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This interim report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, this interim report is to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023 and any public announcements made in respect of Intelligent Investor Ethical Share Fund during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

This interim report covers Intelligent Investor Ethical Share Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of Intelligent Investor Ethical Share Fund is InvestSMART Funds Management Ltd (ABN 62 067 751 759) (AFSL 246441).

The Responsible Entity's registered office is:
Suite 2, Level 2, 66 Clarence Street
Sydney, NSW 2000

Directors' report

The directors of InvestSMART Funds Management Ltd, the Responsible Entity of Intelligent Investor Ethical Share Fund (the "Fund"), present their report together with the interim financial statements of the Fund for the half-year ended 31 December 2023.

Principal activities

The Fund is an Australian registered managed investment scheme which was constituted on 18 December 2018, registered on 18 December 2018, commenced operations on 7 June 2019 and its units commenced trading on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: INES) on 12 June 2019 subject to its obligations under Aqua Rules and ASX Operating Rules. The Fund is domiciled in Australia.

The Fund invests in a portfolio of between 10 and 35 Australian listed companies with market prices at material discounts to their estimated value in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement ("PDS") and the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund did not have any employees during the half-year.

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

The various service providers for the Fund are detailed below:

| Service | Provider |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Responsible Entity | InvestSMART Funds Management Ltd |
| Investment Manager | Intelligent Investor Holdings Pty Limited |
| Custodian and Administrator | Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd (an Apex Group Company) |
| Unit Registry | Link Market Services Ltd |
| Statutory Auditor | BDO Audit Pty Limited |

Directors

The following persons held office as directors of InvestSMART Funds Management Limited during the period or since the end of the period and up to the date of this report:

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Alastair Davidson | Director |
| Peter Ron Hodge | Director |
| Andrew Ward | Director |

Review and results of operations

During the half-year, the Fund invested its funds in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

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

| | Half-year ended 31 December 2023 | Half-year ended 31 December 2022 |
|--|--|--|
| Operating profit for the period (\$'000) | 6,247 | 1,832 |
| Distributions paid and payable (\$'000) | 1,235 | 8,097 |
| Distributions (cents per unit) | 5.35 | 37.11 |

Significant changes in state of affairs

In the opinion of the directors, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund that occurred during the half-year ended 31 December 2023.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 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.

Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars

Amounts in the Directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*, unless otherwise indicated.

Directors' report (continued)

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 4.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors of InvestSMART Funds Management Limited.



Andrew Ward
Director

Sydney
4 March 2024

**DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY TIM AMAN TO THE DIRECTORS OF INTELLIGENT INVESTOR
ETHICAL SHARE FUND**

As lead auditor for the review of Intelligent Investor Ethical Share Fund for the year ended 31 December 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the review; and
2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.



Tim Aman
Director

BDO Audit Pty Ltd
Sydney, 4 March 2024

Intelligent Investor Ethical Share Fund
Condensed statement of comprehensive income
For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

Condensed statement of comprehensive income

| | Note | Half-year ended 31 December 2023 \$'000 | Half-year ended 31 December 2022 \$'000 |
|--|-------------|--|--|
| Investment income | | | |
| Interest revenue | | 82 | - |
| Dividend and distribution income | | 563 | 615 |
| Net gains on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss | 4 | 5,977 | 1,599 |
| Other income | | - | 3 |
| Total investment income | | 6,622 | 2,217 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Management fees | | 340 | 346 |
| Transaction costs | | 35 | 39 |
| Total expenses | | 375 | 385 |
| Profit for the half-year | | 6,247 | 1,832 |
| Other comprehensive income | | - | - |
| Total comprehensive income for the half-year | | 6,247 | 1,832 |
| Earnings per unit for profit attributable to unit holders of the Fund | | | |
| Basic and diluted earnings per unit (cents) | 8 | 27.28 | 7.93 |

The above condensed statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Condensed statement of financial position

| | Note | As at 31 December 2023 \$'000 | As at 30 June 2023 \$'000 |
|---|------|--|------------------------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 3,793 | 13,089 |
| Receivables | | 15 | 101 |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 5 | <u>72,285</u> | <u>57,773</u> |
| Total assets | | <u>76,093</u> | <u>70,963</u> |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased | | 1,035 | - |
| Distributions payable | 7 | 300 | 935 |
| Payables | | <u>124</u> | <u>141</u> |
| Total liabilities | | <u>1,459</u> | <u>1,076</u> |
| Net assets attributable to unit holders – equity | 6 | <u>74,634</u> | <u>69,887</u> |

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

Condensed statement of changes in equity

| | Note | Half-year ended 31 December 2023 \$'000 | Half-year ended 31 December 2022 \$'000 |
|---|------|--|--|
| Total equity at the beginning of the half-year | | 69,887 | 63,787 |
| Comprehensive income for the half-year | | | |
| Profit for the half-year | | 6,247 | 1,832 |
| Other comprehensive income | | - | - |
| Total comprehensive income | | 6,247 | 1,832 |
| Transactions with unit holders | | | |
| Applications | 6 | 2,228 | 6,190 |
| Redemptions | 6 | (3,750) | (2,755) |
| Reinvestment of distributions | 6 | 322 | 3,025 |
| Distributions payable | 6 | (300) | - |
| Total equity at the end of the half-year | | 74,634 | 72,079 |

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

Condensed statement of cash flows

| | | Half-year ended 31 December 2023 \$'000 | Half-year ended 31 December 2022 \$'000 |
|---|------|--|--|
| Cash flows from operating activities | Note | | |
| Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss | | 6,573 | 6,831 |
| Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss | | (14,073) | (14,077) |
| Interest income received | | 107 | - |
| Other income received | | - | 2 |
| Dividends and distributions received | | 622 | 593 |
| Management fees paid | | (336) | (343) |
| Transaction costs paid | | (35) | (39) |
| Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities | | (7,142) | (7,033) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | |
| Proceeds from applications by unit holders | | 2,230 | 6,190 |
| Payments for redemptions by unit holders | | (3,771) | (2,755) |
| Distributions paid | | (613) | (5,072) |
| Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing activities | | (2,154) | (1,637) |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents | | (9,296) | (8,670) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year | | 13,089 | 30,136 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year | | 3,793 | 21,466 |
| Non-cash operating and financing activities | 6 | 322 | 3,025 |

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

1 General information

These interim financial statements cover Intelligent Investor Ethical Share Fund (the "Fund") as an individual entity. The Fund is an Australian registered managed investment scheme which was constituted on 18 December 2018, registered on 18 December 2018 and its units commenced trading on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: INES) on 12 June 2019. The Fund is domiciled in Australia.

The Responsible Entity of the Fund is InvestSMART Funds Management Ltd (ABN 62 067 751 759) (AFSL 246441) (the "Responsible Entity"). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Suite 2, Level 2, 66 Clarence Street, Sydney, NSW 2000. These interim financial statements are presented in Australian dollars.

The Fund aims to invest in a portfolio of Australian listed companies in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The interim financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on the date the Directors' declaration was signed. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the interim financial statements.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

The half-year financial report is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

The half-year report does not include notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report and should be read in conjunction with the annual financial report of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the half-year financial report are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

3 Fair value measurement

The Fund measures and recognises financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss on a recurring basis. The Fund has no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis in the current reporting period.

AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value measurement 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).

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

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as listed equity securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs.

For the majority of its investments, the Fund relies on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of its investments.

The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Fund is the current bid price; the quoted market price for financial liabilities is the current asking price.

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.

3 Fair value measurement (continued)

(b) Recognised fair value measurements

The table below presents the Fund's financial assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value as at 31 December 2023 and 30 June 2023.

| | Level 1 \$'000 | Level 2 \$'000 | Level 3 \$'000 | Total \$'000 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| As at 31 December 2023 | | | | |
| Financial assets | | | | |
| Listed equity securities | 72,285 | - | - | 72,285 |
| Total financial assets | 72,285 | - | - | 72,285 |
| As at 30 June 2023 | | | | |
| Financial assets | | | | |
| Listed equity securities | 57,773 | - | - | 57,773 |
| Total financial assets | 57,773 | - | - | 57,773 |

(c) Transfer between levels

Management's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

There were no transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period.

4 Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

Net gains recognised in relation to financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:

| | Half-year ended 31 December 2023 \$'000 | Half-year ended 31 December 2022 \$'000 |
|---|--|--|
| Financial assets | | |
| Net realised (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | (2,752) | 84 |
| Net unrealised gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 8,729 | 1,515 |
| Net gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 5,977 | 1,599 |

5 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

| | As at 31 December 2023 \$'000 | As at 30 June 2023 \$'000 |
|--|--|------------------------------------|
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | | |
| Listed equity securities | 72,285 | 57,773 |
| Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 72,285 | 57,773 |

6 Net assets attributable to unit holders

Movements in the number of units and net assets attributable to unit holders during the periods were as follows:

| | Half-year ended 31 December 2023 | | Half-year ended 31 December 2022 | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| | Units '000 | \$'000 | Units '000 | \$'000 |
| Opening balance | 23,164 | 69,887 | 21,817 | 63,787 |
| Applications | 736 | 2,228 | 2,031 | 6,190 |
| Redemptions | (1,240) | (3,750) | (897) | (2,755) |
| Reinvestment of distributions | 106 | 322 | 1,030 | 3,025 |
| Distributions paid and payable | - | (300) | - | - |
| Profit for the period | - | 6,247 | - | 1,832 |
| Closing balance | 22,766 | 74,634 | 23,981 | 72,079 |

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 in 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.

7 Distributions to unit holders

The distributions declared and paid during the half-year were as follows:

| | Half-year ended 31 December 2023 | | Half-year ended 31 December 2022 | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| | \$'000 | CPU | \$'000 | CPU |
| 30 June (paid) | 935 | 4.03 | 8,097 | 37.11 |
| 31 December (payable) | 300 | 1.32 | - | - |
| Total distributions | 1,235 | 5.35 | 8,097 | 37.11 |

8 Earnings per unit

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

| | Half-year ended 31 December 2023 | Half-year ended 31 December 2022 |
|--|--|--|
| Operating profit (\$'000) | 6,247 | 1,832 |
| Weighted average number of units on issue ('000) | 22,900 | 23,101 |
| Basic and diluted earnings per unit (cents)* | 27.28 | 7.93 |

*As the fund has no potential dilutive units, basic and diluted EPU are equal.

9 Events occurring after the reporting period

No significant events have occurred since the end of the half-year which would impact on the financial position of the Fund as disclosed in the condensed statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the half-year ended on that date.

10 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 31 December 2023 (30 June 2023: Nil).

11 Related party transactions

InvestSMART Funds Management Limited is the Responsible Entity for the Fund.

All management fees paid and payable were paid to InvestSMART Funds Management Limited as Responsible Entity.

Alastair Davidson, a director of the Responsible Entity, acquired 106 units during the half-year and held 8,098 units in the Fund at 31 December 2023 (December 2022: 7,992 units).

Ron Hodge, a director of the Responsible Entity, does not hold any units in the Fund at 31 December 2023 (December 2022: nil units).

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

- (a) The interim financial statements and notes set out on pages 5 to 11 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
- (i) complying with AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting*, 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 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the financial period 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.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors of InvestSMART Funds Management Ltd pursuant to s.303 (5) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.



Andrew Ward
Director

Sydney
4 March 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

To the unitholders of Intelligent Investor Ethical Share Fund

Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Intelligent Investor Ethical Share Fund (the Fund), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

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

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its financial performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (ii) Complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*. Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to the audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001* which has been given to the directors of the Fund, would be the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's review report.

Responsibility of the directors for the financial report

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



Auditor's responsibility for the review of the financial report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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

BDO Audit Pty Ltd

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Aman'.

Tim Aman
Director

Sydney, 4 March 2024