,965	8,900
Profit/(loss) for the year		49,417	47,487
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		–	–
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		49,417	47,487
Earnings per unit for profit attributable to unitholders of the Fund			
Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per unit (cents)	9	18.62	21.52

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 30 JUNE 2023

	NOTES	AS AT 30 JUNE 2023 \$'000	AS AT 30 JUNE 2022 \$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	1,838	1,318
Distribution receivable		4,903	3,665
GST and other receivables		181	147
Financial assets	5	566,939	560,985
Total assets		573,861	566,115
Liabilities			
Distribution payable	8	4,228	3,101
Responsible Entity and Custodian fees payable	12	36	36
Management fee payable	12	479	475
Performance fee payable	12	2,694	2,504
Other payables		91	164
Total liabilities		7,528	6,280
Net assets attributable to unitholders – equity	7	566,333	559,835

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

		YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023 \$'000	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 \$'000
	NOTES		
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year		559,835	351,730
Comprehensive income for the year		49,417	47,487
Other comprehensive income for the year		—	—
Total comprehensive income for the year		49,417	47,487
Transactions with unitholders in their capacity as unitholders:			
Capital raising/placement	7	—	188,884
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	7	1,921	1,647
Distributions paid and payable	7, 8	(44,840)	(29,913)
Total transactions with unitholders		(42,919)	160,618
Total equity at the end of the financial year		566,333	559,835

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

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	NOTES	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023 \$'000	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Distribution income received		50,931	35,397
Responsible Entity and Custodian fees paid		(144)	(214)
Management fees paid		(5,786)	(4,556)
Interest received on Financial Instruments at amortised cost		42	4
Net investor equalisation expense paid		(35)	(28)
Administrative and other expenses paid		(496)	(302)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	10	44,512	30,301
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(2,200)	(187,650)
Investment Manager loan drawdown		–	(3,671)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) used in investing activities		(2,200)	(191,321)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from capital raising activities		–	188,884
Distributions paid		(41,792)	(28,029)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		(41,792)	160,855
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		520	(165)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		1,318	1,483
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	10	1,838	1,318

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

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1 GENERAL INFORMATION

20	These financial statements cover the Metrics Income Opportunities Trust (the " Fund ") as an individual entity.
21	The Fund is a registered management investments scheme and is domiciled in Australia. The Fund was constituted on 25 February 2019, registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 7 February 2019, commenced operations on 23 April 2019 and its units commenced trading on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: MOT) on 29 April 2019. The Fund will terminate in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.
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32	The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited (ABN 45 003 278 831, AFSL 235 150) is the responsible entity of the Fund (the " Responsible Entity "). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 18 Angel Place, 123 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.
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34	The Investment Manager of the Fund is Metrics Credit Partners Pty Ltd (AFSL 416 146) (" the Investment Manager ").
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35	The Custodian of the Fund is Perpetual Corporate Trust Limited (" Custodian ").
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38	The Fund's investment strategy is to create a diversified exposure to private credit investments and other assets such as warrants, options, preference shares and equity. Through active portfolio risk management, the Investment Manager seeks to provide quarterly cash income and preserve investor capital. Amounts raised by the Fund are invested in the Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust. The Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust invests directly in wholesale funds or directly in investment assets.
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38	The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors of the Responsible Entity (the " Directors of the Responsible Entity ") on 23 August 2023. The Directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to the period presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation

These general-purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (“AASB”) and the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia. The Fund is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities except where otherwise stated.

The statement of financial position is presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and are not distinguished between current and non-current. All balances are generally expected to be recovered or settled within twelve months, except for investments in financial assets and net assets attributable to unitholders. The amount to be recovered or settled in twelve months in relation to these balances remain subject to the performance of the Fund and its operations in accordance with the Constitution. Investors in the Fund have no rights to redeem and can only sell units on the ASX. The Fund is operated by the Investment Manager to ensure the investment in Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust are held at fair value.

Items included in the Fund’s financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (the “functional currency”). This is the Australian dollar, which reflects the currency of the economy in which the Fund competes for funds and is regulated. The Australian dollar is also the Fund’s presentation currency.

Investment Entity

The Fund has been deemed to meet the definition of an investment entity, as the following conditions exist:

- > The Fund has obtained funds for providing investors with investment management services;
- > The Fund’s business purpose, which was communicated directly to investors, is investing solely for returns from capital appreciation and investment income; and

- > The performance of investments made through the Fund are measured and evaluated on a fair value basis. Refer to note 4 for further details.

The Metrics Income Opportunities Trust and the Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust were formed due to legal, regulatory, tax or similar requirements. When considered together they display the characteristics of an investment entity:

- > the Fund indirectly holds more than one investment because the wholesale fund holds a portfolio of investments;
- > the Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust is largely capitalised by the Fund, the Fund is funded by more than one investor who are related to the Fund; and
- > ownership in the Fund and the Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust are represented by the Fund interests to which a proportion of the net assets of the investment entity are attributed.

(i) **Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS);** The financial statements of the Fund also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards and Interpretations as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

(ii) **New and amended standards adopted by the Fund;** There are no standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2022 that have a material impact on the amounts recognised in the prior period or will affect the current or future periods.

(iii) **New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 July 2023 and have not been early adopted;** A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after 1 July 2023. Management has made an assessment and concluded that none of these are expected to have a material impact on the financial statements.

(b) Financial Instruments

(i) Classification

> Assets

The Fund classifies its investments based on its business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The Fund's portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Fund's documented investment strategy. The Fund's policy is for the Responsible Entity to evaluate the information about these financial assets on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

The Fund holds financial assets, comprising of unlisted unit trusts, which are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund holds financial assets including loans which are classified and measured at amortised cost, as the loans are held to maturity and to collect contractual cash flows.

> Liabilities

The Fund holds financial liabilities comprising of distribution and fee payables, which are classified and measured at amortised cost.

(ii) Recognition/derecognition

The Fund recognises financial assets and financial liabilities on the date it becomes party to the contractual agreement (trade date) and recognises changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities from this date.

Investments are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Any gains or losses arising on derecognition of the asset held at fair value through profit and loss (calculated as the difference between the disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) are included in the statement of comprehensive income in the year the asset is derecognised as realised gains or losses on financial instruments. The Fund derecognises a financial liability when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expired.

(iii) Measurement

> Financial assets and liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss

At initial recognition, the Fund measures financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. Transaction costs of financial assets and financial liabilities carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is calculated as the present value of expected cash flows arising from the asset having regard to current market prices and returns for assets of comparable credit quality, terms and contracted remaining term to maturity. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss category are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within 'net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss' in the period in which they arise.

Further details on how the fair value of financial instruments are determined are disclosed in note 4.

> Other financial assets and liabilities

Management considers that the carrying amount of other financial assets (comprised of cash and cash equivalents, loans and receivables) approximate fair value.

Other financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost. Management considers the carrying amount of payables approximate fair value.

(iv) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

(v) Impairment

At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on financial assets at amortised cost (cash, loans and receivables) at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses (**ECL**) if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month ECL. Significant financial difficulties of the counter party, probability that the counter party will enter insolvency or require financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the net carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due. Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit impaired.

(c) Net assets attributable to unitholders

Units in the Fund are listed on the ASX and traded by unitholders and are classified as equity. The units can be traded on the ASX at any time for cash based on listed price. While the Fund is a listed investment and liquidity is generally expected to exist in the secondary market (ASX), there are no guarantees that an active trading market with sufficient liquidity will be available.

The units issued by the Fund meet the requirements of AASB 132 for classification as equity.

Net assets attributable to unitholders – equity

In accordance with AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation, the Funds units and convertible notes are puttable financial instruments that have been classified as equity, as they meet all the following criteria:

- > entitle the holder to a pro-rata share of the Fund's net assets in the event of the Fund's liquidation;
- > are in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments and class features are identical;
- > do not include any contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset, or to exchange financial instruments with another entity under potentially unfavourable conditions to the Fund, and it is not a contract settled in the Fund's own equity instruments; and

- > the total expected cash flows attributable to the units over the life are based substantially on the profit or loss.

The classification as equity has been applied consistently though the year.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investment or other purposes.

(e) Investment income

(i) Interest income

The Fund generates interest income from its investments in financial assets, loans, and cash investments. Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost is recognised using the effective interest method and includes interest from cash and cash equivalents. Interest income is recognised daily as it accrues, taking into account the actual interest rate on the financial asset and is recognised in profit or loss.

(ii) Distribution income

Distribution income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within distribution income when the Fund's right to receive payments is established.

(f) Expenses

All expenses, including Responsible Entity and Custodian fees, investor equalisation expense (refer to Note 5 for further detail) and administrative expenses, are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on an accruals basis. Interest expense is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

(g) Income tax

The Fund is not subject to income tax provided the taxable income of the Fund is attributed in full to its unitholders each financial year either by way of cash or reinvestment. Unitholders are subject to income tax at their own marginal tax rates on amounts attributable to them.

(h) Distributions

In accordance with the Fund's Constitution, the Fund may attribute its distributable (taxable) income, and any other amounts determined by the Responsible Entity, to unitholders by cash or reinvestment. The distributions are recognised in the statement of changes in equity as equity.

Financial instruments at fair value may include unrealised capital gains. Should such a gain be realised, that portion of the gain that is subject to capital gains tax will be distributed so that the Fund is not subject to capital gains tax.

Realised capital losses are not distributed to unitholders but are retained in the Fund to be offset against any realised capital gains. If realised capital gains exceed realised capital losses, the excess is distributed to unitholders.

In accordance with the Fund's Constitution, distributions are determined by the Responsible Entity but must be at least \$1 each financial year. Distributions can be settled either by cash or reinvestment. Distributions to unitholders are disclosed in the statement of changes in equity.

(i) Increase/decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unitholders. As the Fund's units are classified as equity, movements in net assets attributable to unitholders are recognised in the statement of changes in equity.

(j) Receivables

Loans and receivables are measured initially at fair value plus transaction costs and subsequently at amortised cost; using the effective interest rate method, less impairment losses if any. In order to be measured at amortised cost, the loan or receivable must meet both the following conditions; (i) it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cashflows, and (ii) its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI") on the principal amount outstanding. Such assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence of impairment.

At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on receivables at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses.

Receivables may include amounts for interest and trust distributions. Interest is accrued at each dealing date in accordance with policy set out in note 2(e) above. Trust distributions are accrued when the right to receive payment is established. Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recorded as receivables. Receivables are measured at their nominal amounts.

Receivables also include such items as Reduced Input Tax Credits ("RITC").

Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off by reducing the carrying amount directly. An allowance account (provision for impairment of trade receivables) is used when there is objective evidence that the Fund will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter insolvency or require financial reorganisation, and default or delinquency in payments (more than 30 days overdue) are considered indicators that the trade receivable is impaired. The amount of the impairment allowance is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. Cash flows relating to short-term receivables are not discounted if the effect of discounting is immaterial.

The amount of the impairment loss, if any, is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within other expenses. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the Statement of comprehensive income.

(k) Payables

Payables include liabilities and accrued expenses owed by the Fund which are unpaid as at the end of the reporting year. Payables may include amounts for redemptions of units in the Fund where settlement has not yet occurred.

The distribution amount payable to unitholders as at the end of each reporting year is recognised separately in the statement of financial position as a payable when determined by the Responsible Entity in accordance to the Fund's Constitution.

(l) Applications and redemptions

The Fund is a listed investment trust, which trades on the Australian Securities Exchange (“ASX”). Accordingly, the Fund does not process direct applications or redemptions for Unitholders. All transactions with unitholders are conducted on market or via other capital raising activities.

(m) Goods and services tax (“GST”)

The GST incurred on the costs of various services provided to the Fund by third parties such as audit fees, custodian services and management fees have been passed onto the Fund. The Fund qualifies for RITC, at a rate of at least 55% or 75%, hence Management fees, Administration and custody fees and other expenses have been recognised in the statement of comprehensive income net of the amount of GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (“ATO”). Accounts payable are inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO is included in receivables in the statement of financial position. Cash flows relating to GST are included in the Statement of cash flows on a gross basis.

(n) Use of estimates and judgement

The Fund makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. Estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

For the majority of the Fund’s financial instruments, quoted market prices are readily available. However, certain financial instruments, including unquoted securities are fair valued using valuation techniques determined by the Investment Manager, in accordance with the valuation procedures approved by the Responsible Entity. Where valuation techniques (for example, pricing models) are used to determine fair values, they are validated and periodically reviewed by experienced personnel of the Investment Manager, independent of the area that created them.

Models use observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations require management to make estimates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments.

For certain other balances reported on the statement of financial position, including amounts due from/to brokers, accounts payable and accrued expenses, the carrying amount is the approximate fair value due to the immediate or short-term nature of these financial instruments.

(o) Rounding of amounts

The Fund is an entity of a kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors’ Reports) Instrument 2016/191* issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (“ASIC”) relating to the “rounding off” of amounts in the financial statements. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with the *ASIC Corporations Instrument*, unless otherwise indicated.

3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

(a) Overview

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. The management of these risks is undertaken by the Fund's Investment Manager who has been appointed by the Responsible Entity under an Investment Management Agreement to manage the Fund's assets in accordance with the Investment Objective and Strategy.

The Responsible Entity has in place a framework which includes:

- > The Investment Manager providing the Responsible Entity with regular reports on their compliance with the Investment Management Agreement;
- > Completion of regular reviews on the Service Provider which may include a review of the Investment Manager's risk management framework to manage the financial risks of the Fund; and
- > Regular reporting on the liquidity of the Fund in accordance with the Fund's Liquidity Risk Management Statement.

The Fund's Investment Manager has in place a framework to identify and manage the financial risks in accordance with the investment objective and strategy. This includes an investment due diligence process and on-going monitoring of the investments in the Fund. Specific controls the Investment Manager applies to manage the financial risks are detailed under each risk specified below and in the Product Disclosure Statement ("PDS") available on the Investment Manager's website and on the ASX.

(b) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to the changes in market variables such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and equity prices.

(i) 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 those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instrument or factors affecting all instruments in the market.

The Fund invests in corporate loans and debt securities indirectly through its investment in Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust. As a result, the Investment Manager

manages this risk through the daily review of the carrying value of each of the assets held by the Wholesale Funds having regard to the market prices of similar assets being transacted in both the primary and secondary market for assets of similar credit quality, tenor and loan purpose. Any adjustment to the fair value of the investment is reflected through profit or loss.

As at year end, the overall market exposures were as follows:

	AS AT 30 JUNE 2023 \$'000	AS AT 30 JUNE 2022 \$'000
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust	557,447	550,677
Investment Manager loan asset	9,492	10,308

(ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

The Fund invests (through the Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust) primarily in floating rate loans meaning that as the underlying base rate rises and falls, the relative attractiveness to other instruments may change.

The Investment Manager believes there is a strong correlation between the RBA Cash Rate and the base rates upon which loans are priced. Absolute returns on loans therefore rise and fall largely in correlation with the RBA Cash Rate.

Interest rate duration risk is minimised as individual borrowers under loan contracts generally have the flexibility to select interest rate reset periods from 30 to 180 days. In addition to the ongoing short-term re-setting of the market benchmark interest rate most loan facilities incorporate a contractual mechanism to re-price based on migration of credit quality over the term of the facility. This is known as a credit margin pricing grid and incorporates changes to the credit margin based on certain key credit metrics.

The Fund's interest-bearing financial assets and liabilities expose it to risks associated with the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its financial position and cash flows. The impact of fluctuations in interest rates on interest bearing financial assets and liabilities is not material.

The tables below summarise the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk.

	WEIGHTED AVERAGE EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE %	FLOATING INTEREST RATE \$'000	FIXED INTEREST RATE \$'000	NON- INTEREST BEARING \$'000	TOTAL \$'000
AT 30 JUNE 2023					
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	4.10%	1,838	–	–	1,838
Distributions receivable		–	–	4,903	4,903
GST and other receivables		–	–	181	181
Financial assets	6%	–	9,492	557,447	566,939
Total financial assets		1,838	9,492	562,531	573,861
Financial liabilities					
Distributions payable		–	–	4,228	4,228
Responsible Entity and Custodian fees payable		–	–	36	36
Management fees payable		–	–	479	479
Performance fees payable		–	–	2,694	2,694
Other payables		–	–	91	91
Total financial liabilities		–	–	7,528	7,528
Net exposure		1,838	9,492	555,003	566,333
AT 30 JUNE 2022					
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	0.85%	1,318	–	–	1,318
Distributions receivable		–	–	3,665	3,665
GST receivable		–	–	147	147
Financial assets	6%	–	10,308	550,677	560,985
Total financial assets		1,318	10,308	554,489	566,115
Financial liabilities					
Distributions payable		–	–	3,101	3,101
Responsible Entity and Custodian fees payable		–	–	36	36
Management fees payable		–	–	475	475
Performance fees payable		–	–	2,504	2,504
Other payables		–	–	164	164
Total financial liabilities		–	–	6,280	6,280
Net exposure		1,318	10,308	548,209	559,835

(iii) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

As at 30 June 2023 the Fund did not hold any assets or liabilities denominated in currencies other than the Australian Dollar and therefore was not exposed to any foreign exchange risk (2022: Nil).

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty will be unable or unwilling to pay amounts in full when due.

The Investment Manager manages credit risk by undertaking a detailed due diligence process prior to entering into transactions with counterparties and ongoing daily monitoring of the credit exposures.

The initial due diligence process is detailed in the Operational and Investment Policies of the Investment Manager and addresses aspects relevant to an assessment of the credit risk and includes risk assessments of both a qualitative and quantitative nature. Pre-lending due diligence may include independent experts reports provided to the Investment Manager covering matters such as commercial/industry risks, accounting and tax reports, legal due diligence, property valuation, technical risk reports and environmental reports. As part of the initial due diligence risk assessment process key risks are identified and the key determinants of future cash flows and servicing capacity of the counterparty are identified. Scenario planning and sensitivity testing is undertaken to model the impact on counterparty credit risk under a range of adverse events. Financial analysis and peer group benchmarking is undertaken to determine the appropriate credit metrics and a credit rating identified and allocated. The Investment Manager uses a range of proprietary credit rating data and analysis in addition to credit research materials from third party providers including credit rating agencies to analyse and monitor counterparty credit risk.

The Investment Manager further seeks to mitigate credit risk by adhering to the investment parameters of the Fund which have been designed in a manner that seeks to mitigate credit risk by ensuring the portfolio is diversified by industry, counterparty, credit quality, maturity and loan market.

The Investment Manager maintains active engagement with other market participants and meets regularly and receives regular reporting from banks, borrowers and ratings agencies

and uses this reporting to manage and monitor performance of financial assets held by the Fund. Such reporting includes macro-economic risk and analysis reporting.

The Investment Manager is provided with ongoing compliance reporting from borrowers which typically includes the provision of covenant compliance certificates, financial accounts, operational management reporting and forward financial projections and ongoing reporting of performance against budget projections.

The Investment Committee of the Investment Manager aims to meet weekly to monitor reporting and financial obligations of counterparties, reconciles payment of interest and fees and reviews credit, market and liquidity risks of each financial asset held in the portfolio. Any payment arrears is monitored on a daily basis and reported to the Investment Committee.

The Fund's exposure to credit risk for cash and cash equivalents is low as all counterparties have a rating of A-1+ (as determined by public ratings agencies such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's or Fitch) or higher. The Fund is also exposed to credit risk on corporate loans and debt securities through its investments in Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust.

Corporate loans and debt securities are rated by the Investment Manager in accordance with its ratings methodology, and may also be rated by public ratings agencies such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's or Fitch. Where a corporate loan or debt security is publicly rated, it is the Investment Manager's policy to apply the lower of a public credit rating or the Investment Manager's own credit rating. The Fund's exposure to credit risk is monitored and managed on a daily basis, and credit ratings are reviewed and confirmed as part of the Investment Manager's investment processes. Credit risk is managed through daily investment analysis (reporting, covenant compliance, management and market engagement) as well as through portfolio construction. The Fund has defined targets and limits based on both individual counterparty credit quality as well as total aggregated credit exposure levels. By limiting credit risk exposure to individual investments based on credit quality and also limiting the total aggregated exposure to investments of a defined credit quality, the Fund's acceptable level of credit risk is defined and controlled. Credit risk management is ongoing and the Investment Manager adopts an active approach to monitoring and managing these risks.

The Investment Manager adheres to the portfolio investment parameters set out in the offer document of the Fund. Credit risk is managed with regard to individual counterparty credit quality and single counterparty exposure limits. The Investment Manager seeks to manage portfolio risks by diversifying risks with portfolio construction adhering to diversification by credit quality, individual counterparty, industry and contracted maturity profile of assets held within the portfolio. The Investment Manager seeks to manage risk by investing in shorter dated credit assets with the expectation that the weighted tenor to contracted maturity is within the target portfolio parameters. The portfolio construction and investment management processes adopted by the Investment Manager are implemented with the expectation of seeking to reduce Fund exposure to both credit and market risks.

The Fund provided a working capital loan to the Investment Manager. The Responsible Entity has a right of recourse against the Investment Manager for the amounts owed under the Manager Loan. The Investment Manager may assign its

obligations under the Investment Manager Loan to an entity that is controlled by the Investment Manager or a person that is under the common control of the Investment Manager.

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle its obligations in full as they fall due and can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous.

As the units are held in a listed investment trust, the Fund is not exposed to liquidity risk from Unitholder redemptions.

The table below analyses the Fund's non-derivative financial liabilities and net settled derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period to contractual maturity, as of the reporting period end. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances that are due within 12 months equal their carrying balances as the impact of discounting is not significant.

	LESS THAN 1 MONTH \$'000	1-6 MONTHS \$'000	6-12 MONTHS \$'000	OVER 12 MONTHS \$'000	NO STATED MATURITY \$'000
AT 30 JUNE 2023					
Distributions payable	4,228	—	—	—	—
Responsible Entity and Custodian fees payable	36	—	—	—	—
Management fees payable	479	—	—	—	—
Performance fees payable*	190	—	—	—	2,504*
Other payables	91	—	—	—	—
Total financial liabilities	5,024	—	—	—	2,504
AT 30 JUNE 2022					
Distributions payable	3,101	—	—	—	—
Responsible Entity and Custodian fees payable	36	—	—	—	—
Management fees payable	475	—	—	—	—
Performance fees payable*	—	—	—	—	2,504
Other payables	164	—	—	—	—
Total financial liabilities	3,776	—	—	—	2,504

* Performance fees accrued during the current financial year crystallised and were paid in July 2023. The FY22 performance fees resulted from the revaluation of Equity and Equity like investments are deferred until such time as the equity investments relatable to these fees are realised for cash. At the reporting date there is no planned realisation date for those equity investments.

4 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Fund measures and recognises the following assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis.

- > Financial assets/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss ('FVTPL') (see note 5)

The Fund has no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis in the current reporting year.

AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value hierarchy:

- > quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1);
- > inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly (level 2); and
- > inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (level 3).

(i) Fair value in an active market (level 1)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is based on their quoted market prices at the end of the reporting year without any deduction for estimated future selling costs.

The Fund values its investments and derivatives in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the financial statements. For the majority of investments, information provided by independent pricing services is relied upon for valuation of investments.

The quoted market price used to fair value financial assets and financial liabilities held by the Fund is the last-traded prices.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

(ii) Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (Level 2 and Level 3)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not exchange-traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of a substantially similar other instrument, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2. If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3. This may be the case for certain corporate debt securities and unlisted unit trusts with suspended applications and withdrawals.

Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on management's best estimates and the discount rate used is a market rate at the end of the reporting year applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions.

For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the end of the reporting year.

Some of the inputs to these models may not be market observable and are therefore estimated based on assumptions.

The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Fund holds. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including liquidity risk and counterparty risk.

The carrying value less impairment provision of other receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Fund for similar financial instruments.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgment by management. Management considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

Recognised fair value measurements

The following table presents the Fund's financial assets and liabilities according to the fair value hierarchy as at 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022.

	CARRYING AMOUNT FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTISED COST	LEVEL 1 \$'000	LEVEL 2 \$'000	LEVEL 3 \$'000	TOTAL \$'000
AT 30 JUNE 2023					
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust	–	–	557,447	–	557,447
Financial assets not measured at fair value					
Investment Manager loan asset	9,492	–	–	–	9,492
Total	9,492	–	557,447	–	566,939
AT 30 JUNE 2022					
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust	–	–	550,677	–	550,677
Financial assets not measured at fair value					
Investment Manager loan asset	10,308	–	–	–	10,308
Total	10,308	–	550,677	–	560,985

(iii) Transfers between levels

The Fund's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting year. There were no transfers between the levels in the fair value hierarchy for the years ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022.

(iv) Valuation processes

Investment Manager loan assets are classified and measured at amortised cost.

(v) Fair values of other financial instruments

The Fund did not hold any other financial instruments which were not measured at fair value in the Statement of financial position. Due to their short-term nature, the carrying amounts of receivables and payables are assumed to approximate fair value. Net assets attributable to unitholders' carrying value may differ from its par value (deemed to be redemption price for individual units) due to differences in valuation inputs. This difference is not material in the current or prior year.

5 FINANCIAL ASSETS

	AS AT 30 JUNE 2023 \$'000	AS AT 30 JUNE 2022 \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust	557,447	550,677
Financial assets at amortised cost		
Investment Manager loan asset	9,492	10,308
Total	566,939	560,985

> *Investment Manager loan asset*

The Fund provided a working capital loan to the Investment Manager. Over a period of ten years the Investment Manager will repay the Investment Manager Loan, including payment of interest on the loan which will be interest income to the Fund.

> *Investor equalisation expense (IEE)*

In consideration for the Investment Manager providing advisory and management services to the Fund under the Investment Management Agreement, the Investment Manager is paid an IEE. The IEE is a monthly expense to the Fund calculated based on NAV and payable to the Investment Manager for a period of 10 years from 16 April 2019.

An overview of the risk exposure relating to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is included in Note 3.

The Responsible Entity has continued to follow its established policies and process for managing risk, determining fair values and classifying assets and liabilities in the fair value hierarchy for disclosure purposes as at the reporting date.

6 STRUCTURED ENTITIES

The Fund applies the investment entity exception to consolidation available under *AASB10 Consolidated Financial Statements* and measures its subsidiaries at fair value through profit or loss.

A structured entity is an entity that has been designed so that voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in deciding who controls the entity, and the relevant activities are directed by means of contractual arrangements.

An interest in a structured entity is any form of contractual or non-contractual involvement which creates variability in returns arising from the performance of the entity for the Fund. The Fund considers investments in managed investment funds (the "**Funds**") to be structured entities. The Fund invests in Funds for the purpose of capital appreciation and/or earning investment income.

The exposure to investments in related Funds at fair value, and any related amounts recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income is disclosed at Note 12 to the financial statements.

The exposure to investments in related Funds at fair value that the Fund does not consolidate but in which it holds an interest is disclosed in the following table:

	FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS AS AT		INTEREST HELD AS AT	
	30 JUNE 2023	30 JUNE 2022	30 JUNE 2023	30 JUNE 2022
	\$'000	\$'000	%	%
Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust *	557,447	550,677	100	100

* The principal place of business is Level 18 Angel Place, 123 Pitt Street Sydney NSW 2000.

The Fund has exposures to structured entities through its trading activities. The Fund typically has no other involvement with structured entities other than the securities it holds as part of trading activities and its maximum exposure to loss is restricted to the carrying value of the asset. The Fund does not have current commitments or intentions and contractual obligations to provide financial or other support to the structured entities. Exposure to trading assets are managed in accordance with financial risk management practices as set out in note 3(b), which includes an indication of changes in risk measures compared to prior year.

During the year ended 30 June 2023, total gains/(losses) incurred on investments in the Funds were \$4,569,951 (2022: gain \$20,077,326). The Fund also earned distribution income of \$52,169,000 (2022: \$35,801,000), as a result of its interests in the Funds*.

7 NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

Under AASB 132 *Financial instruments: Presentation*, puttable financial instruments meet the definition of a financial liability to be classified as equity where certain strict criteria are met. The Fund does not have a contractual obligation to pay distributions to unitholders. Therefore, the net assets attributable to unitholders of the Fund meet the criteria set out under AASB 132 and are classified as equity.

Movements in number of units and net assets attributable to unitholders during the year were as follows:

	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023		YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022	
	NO. '000	\$'000	NO. '000	\$'000
Opening balance	264,991	559,835	173,521	351,730
Capital raising/placement	–	–	90,679	188,884
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	905	1,921	791	1,647
Distributions paid and payable	–	(44,840)	–	(29,913)
Profit/(loss) for the period	–	49,417	–	47,487
Closing balance	265,896	566,333	264,991	559,835

* Amounts have not been rounded.

As stipulated within the Fund's Constitution, each unit represents a right to an individual share in the Fund and does not extend to a right to the underlying assets of the Fund. There are no separate classes of units and each unit has the same rights attaching to it as all other units of the Fund.

Capital risk management

The Fund is a closed-end vehicle and accordingly there are no redemptions by investors. Instead, while the Fund is listed, unitholders who wish to exit their investment will be able to do so via the ASX.

Units in the Fund are listed on the ASX and traded by unitholders. The units can be traded on the ASX at any time for cash based on the listed price. While the Fund is listed and liquidity is generally expected to exist in the secondary market (ASX), there are no guarantees that an active trading market with sufficient liquidity will be available. The Fund is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

The Fund considers its net assets attributable to unitholders as capital, notwithstanding net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as equity.

8 DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS

Distributions are determined by reference to the net taxable income of the Fund, as determined by the Responsible Entity.

The distributions for the year were as follows:

	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023		YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022	
	\$'000	CPU*	\$'000	CPU*
Distributions				
31 July	2,598	0.98	1,458	0.84
31 August	3,394	1.28	1,615	0.93
30 September	3,315	1.25	1,857	0.93
31 October	3,740	1.41	1,878	0.89
30 November	3,502	1.32	2,153	1.02
31 December	4,167	1.57	3,695	1.75
31 January	4,301	1.62	2,070	0.98
28 February	3,691	1.39	1,310	0.62
31 March	3,985	1.5	3,918	1.48
30 April	3,614	1.36	4,051	1.53
31 May	4,305	1.62	2,807	1.06
30 June (payable)	4,228	1.59	3,101	1.17
Total	44,840	16.89	29,913	13.20

* Distribution is expressed as the cents per unit amount in Australian Dollars.

9 EARNINGS PER UNIT

Earnings per unit amounts are calculated by dividing net profit/(loss) attributable to unitholders before distributions by the weighted average number of units outstanding during the year.

	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022
Operating profit/(loss) attributable to unitholders (\$'000)	49,417	47,487
Weighted average number of units on issue ('000)	265,437	220,685
Basic and diluted earnings per unit (cents)	18.62	21.52

10 RECONCILIATION OF PROFIT/(LOSS) TO NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

(a) Reconciliation of operating profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023 \$'000	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 \$'000
Profit/(loss) for the period	49,417	47,487
Net change in financial assets	(4,570)	(20,077)
Net change in receivables	(456)	247
Net change in payables	121	2,644
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	44,512	30,301

(b) Components of cash and cash equivalents

Cash as at the end of the financial period as shown in the Statement of cash flows is reconciled to the Statement of financial position as follows:

	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023 \$'000	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 \$'000
Cash and cash equivalents	1,838	1,318
Total	1,838	1,318

(c) Non-cash financing activities

	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023 \$'000	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 \$'000
During the period, the following distribution payments were satisfied by the issue of units under the distribution reinvestment plan	1,921	1,647
Total	1,921	1,647

11 AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

During the year, the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditors of the Fund:

	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023 \$	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 \$
KPMG		
Audit and other assurance services		
Audit and review of financial statements	32,812	31,500
Total remuneration of KPMG	32,812	31,500
PwC		
Audit and other assurance services		
Audit and review of the annual compliance plan	2,765	2,585
Total remuneration of PwC	2,765	2,585
Total auditor remuneration	35,577	34,085

12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

For the purpose of these financial statements, parties are considered to be related to the Fund if they have the ability, directly or indirectly, to control or exercise significant influence over the Fund in making financial and operating disclosures. Related parties may be individuals or other entities.

Responsible Entity

The Responsible Entity of the Metrics Income Opportunities Trust is The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited (ABN 45 003 278 831, AFSL 235150). The Responsible Entity is a wholly owned subsidiary in the Perpetual Limited Group (ASX: PPT).

Custodian

Perpetual Corporate Trust Limited, a related party of the Responsible Entity, provides custody services to the Fund.

Amounts presented under the Responsible Entity fees include fees paid for Responsible Entity services and custody services.

Investment Manager

The Investment Manager of the Fund is Metrics Credit Partners Pty Ltd.

(a) Directors

Key management personnel includes persons who were Directors of the Responsible Entity at any time during the financial year and are shown below. Directors were in office for this entire year except where stated otherwise:

NAME	POSITION
Glenn Foster	Director
Christopher Green	Appointed as Director on 23 January 2023
Vicki Riggio	Director
Phillip Blackmore	Alternate Director for Vicki Riggio
Simone Mosse	Resigned as Director on 23 January 2023

(b) Other key management personnel

There were no other persons responsible for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Fund, directly or indirectly during the financial year.

Key management personnel unit holdings

During or since the end of the year, none of the Directors or Director related entities held units in the Fund, either directly, indirectly or beneficially. Neither the Responsible Entity nor its affiliates held units in the Fund at 30 June 2023 (2022: nil).

Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel do not receive any remuneration directly from the Fund. They receive remuneration from a related party of the Responsible Entity in their capacity as Directors or employees of the Responsible Entity or its related parties. Consequently, the Fund does not pay any compensation to its key management personnel. Payments made from the Fund to the Responsible Entity do not include any amounts attributable to the compensation of key management personnel.

Key management personnel loan disclosures

The Fund has not made, guaranteed or secured, directly or indirectly, any loans to the key management personnel or their personally related entities at any time during the reporting year.

Other transactions within the Fund

Apart from those details disclosed in this note, no key management personnel have entered into a material contract with the Fund since the end of the previous financial year and there were no material contracts involving Director's interests existing at 30 June 2023 (2022: nil).

Responsible Entity's fees and other transactions

(i) Responsible Entity fee

This fee is charged by the Responsible Entity for managing the Fund and making it available to investors. Fees payable to the Responsible Entity are calculated on the net asset value of the Fund and accrued daily and paid quarterly in arrears from the assets of the Fund and reflected in the daily unit price.

(ii) Investment Manager fee

This fee is charged by the Investment Manager for services provided under the Investment Management Agreement. 1.03% per annum of the Fund's net asset value is calculated and accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears from the Fund's assets.

(iii) Performance fee

Metrics is entitled to receive a performance fees of 15.38% per annum of the total return above the performance hurdle (being RBA Cash Rate plus 6.00% per annum).

Performance fees accrued during the current financial year (\$190,005) crystallised and were paid in July 2023. The FY22 performance fees (\$2,504,466) resulted from the revaluation of Equity and Equity like investments are deferred until such time as the equity investments relatable to these fees are realised for cash. At the reporting date there is no planned realisation date for those equity investments.

(iv) Indirect costs

Indirect costs are any amounts that the Responsible Entity knows or where required, reasonably estimates, will reduce the Fund's returns that are paid from the Fund's assets (other than the Responsible Entity fee, recoverable expenses and transactional and operational costs) or that are paid from the assets of any interposed vehicle (such as the Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust or wholesale funds) in which the Fund may invest.

All related party transactions are conducted on normal commercial terms and conditions. The transactions during the year and amounts payable at year end between the Fund and the Responsible Entity were as follows:

	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023 \$	YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022 \$
Performance fees for the period paid and payable by the Fund to the Investment Manager	190,005	2,504,467
Management fees for the period paid and payable by the Fund to the Investment Manager	5,790,414	4,737,862
Aggregate management fees payable to the Investment Manager at reporting date	478,801	475,038
Aggregate performance fees payable to the Investment Manager at reporting date	2,694,453	2,504,448
Responsible Entity and Custodian fees for the period paid and payable by the Fund	143,500	143,401
Aggregate amounts payable to the Responsible Entity and Custodian at reporting date	35,777	35,776

Investments

The Fund held investments in the following Fund which is managed by The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited or its related parties:

	FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENT \$	INTEREST HELD (%)	DISTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED/ RECEIVABLE \$	UNITS ACQUIRED DURING THE PERIOD	UNITS DISPOSED DURING THE PERIOD
AT 30 JUNE 2023					
Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust	557,447,219	100	52,168,745	2,039,114	—
AT 30 JUNE 2022					
Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust	550,677,267	100	35,800,821	177,586,958	—

13 SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Fund is organised into one main operating segment with only one key function, being the investment of funds predominantly in Australia.

14 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE YEAR

On 23 January 2023, Simone Mosse resigned as Director and Christopher Green was appointed as Director.

In the opinion of the Directors, there were no other significant events during the year.

15 EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 25 July 2023, the Directors declared a distribution of 1.60 cents per ordinary unit which amounted to \$4,255,801* and was paid on 8 August 2023.

There are no other matters or circumstances which have arisen since 30 June 2023 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (i) the operations of the Fund in future financial years, or
- (ii) the results of those operations in future financial years, or
- (iii) the state of affairs of the Fund in future financial years.

16 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

There are no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2023 (2022: Nil).

* Amounts have not been rounded.

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the opinion of the Directors of The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited, the Responsible Entity of Metrics Income Opportunities Trust:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 16 to 38 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its performance, for the financial year ended on that date,
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- (c) note 2(a)(i) confirms that the financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board; and
- (d) the directors have been given the declarations required by s.295A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited.



Director
The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited

Sydney
23 August 2023

AUDIT REPORT



Independent Auditor's Report

To the unitholders of Metrics Income Opportunities Trust

Opinion

We have audited the **Financial Report** of Metrics Income Opportunities Trust (the Fund).

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

- giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- complying with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

The **Financial Report** comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023
- Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, Statement of changes in equity, and Statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- Notes including a summary of significant accounting policies
- Directors' Declaration.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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 *Corporations Act 2001* and 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 Financial Report in Australia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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 of the current period.

This matter was 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 this matter.



Valuation and existence of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (\$557.4m)	
Refer to Note 2(b), 4, and 5 to the Financial Report	
The key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
<p>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss comprise investments in an unlisted unit trust (Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust).</p> <p>The Fund outsources certain processes and controls relevant to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recording and valuing investments to the fund administrator; Maintaining custody and underlying records of investments to the custodian. <p>Valuation and existence of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is a key audit matter due to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Size of the Fund's portfolio of investments which are significant to its financial position. The Fund's investment in Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust represent 97.14% of the Fund's total assets at year-end; Importance of the performance of these investments in driving the Fund's investment income and capital performance, as reported in the Financial Report; and Nature of the investments in the unlisted unit trust and the level of judgement associated with valuing them. With the involvement of our valuation specialists, we focused our assessment on the reasonableness and authoritativeness of sources used by the Fund to value them. <p>As a result, this was the area with greatest effect on our overall audit strategy and allocation of resources in planning and performing our audit.</p>	<p>Our procedures included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies applied by the Fund, including those relevant to the fair value of investments, against the requirements of the accounting standards. Obtaining and reading the Fund's service providers' GS007 (<i>Guidance Statement 007 Audit Implications of the Use of Service Organisations for Investment Management Services</i>) assurance reports for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 to understand the processes and assess the controls relevant to the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fund administrator – to record and value the Fund's investments; and Custodian – to maintain custody and underlying records of the Fund's investments. Checking the ownership and quantity of the Fund's unit holding in the unlisted unit trust to the Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust's unit registry report. We obtained and read the GS 007 assurance report relevant to the unit registry of Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust, for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, to understand the processes and assess controls to record changes in ownership of units in the Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust. Assessing the reputation, professional competence and independence of the auditors of the GS007 assurance reports. With the involvement of our valuation specialists, checking the valuation of a sample of underlying investments held by Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust and its investees, which drive the Net Asset Value of Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust. We did this by using independently sourced market data for observable inputs, such as published credit spreads and margins. We compared the Net Asset Value of the unlisted unit trust to the fair value of the Funds unit



	<p>holdings in Metrics Wholesale Income Opportunities Trust at year-end.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checking the existence of investments being the ownership and quantity held to the external custody report as at 30 June 2023. • Evaluating the Fund's disclosures of investments, using our understanding obtained from our testing, against the requirements of the accounting standards.
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Other Information

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in Metrics Income Opportunities Trust's annual reporting which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. The Directors of The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the Financial Report does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Report, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we 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.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for:

- preparing the Financial Report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Act 2001*
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objective is:

- 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 *Australian Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They 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 the Financial Report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report is located at the *Auditing and Assurance Standards Board* website at:

https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar2_2020.pdf. This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

The KPMG logo, consisting of the letters 'KPMG' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, with a small graphic of four vertical bars of increasing height to the left of the letters.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. R.', followed by a horizontal line.

Andrew Reeves

Partner

Sydney

23 August 2023

ASX ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information required by the Australian Securities Exchange Limited Listing Rules and not disclosed elsewhere in this report is as follows. The information is current as at 31 July 2023 unless otherwise indicated.

A. DISTRIBUTION OF UNITS

Analysis of numbers of unitholders by size of holding:

HOLDING RANGES	NO. OF HOLDERS	TOTAL UNITS	% ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL
above 0 up to and including 1,000	461	195,695	0.07%
above 1,000 up to and including 5,000	1,258	4,064,624	1.53%
above 5,000 up to and including 10,000	1,287	10,170,047	3.82%
above 10,000 up to and including 100,000	4,000	123,519,943	46.44%
above 100,000	277	128,037,226	48.14%
Totals	7,283	265,987,535	100.00%

The number of unitholders holding less than a marketable parcel of \$500 worth of units is 137 and they hold a total of 6,430 units.

B. LARGEST UNITHOLDERS

The names of the twenty largest holders of quoted units are listed below:

POSITION	HOLDER NAME	HOLDING	% IC
1	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED	23,840,121	8.96%
2	NETWEALTH INVESTMENTS LIMITED <WRAP SERVICE A/C>	16,569,665	6.23%
3	BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD HUB24 CUSTODIAL SERV LTD <DRP A/C>	14,138,211	5.32%
4	PERPETUAL CORPORATE TRUST LTD	5,421,457	2.04%
5	NETWEALTH INVESTMENTS LIMITED <SUPER SERVICES A/C>	4,662,060	1.75%
6	MCH INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES PTY LTD	3,453,151	1.30%
7	CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	2,912,414	1.09%
8	J P MORGAN NOMINEES AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	2,452,341	0.92%
9	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED - A/C 2	1,850,941	0.70%
10	BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD <IB AU NOMS RETAIL CLIENT DRP>	1,351,697	0.51%
11	BALMORAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS PTY LTD <NO 2 A/C>	1,192,115	0.45%
12	M J DWYER PTY LIMITED	881,756	0.33%
13	BRIXTON CAPITAL PTY LTD	859,544	0.32%
14	TONYWAYS NOMINEES PTY LTD <AWC FAMILY 2 A/c>	832,984	0.31%
15	SUPERHERO SECURITIES LIMITED <CLIENT A/C>	753,775	0.28%
16	GEAT INCORPORATED <GEAT PRESERVATION FUND A/C>	720,405	0.27%
17	MISS KAREN MICHELLE PHILLIPS <PORCELLINO A/C>	693,334	0.26%
18	MR DAVID PHILIP RICKARDS & MRS KERRY ANNE RICKARDS	655,810	0.25%
19	MR PHILIP GORDON O'PREY & MRS KAREN O'PREY <RICHIAN S/F A/C>	629,295	0.24%
20	ALLDAN NOMINEES PTY LTD <ALLDAN FAMILY A/C>	617,786	0.23%
Totals		84,488,862	31.76%
Total issued capital		265,987,535	100.00%

C. SUBSTANTIAL UNITHOLDERS

The Fund had three substantial unitholders;

- > HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED, holding 8.96% of units on issue.
- > NETWEALTH INVESTMENTS LIMITED <WRAP SERVICES A/C>, holding 6.23% of units on issue.
- > BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD HUB24 CUSTODIAL SERV LTD <DRP A/C> holding 5.32% of units on issue.

D. VOTING RIGHTS

Voting rights which may attach to or be imposed on any unit or class of units is as follows:

- (a) on a show of hands each unitholder has one vote; and
- (b) on a poll, each unitholder has one vote for each dollar of the value of the total interests they have in the Fund.

E. SECURITIES EXCHANGE LISTING

The Fund's units are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and are traded under the code "MOT".

F. UNQUOTED UNITS

There are no unquoted units on issue.

G. VOLUNTARY ESCROW

There are no restricted units in the Fund or units subject to voluntary escrow.

H. ON-MARKET BUY-BACK

There is no current on-market buy-back.

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