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AUSTRALIAN CLASS ACTION – SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

Summary

- The Federal Court of Australia has today made orders finalising the approval of the settlement of the Australian securities class action against members of the Murray Goulburn group of companies (MG Parties) funded in Australia by Fund 2 and Fund 3 (RoW Funds).
- The RoW Funds' income, including the reimbursement of costs, from this investment will be approximately \$12.9 million which will be recognised in FY20.
- IMF confirms that it has generated aggregate gross income, before losses, from investments this year (including fund investments) of \$131.2 million.

Settlement Approval

IMF Bentham Limited (IMF) refers to its previous announcement dated 24 June 2019 regarding the conditional settlement of the Australian securities class action against the MG Parties. The Federal Court has approved the settlement, albeit with a reduced litigation funding commission of 25% of the aggregate amount of the settlement. The settlement is now unconditional. IMF advises that this RoW Fund investment generated gross income of approximately \$12.9 million, resulting in the following metrics:

	Cash basis	P&L basis after capitalised overheads
Gross income	\$12.9 m	\$12.9 m
Profit	\$10.0 m	\$9.5 m
ROIC	3.43 x	3.28 x
IRR %	384 %	303 %

For details of the distribution rights of IMF and the external investors in the RoW Funds, please refer to IMF's announcement dated 3 October 2017.

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Year to date income

Aggregate gross income before losses from investments this financial year is as follows:

\$ m	Balance sheet direct	Fund 1	Funds 2&3	Fund 4	TOTAL
	(RoW & USA)	(USA)	(RoW)	(USA)	(Global)
Recognised income					
Completed investments	37.1	32.1	12.9	29.5	111.5
Ongoing investments	14.1	5.5	-	-	19.6
Total income recognised	51.2	37.6	12.9	29.5	131.2
Income yet to be recognised					
Binding conditional settlements	12.0	-	-	-	12.0
Agreed in-principle settlements	-	7.0	-	-	7.0
Successful judgments	146.4	7.8	-	-	154.2
Total income yet to be recognised	158.4	14.8	-	-	173.1
TOTAL EXPECTED INCOME YTD	209.6	52.4	12.9	29.5	304.3

IMF notes that the successful judgments row in the above table, includes IMF's estimated income from the Brisbane floods class action¹ in the range of \$100 million to \$130 million, which is subject to the outcome of any appeals, and that the timing of such recognition remains uncertain.

IMF background

Following the merger of the IMF and Omni Bridgeway operations in November 2019, the combined group is a global leader in dispute resolution finance, with expertise in civil and common law legal and recovery systems, and operations spanning Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, the UK and the US. IMF and Omni Bridgeway have built their reputations as trusted providers of funding solutions and together offer end-to-end dispute finance from case inception through to post-judgment enforcement and recovery.

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¹ See IMF's previous announcement dated 2 December 2019 *Brisbane Floods Class Action Judgment*