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## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2024

Betashares Capital Ltd, the issuer of each of the following Funds, is pleased to provide the Annual Financial Report in respect of the Funds for the period ending 30 June 2024.

ASX Code	Fund
BEAR	Betashares Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund
BBOZ	Betashares Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund
AUDS	Betashares Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)
YANK	Betashares Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)

Further information about the Funds can be obtained at [www.betashares.com.au](http://www.betashares.com.au) or by contacting Betashares Client Services on 1300 487 577.

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# Annual Financial Report

30 June 2024

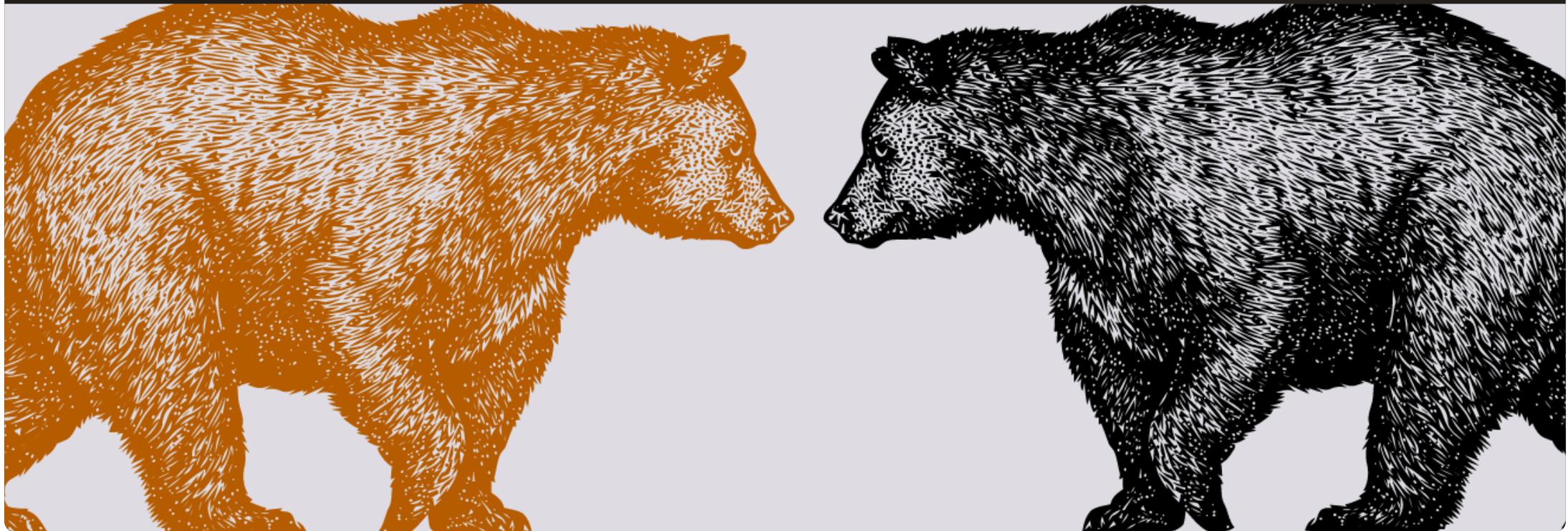
**Responsible Entity**

Betashares Capital Ltd

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**Betashares Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund - ASX Code: BEAR (ARSN 143 219 774)**

**Betashares Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund - ASX Code: BBOZ (ARSN 602 666 839)**

**Betashares Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund) - ASX Code: AUDS (ARSN 608 057 352)**

**Betashares Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund) - ASX Code: YANK (ARSN 602 665 252)**

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## Directors' report

The directors of Betashares Capital Ltd, the Responsible Entity of the following managed investment funds (the "Funds") present their report together with the annual financial report of the Funds for the year ended 30 June 2024 and the auditor's report thereon.

<b>Fund name</b>	<b>Referred to in this document as</b>	<b>Financial reporting year</b>	<b>ARSN</b>
Betashares Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund	1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024	143 219 774
Betashares Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024	602 666 839
Betashares Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024	608 057 352
Betashares Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024	602 665 252

## Responsible Entity

The Responsible Entity of the Funds is Betashares Capital Ltd (ABN 78 139 566 868). The Responsible Entity's registered office and principal place of business is Level 46, 180 George Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

## Principal activities

The principal activity of each Fund is to invest in accordance with the investment objective and guidelines as set out in the Fund's current Product Disclosure Statement and its Constitution.

The Funds did not have any employees during the year.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the Funds' activities during the financial year.

## Directors

The following persons held office as directors of Betashares Capital Ltd during the year or since the end of the year and up to the date of this report:

Mr Alex Vynokur (appointed 21 September 2009)  
Mr Jason Gellert (appointed 5 March 2021)  
Mr Edward Sippel (appointed 5 March 2021)

## **Directors' report (continued)**

### **Review and results of operations**

During the year, the Funds continued to invest in accordance with target asset allocations as set out in their governing documents and in accordance with the provisions of the Funds' Constitutions.

The results of operations of the Funds are disclosed in the statements of comprehensive income. The income distributions payable by each of the Funds are disclosed in the statements of financial position. The income distributions paid and payable by each of the Funds are disclosed in Note 4 to the financial statements.

### **Significant changes in state of affairs**

On 30 May 2024, Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund units were consolidated on a 1 for 10 basis. The consolidation had no direct impact on the net asset value of the Fund.

In the opinion of the directors, there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Funds that occurred during the financial year.

### **Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year**

The Responsible Entity of the Funds is Betashares Capital Ltd (ABN 78 139 566 868). The Responsible Entity of the Funds has changed the registered office and principal place of business from Level 11, 50 Margaret Street, Sydney, NSW 2000 to Level 46, 180 George Street, Sydney, NSW 2000, effective 1st September 2024.

The address change does not affect the Funds' financial position or results of operations. All future correspondence and filings should be directed to the new address.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

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

### **Likely developments and expected results of operations**

The results of the Funds' operations will be affected by a number of factors, including the performance of investment markets in which the Funds invest. 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.

Further information on likely developments in the operation of the Funds and the expected results of those operations have not been included in this report because the Responsible Entity believes it would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Funds.

## **Directors' report (continued)**

### **Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors**

No insurance premiums are paid for out of the assets of the Funds in regard to insurance cover provided to either the officers of Betashares Capital Ltd or the auditor of the Funds. So long as the officers of Betashares Capital Ltd act in accordance with the Funds' Constitutions and the law, the officers remain indemnified out of the assets of the Funds against losses incurred while acting on behalf of the Funds. The auditor of the Funds is in no way indemnified out of the assets of the Funds.

### **Fees paid to and interests held in the Funds by the Responsible Entity or its associates**

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its associates out of the Funds' property during the year are disclosed in Note 14 to the financial statements.

No fees were paid out of the Funds' property to the directors of the Responsible Entity during the year.

The number of interests in the Funds held by the Responsible Entity or its associates as at the end of the financial year are disclosed in Note 14 to the financial statements.

### **Interests in the Funds**

The movement in units on issue in the Funds during the year is disclosed in Note 3 to the financial statements.

The value of the Funds' assets and liabilities is disclosed on the statements of financial position and derived using the basis set out in Note 2 to the financial statements.

### **Environmental regulation**

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

### **Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars**

The Funds are entities of the kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191* and in accordance with that instrument, amounts in the financial report and directors' report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

### **Compensation (ASIC Regulatory Guide 94 Unit pricing: Guide to good practice)**

The Responsible Entity may apply a \$20 minimum to compensation amounts in respect of any unit pricing errors for exited investors.

**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 6.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Alex Vynokur  
Director

Sydney  
19 September 2024



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

To the Directors of Betashares Capital Limited, the Responsible Entity for the Funds:

Betashares Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund

Betashares Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)

Betashares Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund

Betashares Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of Funds for the financial period ended 30 June 2024 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.

KPMG

Nic Buchanan

*Partner*

Sydney

19 September 2024

**Booklet 3**  
**Statements of comprehensive income**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2024**

Statements of comprehensive income	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund		Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)		Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)		
	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Investment income</b>									
Interest income	988	550	14,461	7,090	1,216	296	289,705	250,421	
Distribution income	1,056	1,049	782	-	-	-	-	-	
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(3,725)	(7,336)	(52,822)	(80,138)	737	(913)	361,719	1,538,806	
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	(164)	(46)	55,824	45,031	
Other operating income	1	-	-	-	4	2	1,092	4,806	
<b>Total net investment income/(loss)</b>	<b>(1,680)</b>	<b>(5,737)</b>	<b>(37,579)</b>	<b>(73,048)</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>(661)</b>	<b>708,340</b>	<b>1,839,064</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>									
Management fees	14	581	675	4,350	3,479	340	144	80,448	128,584
Expense recoveries	14	93	108	360	292	54	23	12,845	20,530
Transaction costs		7	7	118	108	33	14	7,322	13,896
Interest expenses		-	-	-	-	62	-	15,905	-
Other operating expenses		-	-	52	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>681</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>3,879</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>116,520</b>	<b>163,010</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) for the year</b>		<b>(2,361)</b>	<b>(6,527)</b>	<b>(42,459)</b>	<b>(76,927)</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>(842)</b>	<b>591,820</b>	<b>1,676,054</b>
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>		<b>(2,361)</b>	<b>(6,527)</b>	<b>(42,459)</b>	<b>(76,927)</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>(842)</b>	<b>591,820</b>	<b>1,676,054</b>

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

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars.

**Booklet 3**  
**Statements of financial position**  
**As at 30 June 2024**

Statements of financial position	Notes	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund		Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)		Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	
		30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>
<b>Assets</b>									
Cash and cash equivalents	8(b)	16,668	12,215	250,470	161,026	34,484	10,713	5,242,746	7,573,265
Cash held on collateral		3,506	4,935	71,149	101,233	2,252	3,043	305,540	1,313,751
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	22,723	34,647	28,997	-	-	-	21,169	385,975
Other receivables	6	157	208	1,246	1,797	126	711	19,576	43,570
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>43,054</b>	<b>52,005</b>	<b>351,862</b>	<b>264,056</b>	<b>36,862</b>	<b>14,467</b>	<b>5,589,031</b>	<b>9,316,561</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>									
Distributions payable	4	-	-	-	-	983	-	348,617	505,995
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	5	21	556	6	5,852	130	474	-	-
Other payables	7	46	61	345	289	38	16	6,021	9,546
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>6,141</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>354,638</b>	<b>515,541</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity</b>	3	<b>42,987</b>	<b>51,388</b>	<b>351,511</b>	<b>257,915</b>	<b>35,711</b>	<b>13,977</b>	<b>5,234,393</b>	<b>8,801,020</b>

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

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars.

**Booklet 3**  
**Statements of changes in equity**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2024**

Statements of changes in equity	Notes	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund		Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)		Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	
		30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total equity at the beginning of the year</b>	3	<b>51,388</b>	61,314	<b>257,915</b>	294,004	<b>13,977</b>	8,617	<b>8,801,020</b>	8,435,388
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>									
Profit/(loss) for the year		(2,361)	(6,527)	(42,459)	(76,927)	1,304	(842)	591,820	1,676,054
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>		<b>(2,361)</b>	(6,527)	<b>(42,459)</b>	(76,927)	<b>1,304</b>	(842)	<b>591,820</b>	1,676,054
<b>Transactions with unitholders</b>									
Creations	3	15,819	25,349	446,709	373,468	33,042	13,469	3,546,370	23,616,588
Redemptions	3	(21,859)	(28,755)	(310,654)	(332,685)	(11,629)	(7,267)	(7,371,183)	(24,442,373)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	3	-	7	-	55	-	-	14,983	21,358
Distributions to unitholders	3,4	-	-	-	-	(983)	-	(348,617)	(505,995)
<b>Total transactions with unitholders</b>		<b>(6,040)</b>	(3,399)	<b>136,055</b>	40,838	<b>20,430</b>	6,202	<b>(4,158,447)</b>	(1,310,422)
<b>Total equity at the end of the year</b>	3	<b>42,987</b>	51,388	<b>351,511</b>	257,915	<b>35,711</b>	13,977	<b>5,234,393</b>	8,801,020

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

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars.

**Booklet 3**  
**Statements of cash flows**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2024**

Statements of cash flows	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund		Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)		Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	
	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>
	Notes							
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>								
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	21,305	726	38,555	16,710	3,409	-	1,534,757	1,919,498
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(13,641)	(6,426)	(126,220)	(80,441)	(3,154)	(1,355)	(752,235)	(1,844)
Movements in cash held on collateral	1,429	(4,935)	30,084	(101,233)	791	(3,043)	1,008,211	(1,313,751)
Distribution received	1,093	959	678	-	-	-	-	-
Interest income received	1,001	482	14,437	6,150	1,151	247	312,749	213,979
Other operating income received	2	1	-	-	4	2	2,051	4,936
Management fees paid	(595)	(681)	(4,299)	(3,494)	(322)	(139)	(83,495)	(130,319)
Interest expense paid	-	-	-	-	(62)	-	(15,905)	-
Expense recoveries paid	(94)	(109)	(355)	(293)	(50)	(22)	(13,332)	(20,807)
Transaction costs paid	(7)	(7)	(118)	(108)	(33)	(14)	(7,322)	(13,896)
Other operating expenses paid	-	-	(70)	(9)	(5)	(1)	-	-
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	8(a) <b>10,493</b>	(9,990)	<b>(47,308)</b>	(162,718)	<b>1,729</b>	(4,325)	<b>1,985,479</b>	657,796
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>								
Proceeds from creations by unitholders	15,819	25,349	447,406	374,419	33,697	12,814	3,546,370	23,616,588
Payments for redemptions by unitholders	(21,859)	(28,755)	(310,654)	(332,685)	(11,629)	(7,267)	(7,371,183)	(24,442,373)
Distributions paid	-	(841)	-	(7,850)	-	-	(491,012)	(576,130)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</b>	<b>(6,040)</b>	(4,247)	<b>136,752</b>	33,884	<b>22,068</b>	5,547	<b>(4,315,825)</b>	(1,401,915)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>4,453</b>	(14,237)	<b>89,444</b>	(128,834)	<b>23,797</b>	1,222	<b>(2,330,346)</b>	(744,119)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	12,215	26,452	161,026	289,860	10,713	9,486	7,573,265	8,308,443
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	(26)	5	(173)	8,941
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	8(b) <b>16,668</b>	12,215	<b>250,470</b>	161,026	<b>34,484</b>	10,713	<b>5,242,746</b>	7,573,265
<b>Non-cash financing activities</b>								
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	-	7	-	55	-	-	14,983	21,358

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

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars.

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## 1 General information

These financial statements cover the following managed investment funds (the "Funds"). The Funds are registered managed investment schemes under the *Corporations Act 2001*. The Responsible Entity cannot issue or redeem any units from the 80th anniversary of the day before the day the Funds commenced if that issue or redemption would cause a contravention of the rule against perpetuities or any other rule of law or equity. The Funds may be terminated in accordance with the provisions of their Constitutions. The Funds are domiciled in Australia.

Abbreviated Fund name	Registered date	Commenced date	Financial reporting year
Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund	19 April 2010	6 July 2012	1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024
Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	10 November 2014	17 April 2015	1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024
Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	11 September 2015	28 November 2016	1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024
Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	10 November 2014	28 November 2016	1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

The Responsible Entity of the Funds is BetaShares Capital Ltd (the "Responsible Entity"). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 46, 180 George Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors of the Responsible Entity on 19 September 2024. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

## 2 Summary of material 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 all years presented unless otherwise stated.

### (a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ("AASB") and the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia.

The Funds operated solely in one segment which is the business of investment management within Australia.

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

The statements of financial position are 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 expected to be recovered or settled within twelve months, except for investments in financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and net assets attributable to unitholders.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Funds' functional currency.

#### *Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards*

The financial statements of the Funds also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

## **2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)**

### **(a) Basis of preparation (continued)**

#### *New and amended standards adopted by the Funds*

The Funds have applied the following standard and amendment for the first time for its annual reporting year commencing 1 July 2023:

*AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Disclosure of Accounting Policies Definition of Accounting Estimates [AASB 7, AASB 101, AASB 108, AASB 134 & AASB Practice Statement 2].*

The amendment listed above does not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior years and are not expected to significantly effect the current or future years.

#### *New accounting standards and interpretations not yet adopted*

##### *AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*

AASB 18 was issued in June 2024 and replaces AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*. The new standard introduces new requirements for the Statements of comprehensive income, including:

- new categories for the classification of income and expenses into operating, investing and financing categories, and
- presentation of subtotals for “operating profit” and “profit before financing and income taxes”.

Additional disclosure requirements are introduced for management-defined performance measures and new principles for aggregation and disaggregation of information in the notes and the primary financial statements and the presentation of interest and dividends in the statement of cash flows. The new standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027 and will first apply to the Funds for the financial year ending 30 June 2028.

This new standard is not expected to have an impact on the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses, however there will likely be changes in how the Statements of comprehensive income and Statements of Financial Position line items are presented as well as some additional disclosures in the notes to the financial statements. The Funds are in the process of assessing the impact of the new standard.

Certain amendments to accounting standards have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2024 reporting year and have not been early adopted by the Funds. These amendments are not expected to have a material impact on the Funds in the current or future reporting years and on foreseeable future transactions.

#### *Use of estimates and judgement*

Management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. These estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

For the majority of the Funds' financial instruments, quoted market prices are readily available. However, certain financial instruments are fair valued using valuation techniques. Where valuation techniques (for example, pricing models) are used to determine fair values, they are validated and regularly reviewed by experienced personnel of the Responsible Entity, independent of the area that created them.

## **2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)**

### **(a) Basis of preparation (continued)**

#### *Use of estimates and judgement (continued)*

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 financial instruments, including amounts due from/to brokers and payables, the carrying amounts approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments.

#### *Investment entity exception*

The Funds meet the definition of an investment entity and therefore apply the investment entity amendments to AASB 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements* ("AASB 10"), AASB 12 *Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities* and AASB 127 *Separate Financial Statements*. AASB 10 is applicable to all investees; among other things, it requires the consolidation of an investee if the Funds control the investee on the basis of de facto circumstances. An exception however exists where an entity meets the definition of an investment entity.

The Funds meet the definition of investment entity due to the following factors:

- (a) the Funds obtain funds from one or more unitholders for the purpose of providing the unitholders with investment management services;
- (b) the Funds commit to their unitholders that their business purpose is to invest funds solely for returns from capital appreciation, investment income, or both; and
- (c) the Funds measure and evaluate the performance of substantially all of their investments on a fair value basis.

In making the above assessments, the Funds have multiple investments and multiple investors. Their investors are generally unrelated parties of the Funds. Unitholders invest for returns from capital appreciation, investment income, or both. Directors of the Responsible Entity have concluded that the Funds meet the definition of investment entity.

#### *Assessment of the Funds' investments as structured entities*

The Funds have assessed whether the securities in which they invest are structured entities. The Funds have considered the voting rights and other similar rights afforded to investors in any managed investment funds in which they invest, including the rights to remove the fund manager or redeem holdings. The Funds have assessed whether these rights are the dominant factor in controlling the relevant funds, or whether the contractual agreement with the fund manager is the dominant factor in controlling such funds. The Funds have concluded that any managed investment funds in which they invest are not structured entities.

### **(b) Financial instruments**

#### *(i) Classification*

The Funds classify their investments based on their business model for managing those financial assets and their contractual cash flow characteristics. The Funds' portfolios of financial assets are managed and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Funds' documented investment strategy. The Funds evaluate the information about their investments on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

Equity securities, listed futures and derivatives are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

## **2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)**

### **(b) Financial instruments (continued)**

#### *(ii) Recognition/derecognition*

The Funds recognise financial assets and financial liabilities on the date they become 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 Funds have transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

#### *(iii) Measurement*

At initial recognition, the Funds measure a financial asset at its fair value. Transaction costs are expensed in the statements of comprehensive income as incurred.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all investments are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value measurement are presented in the statements of comprehensive income within net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss during the financial year.

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.

For further details on how the fair value of the financial instruments is determined are disclosed in Note 11.

#### *(iv) Offsetting financial instruments*

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statements 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.

### **(c) Net assets attributable to unitholders**

The Funds consider their net assets attributable to unitholders as equity as each Fund had made an irrevocable choice to be an Attribution Managed Investment Trust ("AMIT"). Units are normally redeemable only by unitholders being Authorised Participants at the unitholders' option (other unitholders only have a right to redeem units in special circumstances). The units can be put back to the Funds at any time (subject to the *Corporations Act 2001* and the Funds' Constitutions) for cash. The fair value of redeemable units is measured at the redemption amount that is payable at the end of the reporting year if unitholders exercised their right to redeem units in the Funds. The net assets attributable to unitholders of the Funds met the criteria set out under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation* and are classified as equity since inception.

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unitholders. Where the Funds' units are classified as liabilities, movements in net assets attributable to unitholders are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as finance costs.

## **2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)**

### **(d) Cash and cash equivalents**

For the purpose of presentation in the statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts. The carrying amount of cash approximates fair value.

Payments and receipts relating to the purchase and sale of investment securities are classified as cash flows from operating activities, as movements in the fair value of these securities represent the Fund's main income generating activity.

### **(e) Cash held on collateral**

Cash held on collateral consists of margin accounts where cash is held for derivative transactions. The cash is held by the broker and is only available to meet margin calls. Unrestricted margin account balances and restricted margin accounts balances, where the derivative transactions' original maturities are within three months, are classified as cash and cash equivalents. Restricted margin accounts where the derivative transactions' original maturities are not within three months are classified as cash held on collateral.

### **(f) Investment income**

Interest income earned on cash balances is recognised on an accrual basis in the statements of comprehensive income using the nominated interest rates available on the bank accounts held. Interest income earned from financial assets at amortised cost is recognised using the effective interest method and includes interest from cash and cash equivalents. Interest from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is determined based on the contractual coupon interest rate and includes interest from debt securities. Other changes in fair value for such instruments are recorded in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2(b).

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

Trust distributions are recognised on an entitlements basis and stated net of foreign withholding tax.

### **(g) Expenses**

All expenses are recognised in the statements of comprehensive income on an accruals basis.

### **(h) Income tax**

The Funds are not subject to income tax as all taxable income and other relevant amounts are attributed to unitholders in each financial year under the AMIT tax regime. Such amounts form part of unitholders' assessable incomes for the relevant financial year. The benefits of imputation credits and foreign tax paid are passed onto unitholders.

### **(i) Distributions**

Distributions are payable, either by cash or reinvestment, as set out in the Funds' product disclosure statements and/or Funds' Constitutions.

The distributions are recognised in the statement of changes in equity as transactions with unitholders.

## **2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)**

### **(j) Foreign currency translation**

#### *(i) Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the Funds' financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which they operate (the "functional currency"). This is the Australian dollar, which reflects the currency of the economy in which the Funds compete for funds and are regulated. The Australian dollar is also the Funds' presentation currency.

#### *(ii) Transactions and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translations at year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statements of comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when fair value was determined. Translation differences on assets and liabilities carried at fair value are reported in the statements of comprehensive income on a net basis within net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

### **(k) Due from/to brokers**

Amounts due from/to brokers (if applicable) represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet delivered by the end of the year. Trades are recorded on trade date, and for equities normally settled within two business days. These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on amounts due from broker 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. Significant financial difficulties of the broker, probability that the broker will enter bankruptcy or 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 gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance.

### **(l) Other receivables**

Other receivables may include amounts for dividends, interest, creations, RITC receivables and trust distributions. Dividends and trust distributions are accrued when the right to receive payment is established. Interest is accrued at the end of each reporting year from the time of last payment in accordance with the policy set out in Note 2(f) above. The Funds' other receivables are measured at amortised cost under AASB 9 *Financial Instruments* and the impact of any expected credit losses (ECL) is not material as amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recorded as receivables. The carrying amount of other receivables approximates fair value.

### **(m) Other payables**

Other payables include liabilities and accrued expenses owing by the Funds which are unpaid as at the end of the reporting year.

The distribution amount payable to unitholders as at the end of each reporting year is recognised separately in the statements of financial position when unitholders are presently entitled to the distributable income.

## **2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)**

### **(n) Creations and redemptions**

Creations are applications received for units in the Funds are recorded net of any entry fees payable (if applicable) prior to the issue of units in the Funds. Redemptions from the Funds are recorded gross of any exit fees payable (if applicable) after the cancellation of units redeemed.

### **(o) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

The GST incurred on the costs of various services provided to the Funds by third parties such as custodial services and investment management fees have been passed onto the Funds. The Funds qualify for Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC) at a rate of 55% to 85%; hence investment management fees, custodial fees and other expenses have been recognised in the statements 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 as a RITC is included in receivables in the statements of financial position.

### **(p) Rounding of amounts**

The Funds are an entity of the kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*, relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the financial statements. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

## **3 Net assets attributable to unitholders**

Units are normally redeemable by unitholders being Authorised Participants at the unitholders' option, however, creations and redemptions may be suspended by the Responsible Entity if it is in the best interests of the unitholders. The units can be put back to the Funds at any time for cash, which is equal to a proportionate share of the Funds' net asset value attributable to the 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 Funds shall classify a financial instrument as an equity instrument from the date when the instrument has all the features and meets the conditions.

### 3 Net assets attributable to unitholders (continued)

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

	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund				Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Funds <sup>2</sup>			
	30 June 2024 Units '000	30 June 2023 Units '000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 Units '000	30 June 2023 Units '000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>								
Opening balance	6,046	6,445	51,388	61,314	74,111	60,850	257,915	294,004
Creations	1,950	2,950	15,819	25,349	137,352	100,850	446,709	373,468
Redemptions	(2,650)	(3,350)	(21,859)	(28,755)	(89,425)	(87,600)	(310,654)	(332,685)
Consolidations	-	-	-	-	(110,035)	-	-	-
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	-	1	-	7	-	11	-	55
Distributions to unitholders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-	(2,361)	(6,527)	-	-	(42,459)	(76,927)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>5,346</b>	<b>6,046</b>	<b>42,987</b>	<b>51,388</b>	<b>12,003</b>	<b>74,111</b>	<b>351,511</b>	<b>257,915</b>

	Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)				Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)			
	30 June 2024 Units '000	30 June 2023 Units '000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 Units <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2023 Units <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2024 \$ <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2023 \$ <sup>1</sup>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>								
Opening balance	2,100	1,100	13,977	8,617	751,899	750,000	8,801,020	8,435,388
Creations	5,400	2,000	33,042	13,469	300,000	1,900,000	3,546,370	23,616,588
Redemptions	(1,830)	(1,000)	(11,629)	(7,267)	(600,000)	(1,900,000)	(7,371,183)	(24,442,373)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	-	-	-	-	1,280	1,899	14,983	21,358
Distributions to unitholders	-	-	(983)	-	-	-	(348,617)	(505,995)
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-	1,304	(842)	-	-	591,820	1,676,054
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>5,670</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>35,711</b>	<b>13,977</b>	<b>453,179</b>	<b>751,899</b>	<b>5,234,393</b>	<b>8,801,020</b>

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar/unit as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars/units.

<sup>2</sup> On 30 May 2024, Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund units were consolidated on a 1 for 10 basis. The consolidation had no direct impact on the net asset value of the Fund.

### 3 Net assets attributable to unitholders (continued)

#### Capital risk management

The Funds consider their net assets attributable to unitholders as equity. The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Funds are subject to daily creations and redemptions at the discretion of eligible unitholders.

Under the terms of the Funds' Constitutions, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an creation for units and to defer or adjust a redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unitholders.

#### 4 Distributions to unitholders

Distributions are payable as set out in the Funds' Product Disclosure Statement and/or Funds' Constitution. Such distributions are recognised as payable when they are determined by the Responsible Entity.

The distributions for the year were as follows:

	Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)				Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)			
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2024 CPU	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2023 CPU	30 June 2024 \$ <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2024 CPU	30 June 2023 \$ <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2023 CPU
Distributions payable - June	983	17.33	-	-	348,617	76.93	505,995	67.30
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>17.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>348,617</b>	<b>76.93</b>	<b>505,995</b>	<b>67.30</b>

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar/unit as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars/units.

At 30 June 2024, Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund, and Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund had nil distribution (30 June 2023: Nil).

The distribution information shown above refers to distributions paid by the relevant Fund for the year. Under the AMIT tax rules, a Fund may distribute cash that is different to the taxable income attributed by the Fund to unitholders.

During the year, some distributions were satisfied by the issue of units (reinvestment). See Note 3.

## 5 Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

The Funds measure and recognise the following assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis:

	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund		Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)		Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$ <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2023 \$ <sup>1</sup>
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>								
Listed securities	22,723	34,647	28,997	-	-	-	-	-
Listed futures	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,169	385,975
<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>22,723</b>	<b>34,647</b>	<b>28,997</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,169</b>	<b>385,975</b>
<b>Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>								
Listed futures	21	556	6	5,852	130	474	-	-
<b>Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5,852</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars.

An overview of the fair value measurements relating to financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss is included in Note 11 to the financial statements.

**6 Other receivables**

	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund		Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)		Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$ <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2023 \$ <sup>1</sup>
Creations receivable	-	-	-	697	-	655	-	-
Dividends/distributions receivable	79	116	104	-	-	-	-	-
Interest receivable	66	79	1,059	1,035	118	53	18,203	41,246
GST receivable	12	13	83	65	8	3	1,373	2,324
<b>Total other receivables</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>1,797</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>19,576</b>	<b>43,570</b>

**7 Other payables**

	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund		Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)		Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$ <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2023 \$ <sup>1</sup>
Management fees payable	39	53	318	267	32	14	5,119	8,166
Expense recoveries payable	7	8	27	22	6	2	817	1,304
Other payables	-	-	-	-	-	-	85	76
<b>Total other payables</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6,021</b>	<b>9,546</b>

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars.

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

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

	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund		Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)		Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$ <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2023 \$ <sup>1</sup>
<b>Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>								
Profit/(loss)	(2,361)	(6,527)	(42,459)	(76,927)	1,304	(842)	591,820	1,676,054
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	21,305	726	38,555	16,710	3,409	(1,339)	1,534,757	1,919,498
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(13,641)	(6,426)	(126,220)	(80,441)	(3,154)	(16)	(752,235)	(1,844)
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	3,725	7,336	52,822	80,138	(737)	913	(361,719)	(1,538,806)
Movements in cash held on collateral	1,429	(4,935)	30,084	(101,233)	791	(3,043)	1,008,211	(1,313,751)
Net change in interest receivable	13	(68)	(24)	(940)	(65)	(49)	23,043	(36,442)
Net change in distributions receivable	37	(90)	(104)	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in receivables and other assets	1	1	(18)	(9)	(5)	(1)	951	54
Net change in payables and other liabilities	(15)	(7)	56	(16)	22	6	(3,525)	(1,936)
Net foreign exchange (gains)/losses	-	-	-	-	164	46	(55,824)	(45,031)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	<b>10,493</b>	<b>(9,990)</b>	<b>(47,308)</b>	<b>(162,718)</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>(4,325)</b>	<b>1,985,479</b>	<b>657,796</b>

### (b) Components of cash and cash equivalents

Cash as at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statements of Cash Flows is reconciled to the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

Cash	16,668	12,215	250,470	161,026	34,484	10,713	5,242,746	7,573,265
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<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars.

## **9 Financial risk management**

The Funds are exchange traded managed funds that primarily invest in a portfolio of securities listed on global financial markets as well as derivative instruments and cash and cash equivalents.

The Funds' activities expose them to a variety of financial risks which may include: market risk (including price risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk), counterparty/credit risk and liquidity risk. The Funds use different methods to measure different types of risk to which they are exposed. Methods include sensitivity analysis in the case of price risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk.

The Funds' overall risk management programs focus on ensuring compliance with the Funds' Product Disclosure Statements (PDSs). Financial risk management is carried out by an investment manager under policies approved by the Board of Directors of the Responsible Entity (the Board).

The Board of Directors of the Responsible Entity has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Funds' risk management framework. The Funds' overall risk management programs focus on ensuring compliance with the Funds' PDSs and investment guidelines.

Compliance with the Funds' PDSs, Constitutions and investment guidelines are reported to the Board on a regular basis.

### **(a) Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity market prices will affect the Funds' income or the carrying value of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk.

Included in the following analysis are tables that summarise the sensitivity of the profit and net assets attributable to unitholders to changes in market prices (e.g. equity prices, foreign exchange rates and interest rates). The analysis is based on reasonably possible movements in the specified risk variable with other variables held constant. Actual movements in the risk variables in any year may be greater or less than indicated. The market price risk information is intended to be a relative estimate of risk rather than a precise and accurate number. It represents a hypothetical outcome and is not intended to be predictive. The analysis is based on historical data and cannot take account of the fact that future market price movements (e.g. in times on market stress) may bear no relation to historical patterns.

#### *(i) Price risk*

The Funds are exposed to securities and derivatives price risk. This arises from investments held by the Funds for which prices in the future are uncertain. Equity securities and derivatives are classified on the statements of financial position as at fair value through profit or loss. All securities investments present a risk of loss of capital.

The Funds' overall market positions are reported to the Board on a regular basis.

*Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund and Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund*

The Funds use exchange-traded derivatives as an essential component of their investment strategies. Price risk relates primarily to changes in the value of these underlying derivatives.

## 9 Financial risk management (continued)

### (a) Market risk (continued)

#### (i) Price risk (continued)

##### Sensitivity analysis - price risk

A 10% movement at the report date of the market prices attributable to financial assets or financial liabilities by the relevant Funds would have the following impact on the Funds' profit/(loss) and net assets attributable to unitholders. The calculations include the impact of any derivatives that may be held by a Fund. It is assumed that the relevant change occurs at the balance date.

	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund		Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)		Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$ <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2023 \$ <sup>1</sup>
+10% Price movement - impact on the Fund's profit/(loss) and net assets attributable to unitholders	<b>(4,158)</b>	(5,192)	<b>(81,412)</b>	(57,449)	<b>5,653</b>	3,009	<b>(473,025)</b>	(1,990,909)
-10% Price movement - impact on the Fund's profit/(loss) and net assets attributable to unitholders	<b>4,158</b>	5,192	<b>81,412</b>	57,449	<b>(4,838)</b>	(3,678)	<b>1,336,111</b>	2,433,333

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars.

#### (ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market rates. Interest rate risk is not considered to be significant to the Funds other than their cash holdings.

The Funds are exposed to interest rate risk on their cash holdings. Interest income from cash holdings is earned at variable interest rates. Investments in cash holdings are at call. Changes in interest rates may also impact on the valuation of certain assets that use interest rates as an input in their valuation model not reflected in the disclosure below. Therefore, the sensitivity analysis may not fully reflect the total effect of future movements in interest rates on net asset attributable to unitholders.

## 9 Financial risk management (continued)

### (a) Market risk (continued)

#### (ii) Interest rate risk (continued)

The tables below summarises the Funds' exposure to interest rate risks.

<b>Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund</b>	<b>Floating interest rate</b>	<b>Fixed interest rate</b>	<b>Non-interest bearing</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Floating interest rate</b>	<b>Fixed interest rate</b>	<b>Non-interest bearing</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>30 June 2024 \$'000</b>	<b>30 June 2024 \$'000</b>	<b>30 June 2024 \$'000</b>	<b>30 June 2024 \$'000</b>	<b>30 June 2023 \$'000</b>	<b>30 June 2023 \$'000</b>	<b>30 June 2023 \$'000</b>	<b>30 June 2023 \$'000</b>
<b>Assets</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	16,668	-	-	16,668	12,215	-	-	12,215
Cash held on collateral	3,506	-	-	3,506	4,935	-	-	4,935
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	22,723	22,723	-	-	34,647	34,647
Other receivables	-	-	157	157	-	-	208	208
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	(21)	(21)	-	-	(556)	(556)
Other payables	-	-	(46)	(46)	-	-	(61)	(61)
<b>Net exposure</b>	<b>20,174</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,813</b>	<b>42,987</b>	<b>17,150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,238</b>	<b>51,388</b>

<b>Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund</b>	<b>Floating interest rate</b>	<b>Fixed interest rate</b>	<b>Non-interest bearing</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Floating interest rate</b>	<b>Fixed interest rate</b>	<b>Non-interest bearing</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>30 June 2024 \$'000</b>	<b>30 June 2024 \$'000</b>	<b>30 June 2024 \$'000</b>	<b>30 June 2024 \$'000</b>	<b>30 June 2023 \$'000</b>	<b>30 June 2023 \$'000</b>	<b>30 June 2023 \$'000</b>	<b>30 June 2023 \$'000</b>
<b>Assets</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	250,470	-	-	250,470	161,026	-	-	161,026
Cash held on collateral	71,149	-	-	71,149	101,233	-	-	101,233
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	28,997	28,997	-	-	-	-
Other receivables	-	-	1,246	1,246	-	-	1,797	1,797
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	(6)	(6)	-	-	(5,852)	(5,852)
Other payables	-	-	(345)	(345)	-	-	(289)	(289)
<b>Net exposure</b>	<b>321,619</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,892</b>	<b>351,511</b>	<b>262,259</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(4,344)</b>	<b>257,915</b>

## 9 Financial risk management (continued)

### (a) Market risk (continued)

(ii) Interest rate risk (continued)

#### Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)

	Floating interest rate	Fixed interest rate	Non-interest bearing	Total	Floating interest rate	Fixed interest rate	Non-interest bearing	Total
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
<b>Assets</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	34,484	-	-	34,484	10,713	-	-	10,713
Cash held on collateral	2,252	-	-	2,252	3,043	-	-	3,043
Other receivables	-	-	126	126	-	-	711	711
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	(130)	(130)	-	-	(474)	(474)
Distributions payable	-	-	(983)	(983)	-	-	-	-
Other payables	-	-	(38)	(38)	-	-	(16)	(16)
<b>Net exposure</b>	<b>36,736</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,025)</b>	<b>35,711</b>	<b>13,756</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>13,977</b>

#### Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)

	Floating interest rate	Fixed interest rate	Non-interest bearing	Total	Floating interest rate	Fixed interest rate	Non-interest bearing	Total
	30 June 2024 \$ <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2024 \$ <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2024 \$ <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2024 \$ <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2023 \$ <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2023 \$ <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2023 \$ <sup>1</sup>	30 June 2023 \$ <sup>1</sup>
<b>Assets</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	5,242,746	-	-	5,242,746	7,573,265	-	-	7,573,265
Cash held on collateral	305,540	-	-	305,540	1,313,751	-	-	1,313,751
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	21,169	21,169	-	-	385,975	385,975
Other receivables	-	-	19,576	19,576	-	-	43,570	43,570
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Distributions payable	-	-	(348,617)	(348,617)	-	-	(505,995)	(505,995)
Other payables	-	-	(6,021)	(6,021)	-	-	(9,546)	(9,546)
<b>Net exposure</b>	<b>5,548,286</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(313,893)</b>	<b>5,234,393</b>	<b>8,887,016</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(85,996)</b>	<b>8,801,020</b>

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars.

## 9 Financial risk management (continued)

### (a) Market risk (continued)

#### (ii) Interest rate risk (continued)

##### Sensitivity analysis - Interest rate risk

The table below summarises the sensitivities of the interest rate risk. The analysis is based on the assumption that interest rates increase or decrease by a "predetermined basis points" from the year end rates with all other variables held constant. The "predetermined basis points" for 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023 are noted in the table below. Management have considered the movements for each investment asset type to be reasonable given the Funds' economic environment.

	<b>Impact on net assets attributable to unitholders and profit/(loss)</b>				
	<b>Sensitivity rate (basis points)</b>	<b>Increase 30 June 2024</b>	<b>Decrease 30 June 2024</b>	<b>Increase 30 June 2023</b>	<b>Decrease 30 June 2023</b>
Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund (\$'000)	100*	202	(202)	172	(172)
Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund (\$'000)	100*	3,216	(3,216)	2,623	(2,623)
Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund) (\$'000)	100*	367	(367)	138	(138)
Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund) (\$ <sup>1</sup> )	100*	55,483	(55,483)	88,870	(88,870)

\*100 basis points used for 30 June 2023.

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars.

#### (iii) Foreign exchange risk

The Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund and Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund are not exposed to significant risks from movements in foreign exchange rates as there are no financial assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies.

The Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund) and Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund) may hold both monetary and non-monetary assets denominated in currencies other than the Australian dollar. The foreign exchange risk relating to non-monetary assets and liabilities is a component of price risk not foreign exchange risk. Foreign exchange risk arises as the value of monetary assets denominated in other currencies fluctuates due to changes in exchange rates. The risk is measured using sensitivity analysis.

## 9 Financial risk management (continued)

### (a) Market risk (continued)

#### (iii) Foreign exchange risk (continued)

The tables below summarise the Funds' assets and liabilities, monetary and non-monetary, that are denominated in a currency other than the Australian dollar.

	Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)		Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	
	USD* \$'000	Total \$'000	USD* \$ <sup>1</sup>	Total \$ <sup>1</sup>
<b>30 June 2024</b>				
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash held on collateral	1,710	1,710	(82,637)	(82,637)
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	21,169	21,169
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>(61,468)</b>	<b>(61,468)</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	130	130	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Increase/(decrease) in foreign currency exposure	-	-	-	-
<b>Net foreign currency exposure</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>(61,468)</b>	<b>(61,468)</b>
<b>30 June 2023</b>				
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	233	233	320,559	320,559
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	385,976	385,976
<b>Total</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>706,535</b>	<b>706,535</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	474	474	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Increase/(decrease) in foreign currency exposure	-	-	-	-
<b>Net foreign currency exposure</b>	<b>(241)</b>	<b>(241)</b>	<b>706,535</b>	<b>706,535</b>

\*These Funds only have USD exposure.

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars.

**9 Financial risk management (continued)**

**(a) Market risk (continued)**

*(iii) Foreign exchange risk (continued)*

*Sensitivity analysis - Foreign exchange risk*

The following tables summarise the sensitivities of the Funds' monetary assets and liabilities to foreign exchange risk.

	<b>Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)</b>		<b>Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)</b>	
	<b>30 June 2024</b>	<b>30 June 2023</b>	<b>30 June 2024</b>	<b>30 June 2023</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$<sup>1</sup></b>
Impact on profit/(loss) from operating activities and net assets attributable to unitholders				
10% AUD appreciation against foreign currency (2023: 10%)	<b>158</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>(6,147)</b>	<b>(70,653)</b>

10% AUD depreciation against foreign currency would have an equal, but opposite effect to the amounts shown in the table above.

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars.

## **9 Financial risk management (continued)**

### **(b) Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Funds.

The main concentration of credit risk to which the Funds are exposed arises from the Funds' investment into cash and cash equivalents and other receivables.

#### *(i) Derivative financial instruments*

The Responsible Entity has established target asset allocation ranges for each Fund, including the proportion of the net asset value of each Fund comprised by exchange traded derivatives that are set out in the PDS. The counterparty of exchange traded derivative contracts entered into by the Funds is the relevant central clearing counterparty that operates in the relevant market.

#### *(ii) Cash and cash equivalents*

The exposure to credit risk for cash and cash equivalents is considered low as the Funds only invest their assets into bank deposit accounts held with banks that are regulated in Australia by the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority as authorised deposit taking institutions, and all counterparties have a credit rating of at least A.

In accordance with the Funds' policy, the investment manager monitors the Fund's credit position on a regular basis.

#### *(iii) Settlement of securities transactions*

All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered low, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligations.

#### *(iv) Other*

The custody of the Funds' assets are mainly concentrated with one counterparty, namely Citigroup Pty Ltd. Citigroup Pty Ltd is a subsidiary of a company listed on a major securities exchange, and at 30 June 2024 had a credit rating of A by Standard & Poor's (S&P) (30 June 2023: "A" by S&P). At 30 June 2024, substantially all cash and cash equivalents, balances due from brokers and investments are held in custody by Citigroup Pty Ltd.

### **(c) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Funds will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities.

The Funds are exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. The Funds' investments in cash and cash equivalents are considered to be readily realisable and the Funds maintain adequate liquidity to pay withdrawals and distributions when required.

Certain Funds may invest in derivative contracts traded over the counter, which are not traded in an organised market and may be illiquid. As a result, the Funds may not be able to quickly liquidate their investments in these instruments at an amount close to their fair value to meet their liquidity requirements or to respond to specific events such as deterioration in the creditworthiness of any particular issuer or counterparty.

## 9 Financial risk management (continued)

### (c) Liquidity risk (continued)

The following tables analyse the Funds' non-derivative and derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining year at the end of the reporting year to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the tables are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund							
	On demand	Less than	Greater than	Total	On demand	Less than	Greater than	Total
	30 June	6 months	6 months		30 June	6 months	6 months	
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
Distributions payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other payables	-	46	-	46	-	61	-	61
<b>Contractual cash flows (excluding net settled derivatives)</b>	-	46	-	46	-	61	-	61
Listed futures	-	21	-	21	-	556	-	556
<b>Net settled derivatives</b>	-	21	-	21	-	556	-	556
	Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund							
On demand	Less than	Greater than	Total	On demand	Less than	Greater than	Total	
30 June	6 months	6 months		30 June	6 months	6 months		
2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023		
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		
Distributions payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other payables	-	345	-	345	-	289	289	
<b>Contractual cash flows (excluding net settled derivatives)</b>	-	345	-	345	-	289	289	
Listed futures	-	6	-	6	-	5,852	5,852	
<b>Net settled derivatives</b>	-	6	-	6	-	5,852	5,852	

9 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Liquidity risk (continued)

	Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)							
	On demand	Less than	Greater than	Total	On demand	Less than	Greater than	Total
	30 June	6 months	6 months		30 June	6 months	6 months	
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2023
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Distributions payable	-	983	-	983	-	-	-	-
Other payables	-	38	-	38	-	16	-	16
<b>Contractual cash flows (excluding net settled derivatives)</b>	-	<b>1,021</b>	-	<b>1,021</b>	-	16	-	16
Listed futures	-	130	-	130	-	474	-	474
<b>Net settled derivatives</b>	-	<b>130</b>	-	<b>130</b>	-	474	-	474

	Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)							
	On demand	Less than	Greater than	Total	On demand	Less than	Greater than	Total
	30 June	6 months	6 months		30 June	6 months	6 months	
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2023
\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	
Distributions payable	-	348,617	-	348,617	-	505,995	-	505,995
Other payables	-	6,021	-	6,021	-	9,546	-	9,546
<b>Contractual cash flows (excluding net settled derivatives)</b>	-	<b>354,638</b>	-	<b>354,638</b>	-	515,541	-	515,541

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars.

## 10 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statements 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. The gross and net positions of financial assets and liabilities that have been offset in the statements of financial position are disclosed in the first three columns of the tables below.

	Effects of offsetting on the statements of financial position			Related amounts not offset in the statements of financial position		
	Gross amounts of financial assets/(liabilities)	Gross amounts set off in the statements of financial position	Net amount of financial assets/ (liabilities) presented in the statements of financial position	Financial instruments (including non-cash collateral)	Stock and cash collateral pledged	Net amounts
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund</b>						
<b>As at 30 June 2024</b>						
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
Listed futures	(21)	-	(21)	-	21	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(21)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(21)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>As at 30 June 2023</b>						
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
Listed futures	(556)	-	(556)	-	556	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(556)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(556)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>-</b>

**10 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)**

	Effects of offsetting on the statements of financial position			Related amounts not offset in the statements of financial position		
	Gross amounts of financial assets/(liabilities)	Gross amounts set off in the statements of financial position	Net amount of financial assets/ (liabilities) presented in the statements of financial position	Financial instruments (including non-cash collateral)	Stock and cash collateral pledged	Net amounts
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund</b>						
<b>As at 30 June 2024</b>						
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
Listed futures	(6)	-	(6)	-	6	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>As at 30 June 2023</b>						
Financial liabilities						
Listed futures	(5,852)	-	(5,852)	-	5,852	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(5,852)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(5,852)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,852</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)</b>						
<b>As at 30 June 2024</b>						
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
Listed futures	(130)	-	(130)	-	130	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(130)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(130)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>As at 30 June 2023</b>						
Financial liabilities						
Listed futures	(474)	-	(474)	-	474	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(474)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(474)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>-</b>

## 10 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

	Effects of offsetting on the statements of financial position			Related amounts not offset in the statements of financial position		
	Gross amounts of financial assets/(liabilities)	Gross amounts set off in the statements of financial position	Net amount of financial assets/(liabilities) presented in the statements of financial position	Financial instruments (including non-cash collateral)	Stock and cash collateral pledged	Net amounts
<b>Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)</b>						
	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>
<b>As at 30 June 2024</b>						
<b>Financial assets</b>						
Listed futures	21,169	-	21,169	-	-	21,169
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,169</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,169</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,169</b>
<b>As at 30 June 2023</b>						
<b>Financial assets</b>						
Listed futures	385,975	-	385,975	-	-	385,975
<b>Total</b>	<b>385,975</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>385,975</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>385,975</b>

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars.

Agreements with over-the-counter derivative counterparties are based on the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) Master Agreement. Under the terms of these arrangements, only when certain credit events occur (such as default), the net position owing/receivable to a single counterparty in the same currency will be taken as owing and all the relevant arrangements terminated. As the Fund does not presently have a legally enforceable right of set-off, these amounts have not been offset in the statement of financial position but have been presented separately in the above table.

## 11 Fair value measurements

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 assets or liabilities that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

### Fair value estimation

The carrying amounts of the Funds' assets and liabilities at the end of each reporting year approximate their fair values.

## **11 Fair value measurements (continued)**

### **Fair value estimation (continued)**

Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured initially at fair value excluding any transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability. Transaction costs on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are expensed immediately. Subsequent to initial recognition, all instruments at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value with changes in their fair value recognised in statements of comprehensive income.

#### *(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 Funds value their investments in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2. For the majority of their investments, the Funds rely on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of their investments.

The quoted market price used for financial assets and liabilities is the last traded price. Where the last traded price does not fall within the bid-ask spread, an assessment is performed by the management to determine the appropriate valuation price to use that is most representative of fair value.

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.

#### *(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 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.

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. Fair values for unquoted equity investments are estimated, if possible, using applicable price/earnings ratios for similar listed companies adjusted to reflect the specific circumstances of the issuer.

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 Funds for similar financial instruments.

Listed futures is measured by the quoted market prices, or binding dealer price quotations on the exchange where they are listed or held.

## 11 Fair value measurements (continued)

### Fair value estimation (continued)

#### (iii) Recognised fair value measurements

The tables below set out the Funds' financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy:

	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund							
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2023
<b>Financial assets</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:								
Listed securities	22,723	-	-	22,723	34,647	-	-	34,647
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,723</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,723</b>	<b>34,647</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,647</b>

### Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:

Listed futures	21	-	-	21	556	-	-	556
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>556</b>

	Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund							
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2023
<b>Financial assets</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:								
Listed securities	28,997	-	-	28,997	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,997</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,997</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:

Listed futures	6	-	-	6	5,852	-	-	5,852
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5,852</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,852</b>

## 11 Fair value measurements (continued)

### Fair value estimation (continued)

(iii) *Recognised fair value measurements (continued)*

		<b>Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)</b>							
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
		30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2023
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Financial liabilities</b>									
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:									
Listed futures		130	-	-	130	474	-	-	474
<b>Total</b>		<b>130</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>474</b>
		<b>Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)</b>							
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
		30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
		2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2023
		\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>	\$ <sup>1</sup>
<b>Financial assets</b>									
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:									
Listed futures		21,169	-	-	21,169	385,975	-	-	385,975
<b>Total</b>		<b>21,169</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,169</b>	<b>385,975</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>385,975</b>

<sup>1</sup> *Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest thousand dollars.*

(iv) *Transfers between levels*

There were no transfers between levels during the year ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

## **11 Fair value measurements (continued)**

### *(v) Movement in level 3 instruments*

There were no investments classified as Level 3 within the Funds as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

### *(vi) Fair value of financial instruments not carried at fair value*

The carrying value of receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values.

## **12 Derivative financial instruments**

In the normal course of business certain Funds may enter into transactions in various derivative financial instruments which have certain risks. A derivative is a financial instrument or other contract which is settled at a future date and whose value changes in response to the change in a specified interest rate, financial instrument price, commodity price, foreign exchange rate, index of prices or rates, credit rating or credit index or other variable.

Derivative financial instruments require no initial net investment or an initial net investment that is smaller than would be required for other types of contracts that would be expected to have a similar response to changes in market factors.

Derivative transactions include many different instruments such as forwards, futures and options. Derivatives are considered to be part of the investment process and the use of derivatives is an essential part of the Funds' portfolio management. Derivatives are not managed in isolation. Consequently, the use of derivatives is multifaceted and includes:

- hedging to protect an asset or liability of the Fund against a fluctuation in market values or to reduce volatility;
- a substitution for trading of physical securities; and
- adjusting asset exposures within the parameters set in the investment strategy, and adjusting the duration of fixed interest portfolios or the weighted average maturity of cash portfolios.

While derivatives are used for trading purposes, they are not used to gear (leverage) a portfolio. Gearing a portfolio would occur if the level of exposure to the markets exceeds the underlying value of the Funds.

### **Futures Contracts**

Futures are contractual obligations to buy or sell financial instruments on a future date at a specified price established in an organised market. The futures contracts are collateralised by cash or marketable securities. Changes in futures contracts' values are usually settled net daily with the exchange.

**12 Derivative financial instruments (continued)**

**Futures Contracts (continued)**

The following Funds held derivative instruments (amounts in positive indicates long/buy and amounts in negative indicates short/sell):

	<b>Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund</b>						<b>Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund</b>					
	<b>Fair values</b>						<b>Fair values</b>					
	<b>Notional</b>	<b>Assets</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>Notional</b>	<b>Assets</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>Notional</b>	<b>Assets</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>Notional</b>	<b>Assets</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>
	<b>Amounts</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>Amounts</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>Amounts</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>Amounts</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Listed futures	<b>(41,580)</b>	-	<b>21</b>	(51,917)	-	556	<b>(814,117)</b>	-	<b>6</b>	(574,491)	-	5,852
	<b>(41,580)</b>	-	<b>21</b>	(51,917)	-	556	<b>(814,117)</b>	-	<b>6</b>	(574,491)	-	5,852
	<b>Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)</b>						<b>Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)</b>					
	<b>Fair values</b>						<b>Fair values</b>					
	<b>Notional</b>	<b>Assets</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>Notional</b>	<b>Assets</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>Notional</b>	<b>Assets</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>Notional</b>	<b>Assets</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>
	<b>Amounts</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>Amounts</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>Amounts</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>Amounts</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$<sup>1</sup></b>
Listed futures	<b>77,883</b>	-	<b>130</b>	33,207	-	474	<b>(13,430,198)</b>	<b>21,169</b>	-	(21,970,735)	385,975	-
	<b>77,883</b>	-	<b>130</b>	33,207	-	474	<b>(13,430,198)</b>	<b>21,169</b>	-	(21,970,735)	385,975	-

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to the nearest whole dollar as the Fund does not meet the criteria set out in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 to round to the nearest

### 13 Auditor's remuneration

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the Funds. Audit fees were borne by Betashares Holdings Pty Ltd, the parent entity of the Responsible Entity:

There were no non-audit fees incurred by the Funds during the year ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund		Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)		Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	
	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
<b>KPMG</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Audit and other assurance service</i>								
Audit and review of financial reports	8,094	7,529	8,094	7,529	8,094	7,529	8,094	7,529
Audit of compliance plan	1,322	1,230	1,322	1,230	1,322	1,230	1,322	1,230
Total remuneration of audit and other assurance services	<b>9,416</b>	8,759	<b>9,416</b>	8,759	<b>9,416</b>	8,759	<b>9,416</b>	8,759

### 14 Related party transactions

#### Responsible Entity

The Responsible Entity of the Funds is Betashares Capital Ltd (ABN 78 139 566 868), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Betashares Financial Group Pty Ltd.

#### Key management personnel

The Funds do not employ personnel in their own right. However, the Funds are required to have an incorporated Responsible Entity to manage the activities and this is considered to be key management personnel. The directors of the Responsible Entity, which are key management personnel of the Responsible Entity, during or since the end of the financial year are:

#### (a) Directors

Mr Alex Vynokur (appointed 21 September 2009)  
Mr Jason Gellert (appointed 5 March 2021)  
Mr Edward Sippel (appointed 5 March 2021)

#### (b) Other key management personnel

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

## 14 Related party transactions (continued)

### Responsible Entity's management fees and other transactions

The Responsible Entity's fees are calculated in accordance with the Funds' Constitutions. The Responsible Entity's fees comprise a management fee and (if applicable) expense recoveries (after taking account of GST and reduced input tax credits), which are calculated as a percentage of the net asset value of the Funds and are disclosed in the statements of comprehensive income. The following table discloses the Responsible Entity's fees for 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023:

Funds	Management Fee		Expense Recoveries	
	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	%	%	%	%
Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund	1.19	1.19	0.19	0.19
Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	1.19	1.19	0.10	0.10
Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	1.19	1.19	0.19	0.19
Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	1.19	1.19	0.19	0.19

The related party transactions during the year and amounts payable at year end were as follows:

	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund		Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)		Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	
	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Management fees expensed to the Responsible Entity	581,396	675,251	4,378,576	3,478,589	340,175	143,557	80,448	128,584
Management fees payable to the Responsible Entity at reporting date	39,102	52,626	322,023	266,675	32,297	14,321	5,119	8,166
Management fees rebate received from the Responsible Entity	-	-	28,670	-	-	-	-	-
Management fees rebate receivable from the Responsible Entity at reporting date	-	-	4,011	-	-	-	-	-
Expense recoveries expensed to the Responsible Entity	92,828	107,813	360,284	292,318	54,313	22,921	12,845	20,530
Expense recoveries payable to the Responsible Entity at reporting date	6,243	8,403	27,061	22,410	5,157	2,286	817	1,304

## 14 Related party transactions (continued)

### Related party unitholdings

Parties related to the Funds, including the Responsible Entity, its affiliates or other schemes managed by the Responsible Entity, held no units in the Funds during the financial year.

### Investments

Holdings of the Funds in other related parties, including those under the management of the Responsible Entity is as follows:

#### *Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund*

2024	Number of units held opening (Units)	Number of units held closing (Units)	Fair value of investment (\$)	Interest held (%)	Number of units acquired (Units)	Number of units disposed (Units)	Distributions received/ receivable (\$)
Holding in related fund							
Betashares Australian Cash Plus Fund	-	200,000	9,999,423	7.46	200,000	-	281,411
Betashares Australian High Interest Cash ETF	692,000	254,073	12,723,306	0.37	-	437,927	775,019
<b>Total</b>	<b>692,000</b>	<b>454,073</b>	<b>22,722,729</b>	<b>7.83</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>437,927</b>	<b>1,056,430</b>

2023	Number of units held opening (Units)	Number of units held closing (Units)	Fair value of investment (\$)	Interest held (%)	Number of units acquired (Units)	Number of units disposed (Units)	Distributions received/ receivable (\$)
Holding in related fund							
Betashares Australian High Interest Cash ETF	692,000	692,000	34,647,516	1.08	-	-	1,048,736
<b>Total</b>	<b>692,000</b>	<b>692,000</b>	<b>34,647,516</b>	<b>1.08</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,048,736</b>

#### *Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund*

2024	Number of units held opening (Units)	Number of units held closing (Units)	Fair value of investment (\$)	Interest held (%)	Number of units acquired (Units)	Number of units disposed (Units)	Distributions received/ receivable (\$)
Holding in related fund							
Betashares Australian Cash Plus Fund	-	579,968	28,996,727	21.64	579,968	-	782,293
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>579,968</b>	<b>28,996,727</b>	<b>21.64</b>	<b>579,968</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>782,293</b>

Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund did not have any holdings in other related parties managed by the Responsibility Entity at 30 June 2023.

All transactions with related parties are conducted on normal terms and conditions. From time to time the Responsible Entity or its director-related entities may invest or withdraw from the Funds.

## **15 Events occurring after the reporting period**

The Responsible Entity of the Funds is Betashares Capital Ltd (ABN 78 139 566 868). The Responsible Entity of the Funds has changed the registered office and principal place of business from Level 11, 50 Margaret Street, Sydney, NSW 2000 to Level 46, 180 George Street, Sydney, NSW 2000, effective 1st September 2024.

The address change does not affect the Funds' financial position or results of operations. All future correspondence and filings should be directed to the new address.

No other significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting year which would impact on the financial position of the Funds disclosed in the statements of financial position as at 30 June 2024 or on the results and cash flows of the Funds for the year ended on that date.

## **16 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments**

There are no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

## **Directors' declaration**

Betashares Capital Ltd presents the Directors' Declaration in respect of the following funds:

Betashares Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund  
Betashares Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund  
Betashares Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)  
Betashares Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)

In the opinion of the directors of Betashares Capital Ltd, the Responsible Entity of the Funds:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 7 to 45 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
  - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Funds' financial positions as at 30 June 2024 and of their performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Funds will be able to pay their debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (c) Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards and Interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Alex Vynokur  
Director

Sydney  
19 September 2024



# Independent Auditor's Report

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To the respective unitholders of the following Funds:

Betashares Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund

Betashares Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund

Betashares Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)

Betashares Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)

For the purpose of this report, the term Fund and Funds denote the individual and distinct entity for which the financial information is prepared and upon which our audit is performed. Each is to be read as a singular subject matter.

## Opinions

We have audited each of the **Financial Reports** of the Funds.

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Report of each Fund gives a true and fair view, including of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, in compliance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

The respective **Financial Reports** of the individual Funds comprise:

- Statements of financial position as at 30 June 2024
- Statements of comprehensive income, Statements of changes in equity, and of Statements of cash flows for the year then ended
- Notes, including material accounting policies
- Directors' Declaration made by the Directors of Betashares Capital Ltd (the Responsible Entity).

## Basis for opinions

We conducted our audits 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 opinions.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audits of the Financial Reports* section of our report.

We are independent of the Funds and the Responsible Entity 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 audits of the Financial Reports 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 respective audits of the Financial Reports of each Fund in the current period.

These matters were addressed in the context of our audits of the each of the Financial Reports as a whole, and in forming our opinions thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

The **Key Audit Matter** we identified for each of Betashares Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund and Betashares Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund is:

- Valuation and existence of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

The **Key Audit Matter** we identified for Betashares Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund, Betashares Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund, Betashares Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund) and Betashares Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund) is:

- Existence of cash and cash equivalents and cash held on collateral.

**Valuation and existence of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Betashares Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund \$22,723,000 and Betashares Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund \$28,997,000.)**

Refer to Notes 2(b), 5, 9, 11 and 12 to the Financial Reports	
The key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audits
<p>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss comprise investments in listed securities, and derivatives (“investments”). The Fund outsources certain processes and controls relevant to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executing the purchase and sale of investment transactions as instructed by the Responsible Entity and recording and valuing investments to the Fund’s administrator; and</li> <li>• Maintaining custody and underlying records of investments to the custodian.</li> </ul> <p>Valuation and existence of investments is a key audit matter due to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Size of the Fund’s portfolio of investments. These investments represent a significant percentage of the Fund’s total assets at</li> </ul>	<p>Our procedures included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We assessed 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.</li> <li>• We obtained and read the Fund’s ASAE 3402 (<i>Assurance Reports on Controls at a Service Organisation</i>) and 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 2023 to 30 June 2024 to understand the processes and assess the controls relevant to the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fund administrator – to execute transactions, record and value the Fund’s investments; and</li> <li>- Custodian – to maintain</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



<p>year end; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Importance of the performance of these investments in driving the Fund's investment income and performance of the Funds, as reported in the Financial Report.</li> </ul> <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>custody and underlying records of the Fund's investments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We assessed the reputation, professional competence and independence of the auditors of the ASAE 3402 and GS007 assurance reports.</li> <li>We checked the existence of investments, being the ownership and quantity held to independent confirmations from the custodian as at 30 June 2024.</li> <li>We checked the valuation of investments, as recorded in the general ledger, to independently sourced prices from relevant stock exchanges at 30 June 2024.</li> <li>We evaluated the Fund's disclosures of investments, using our understanding obtained from our testing, against the requirements of the accounting standards.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Existence of cash and cash equivalents (Betashares Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund \$16,668,000, Betashares Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund \$250,470,000, Betashares Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund) \$34,484,000 and Betashares Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund) \$5,242,746)</b></p>	

<p><b>Existence of cash held on collateral (Betashares Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund \$3,506,000, Betashares Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund \$71,149,000, Betashares Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund) \$2.252,000 and Betashares Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund) \$305,540)</b></p>	
<p>Refer to Notes 2(d), 8(b) and 9 to the Financial Reports</p>	
<p><b>The key audit matter</b></p>	<p><b>How the matter was addressed in our audit</b></p>
<p>The Fund outsources certain processes and controls relevant to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recording cash transactions to the Fund's administrator;</li> <li>Maintaining custody and underlying records of cash and cash equivalents to the custodian;</li> </ul> <p>Existence of cash and cash equivalents is a key audit matter due to the size of the Fund's portfolio of cash and cash equivalents and cash held on collateral. Cash and cash equivalents and cash held on collateral represent a significant percentage of the Fund's total assets at year end.</p> <p>As a result, this was the area with greatest effect on our overall audit strategy and allocation of resources in</p>	<p>Our procedures included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We obtained and read the Fund's ASAE 3402 (<i>Assurance Reports on Controls at a Service Organisation</i>) and 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 2023 to 30 June 2024 to understand the processes and assess the controls relevant to the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fund administrator – to record the Fund's cash and cash equivalents and cash held on collateral transactions; and</li> <li>Custodian – to maintain custody and underlying records of the Fund's cash and cash equivalents and cash held on collateral.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



<p>planning and performing our audit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We assessed the reputation, professional competence and independence of the auditors of the ASAE 3402 and GS007 assurance reports.</li> <li>• We requested and obtained independent confirmations of the Fund’s cash and cash equivalents and cash held on collateral balances from relevant financial institutions at 30 June 2024 and checked to the Fund’s cash and cash equivalents and cash held on collateral balances, as recorded in the general ledger.</li> <li>• We evaluated the Fund’s disclosures of cash and cash equivalents and cash held on collateral, using our understanding obtained from our testing, against the requirements of the accounting standards.</li> </ul>
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**Other Information**

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in the issuer of the respective Fund’s annual report which is provided in addition to the Financial Reports and the Auditor’s Report. The Directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinions on the Financial Reports do 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 audits of the Financial Reports, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Reports or our knowledge obtained in the audits, 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 Reports**

- The Directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for:
- preparing the Financial Reports in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of each Fund, and in compliance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*
  - implementing necessary internal controls to enable the preparation of a Financial Report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of each Fund, and that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
  - assessing each 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 respective Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



## Auditor's responsibilities for the audits of the Financial Reports

Our objective is:

- to obtain reasonable assurance about whether each of the Financial Reports as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinions.

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 Reports.

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

[https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar2\\_2020.pdf](https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar2_2020.pdf)

This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

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