

ASX Release

UPDATED SHARE TRADING POLICY

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Absolute Equity Performance Fund Limited (ASX:AEG) adopted an updated Securities Trading Policy on 15 February 2017 (**Policy**).

The Policy is contained within the Company's Corporate Governance Charter and is available on the Company's Website under Corporate Governance. The extracted Policy is attached to this announcement.

This announcement is made for the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 12.10.

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6. Share Trading Policy

General Trading Policy

6.1. Policy

The Board has established the following policy to apply to trading in the Company's shares on ASX. This policy applies to those persons defined below as "*Restricted Persons*" of the Company. Restricted Persons to whom this policy applies must restrict their buying and selling of Company's shares within the Company trading window established by the Share Trading Policy. Any breach of this policy will be regarded as serious and will be subject to appropriate sanctions.

In addition to the requirements of this General Trading Policy, all Restricted Persons (as defined below) must also comply with the Insider Trading Policy in section 7 below.

6.2. Executive restrictions on trading

This General Trading Policy and the restrictions on trading in the Company's shares set out below applies to the following representatives of the Company (**Restricted Persons**):

- (a) the Board;
- (b) directors and company secretary of any subsidiary of the Company;
- (c) any person who is entitled to receive equity performance rights and/or options as part of any equity incentive based scheme of the Company;
- (d) any Executives; and
- (e) the Company Secretary.

The Restricted Persons are to be subject to restrictions on trading in the Company's shares at certain times of the year. Restrictions also apply where any Restricted Person is exposed to inside information in the course of their duties in accordance with the Insider Trading Policy (see section 7 below).

6.3. Associated Parties

Each Restricted Person has a personal responsibility to ensure that his or her "associated parties" (being immediate family (including a spouse (or equivalent) or dependent), family company or trust) complies with the same respective restrictions as apply to Restricted Person.

6.4. Prohibition on Restricted Persons dealing in Shares

As the Company is a listed investment company which will announce its investment updates and Net Tangible Assets (NTA) at least monthly on the ASX, the Board believes the shareholders are generally fully informed.

The Company releases an Unadjusted NTA on a weekly basis on the ASX.

The Board has decided that given the above NTA disclosures, that Restricted Persons are prohibited from dealing in the Company's shares:

- (a) from 1 day prior to 1 day after the release of the Company's NTA on a monthly basis on the ASX; and
- (b) from Monday of each week until such time as the Company's Unadjusted NTA is released on a weekly basis on the ASX.

In addition to the overriding prohibition on dealing when a person is in possession of inside information in accordance with the Insider Trading Policy, Restricted Persons and their associated parties are prohibited (unless otherwise agreed to by the Board) from dealing in shares during each period of 5 business days before the announcement of a dividend or any other capital management initiative that might have a material impact on the share price.

The Board may from time to time designate further periods of time as a prohibited period under this Policy.

For the avoidance of doubt, it is emphasised that Restricted Persons may not deal whilst in the possession of “Inside Information” (see section 7).

6.5. Board of Directors’ discretion

The Board has an absolute discretion to place an embargo on Restricted Persons and/or employees and /or their respective associated parties trading in the Company’s shares at any time.

6.6. Notification rules in relation to dealing in shares

Restricted Persons are required to notify the Company of intended dealings in the Company’s shares, by themselves or their associated parties, prior to such intended dealings. This should be done by written notice to the Company Secretary outlining:

- (a) name of Shareholder;
- (b) type of proposed transaction (purchase, sale, etc.); and
- (c) number of shares involved.

The Company Secretary will confer with the Chairman in relation to any proposed dealing.

The Chairman and the Company Secretary must keep a written record of any information received from an employee (including a Restricted Person) in connection with the Share Trading Policy and any clearance or refusal to grant clearance given under this Share Trading Policy.

6.7. Directors to notify ASX of shareholding

The Directors are required to complete, or request that the Company Secretary complete, necessary forms to be filed with ASX in respect of their shareholding in the Company for the purposes of section 205G of the Corporations Act and the Listing Rules.

All Directors have, and new Directors will, enter into a Director disclosure agreement with the Company (as set out in Guidance Note 22 of the Listing Rules)). The Company Secretary will maintain records of signed copies of these Directors disclosure agreements.

6.8. Exceptional Circumstances

Where, in exceptional circumstances, and it is the only reasonable course of action available to a Restricted Person (e.g. a pressing financial commitment that cannot be satisfied otherwise) clearance may be given for the Restricted Person to sell (but not to purchase) shares in the Company when that person would otherwise be prohibited from doing so. In this section 5.8, “exceptional circumstances” means severe financial hardship, a court order (or court enforceable undertaking), or some other overriding legal or regulatory requirement, to transfer or sell shares in the Company, or other

circumstances that may be deemed exceptional by the Chairman. For example, a Restricted Person may be in severe financial hardship if he or she has a pressing financial commitment that cannot otherwise be satisfied.

The Chairman may not give clearance under the exception in section 5.8 if there is a matter about which there is inside information in relation to shares in the Company (whether or not the Restricted Person knows about the matter) when the Restricted Person requests clearance or proposes to deal in shares in the Company.

The Chairman will decide if circumstances are exceptional.

Any clearance given by the Chairman in accordance with section 5.8 must be in writing (which may be in the form of an email). The Chairman must determine, and specify in the written clearance, the maximum duration of the clearance.

6.9. Trading not subject to this Share Trading Policy

The following dealings are not subject to the provisions of this Share Trading Policy in respect of the Company:

- (a) undertakings or elections to take up entitlements under a rights issue or other offer (including an offer of shares in lieu of a cash dividend);
- (b) the take up of entitlements under a rights issue or other offer (including an offer of shares in lieu of a cash dividend);
- (c) allowing entitlements to lapse under a rights issue or other offer (including an offer of shares in lieu of a cash dividend);
- (d) the sale of sufficient entitlements to allow take up of the balance of the entitlements under a rights issue;
- (e) undertakings to accept, or the acceptance of, a takeover offer or pursuant to a scheme of arrangement implemented in accordance with section 411 of the Corporations Act;
- (f) transfer of shares arising out of the operation of an employee scheme into a savings scheme investing only in securities of the Company following:
 - (i) the exercise of an option under a savings related share option scheme; or
 - (ii) release of shares from a profit sharing scheme;
- (g) the cancellation or surrender of an option under an employee scheme;
- (h) the purchase of shares or the communication of information pursuant to a requirement imposed by law;
- (i) transfers of shares by an independent trustee of an employee share scheme to a beneficiary who is not a person;
- (j) bona fide gifts to a Director by a third party;
- (k) transfers of securities of the entity already held into a superannuation fund or other saving scheme in which the Restricted Person is a beneficiary;

- (l) an investment in, or trading in units of, a fund or other scheme (other than a scheme only investing in the securities of the entity) where the assets of the fund or other scheme are invested at the discretion of a third party;
- (m) where a Restricted Person is a trustee, trading in the securities of the entity by that trust provided the Restricted Person is not a beneficiary of the trust and any decision to trade during a prohibited period is taken by the other trustees or by the investment managers independently of the restricted person; and
- (n) trading under an offer or invitation made to all or most of the security holders, such as, a rights issue, a security purchase plan, a dividend or distribution reinvestment plan and an equal access buy-back, where the plan that determines the timing and structure of the offer has been approved by the Board. This includes decisions relating to whether or not to take up the entitlements and the sale of entitlements required to provide for the take up of the balance of entitlements under a renounceable pro rata issue.

6.10. Hedging

A Restricted Person must not enter into hedging arrangements with respect to securities in the Company (including any shares, options and rights).

Hedging arrangements include entering into transactions in financial products that operate to limit the economic risk associated with holding securities in the Company.

6.11. Margin Loans

A Restricted Person must not include his or her securities in the Company in a margin loan portfolio or otherwise deal in securities in the Company pursuant to a margin lending arrangement without first obtaining the Company's consent. Such dealing would include:

- (a) entering into a margin lending arrangement in respect of securities in the Company;
- (b) transferring securities in the Company into an existing margin loan account; and
- (c) selling securities in the Company to satisfy a call pursuant to a margin loan.

The Company may, at its discretion, make any clearance granted in accordance with this Clause 6.11 conditional upon such terms and conditions as the Company sees fit (for example, in regards to the circumstances in which the securities in the Company may be sold to satisfy a margin call).