

CADENCE OPPORTUNITIES FUND LIMITED
A.B.N. 37 627 359 166

APPENDIX 4D
HALF-YEAR REPORT
for the half-year ended 31 December 2024

RESULTS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MARKET
All comparisons to the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	\$	up/down	% mvmt
Revenue from ordinary activities	177,043	Down	90%
Loss from ordinary activities before tax attributable to members	(488,824)	Down	151%
Loss from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	(271,542)	Down	131%
Dividend Information	Amt per share	Franking %	Tax rate for franking
2025 Interim dividend per share	6.5c	100%	30%
2024 Final dividend per share	7.0c	100%	30%
2024 Interim dividend per share	6.5c	100%	30%
2023 Final dividend per share	6.5c	100%	30%
Interim dividend dates			
Ex dividend date			10 April 2025
Record date			11 April 2025
Payment date			30 April 2025
The Dividend Re-Investment Plan (“DRP”) is in operation for the interim dividend of 6.5c per share. The relevant issue price will be calculated as the weighted average market price of shares sold on the ASX over the 4 trading days commencing on the ex-dividend date. The last date for DRP election is the 15 April 2025.			
		31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
Net tangible asset backing after tax		\$1.99	\$2.05
<i>This report is based on the Half-Year Financial Report which has been subject to independent review by the Auditors, HLB Mann Judd Assurance (NSW) Pty Ltd. All the documents comprise the information required by ASX Listing Rule 4.2A. This information should be read in conjunction with the 30 June 2024 Annual Financial Report.</i>			

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**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024**

COMPANY PARTICULARS

CADENCE OPPORTUNITIES FUND LIMITED

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DIRECTORS:

Karl Siegling (Chairman)
Wayne Davies
Susan Oakes
Jolanta Masojada

SECRETARY:

Wayne Davies

MANAGER OF THE FUND:

Cadence Asset Management Pty Limited
ABN: 68 106 551 062

REGISTERED OFFICE:

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PRIME BROKER:

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COUNTRY OF INCORPORATION:

Australia

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DIRECTORS' REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Directors present their report together with the condensed interim financial report of Cadence Opportunities Fund Limited ('the Company') for the half-year ended 31 December 2024.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the Company was investing primarily in securities listed both in Australia and internationally. The Company may take short positions and may also deal in derivatives for hedging purposes. No significant changes in the nature of these activities occurred during the period.

OPERATING RESULTS

Investment operations over the half-year resulted in an operating loss before tax of \$488,824 (December 2023: operating profit before tax of \$949,740) and an operating loss after tax of \$271,542 (December 2023: operating profit after tax of \$873,782).

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

For the half-year ended 31 December 2024, the Company produced a gross performance of -1.1%. Investments are valued continuously to market value. For the half-year ended 31 December 2024, net investments were valued at \$27,630,291 (June 2024: \$34,576,446).

FINANCIAL POSITION

The net asset value of the Company for the half-year ended 31 December 2024 was \$31,587,302 (June 2024: \$32,577,882).

DIVIDENDS PAID OR RECOMMENDED

On 27 February 2025 the Board declared a 6.5 cents per share fully franked interim dividend payable on 30 April 2025. The Ex-Date for the dividend is on the 10 April 2025.

Dividends paid are as follows:

	\$
Fully franked 2024 final dividend of 7.0 cents per share was paid 31 October 2024	1,092,684
Fully franked 2024 interim dividend of 6.5 cents per share was paid 30 April 2024	1,014,636
Fully franked 2023 final dividend of 6.5 cents per share was paid 31 October 2023	1,014,636
Fully franked 2023 interim dividend of 7.5 cents per share was paid 28 April 2023	1,156,095

DIRECTORS

The names of the Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the half-year are as follows:

Karl Siegling – Chairman
Wayne Davies – Non Executive Director
Susan Oakes – Non Executive Director
Jolanta Masojada – Non Executive Director

The Directors have been in office since the start of the half-year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

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.

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EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Other than the dividends declared above, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any other item, transaction or event of material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Company, to significantly affect the operations of the entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the entity, in future financial years.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Sieglung', written in a cursive style.

KARL SIEGLING Director

Dated at Sydney this 27 day of February 2025

Auditor's Independence Declaration

To the directors of Cadence Opportunities Fund Limited:

As lead auditor for the review of the financial report of Cadence Opportunities Fund Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2024, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (a) the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
- (b) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Sydney, NSW
27 February 2025



K L Luong
Director

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	December 2024 \$	December 2023 \$
REVENUE			
Net realised and unrealised (loss)/ gain on investments		(855,802)	669,898
Dividends received		861,846	703,410
Interest received		170,999	316,670
Net revenue and income		<u>177,043</u>	<u>1,689,978</u>
EXPENSES			
Finance costs		(202,127)	(146,866)
Brokerage expenses on share purchases		(50,228)	(16,752)
Directors fees		(37,500)	(37,500)
Dividends on short positions		(33,085)	(216,316)
Stock loan fees		(9,280)	(10,563)
Custody fees		(3,861)	(3,746)
Audit and taxation fees		(33,962)	(22,946)
Management fees		(200,501)	(194,327)
ASX fees		(44,409)	(41,893)
Registry fees		(16,886)	(14,254)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(34,028)	(35,075)
Total expenses		<u>(665,867)</u>	<u>(740,238)</u>
(Loss)/ profit before income tax		(488,824)	949,740
Income tax benefit/ (expense)		<u>217,282</u>	<u>(75,958)</u>
(Loss)/ profit attributable to members of the Company		<u>(271,542)</u>	<u>873,782</u>
Other comprehensive income			
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive (loss)/ income for the period		<u>(271,542)</u>	<u>873,782</u>
Basic (loss)/ earnings per share	6	<u>(1.7) cents</u>	<u>5.6 cents</u>
Diluted (loss)/ earnings per share	6	<u>(1.7) cents</u>	<u>5.6 cents</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	December 2024 \$	June 2024 \$
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	9,447,315	3,469,417
Trade and other receivables		12,220	78,892
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	28,238,841	35,623,574
Deferred tax asset		1,564,690	1,349,737
TOTAL ASSETS		39,263,066	40,521,620
LIABILITIES			
Cash overdrafts	3	6,930,792	6,704,765
Trade and other payables		135,936	161,588
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	7	608,550	1,047,128
Current tax liability		486	30,257
TOTAL LIABILITIES		7,675,764	7,943,738
NET ASSETS		31,587,302	32,577,882
EQUITY			
Issued capital	4	33,193,445	32,819,799
Profits reserve	5 (b)	3,196,408	3,522,195
Accumulated losses		(4,802,551)	(3,764,112)
TOTAL EQUITY		31,587,302	32,577,882

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Issued capital \$	Accumulated losses \$	Profits reserve \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2024		32,819,799	(3,764,112)	3,522,195	32,577,882
Loss for the half-year		-	(271,542)	-	(271,542)
Transfer to profits reserve		-	(766,897)	766,897	-
Other comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	-
Shares issued via dividend reinvestment plan		434,642	-	-	434,642
On-market share buy-back		(60,996)	-	-	(60,996)
Dividends paid	2	-	-	(1,092,684)	(1,092,684)
Balance at 31 December 2024		33,193,445	(4,802,551)	3,196,408	31,587,302
Balance at 1 July 2023		32,734,202	(6,104,717)	5,551,467	32,180,952
Profit for the half-year		-	873,782	-	873,782
Other comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	-
Shares issued via dividend reinvestment plan		152,238	-	-	152,238
On-market share buy-back		(52,288)	-	-	(52,288)
Dividends paid	2	-	-	(1,014,636)	(1,014,636)
Balance at 31 December 2023		32,834,152	(5,230,935)	4,536,831	32,140,048

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	December 2024 \$	December 2023 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from the sale of investments	48,079,509	18,369,687
Payments for the purchase of investments	(41,925,356)	(31,270,328)
Dividends received	861,846	703,410
Interest received	170,999	331,142
Management and performance fees paid	(235,722)	(160,187)
Brokerage expenses on share purchases	(50,228)	(16,752)
Dividends on shorts	(33,085)	(228,351)
Finance costs	(202,127)	(146,866)
Income tax paid	(27,442)	(82,804)
Payments for administration expenses	(167,485)	(179,711)
NET CASH GENERATED BY/ (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	6,470,909	(12,680,760)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
On-market share buy-back	(60,996)	(52,288)
Dividends paid	(658,042)	(862,398)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(719,038)	(914,686)
NET INCREASE/ (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS HELD	5,751,871	(13,595,446)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS AT BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	(3,235,348)	17,240,274
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS AT END OF THE PERIOD (NOTE 3)	2,516,523	3,644,828

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. STATEMENT OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The half-year financial statements are a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting*, Australian Accounting Interpretation and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The financial report was authorised for issue on 27 February 2025 by the Board of Directors.

The half-year report does not include full disclosures of the type normally included in an annual financial report. It is recommended that the half-year financial report be read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2024 and any public announcements made by Cadence Opportunities Fund Limited ("the Company") during the half-year in accordance with continuous disclosure requirements arising under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Except for cash flow information, the financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs with the exception of financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit/loss.

(b) Accounting Policies

There are no new and revised accounting requirements significantly affecting the half-year financial statements. The accounting policies have been consistently applied by the Company throughout the period and are consistent with those applied in the 30 June 2024 Annual Financial Report.

The Statement of Financial Position is presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and are not distinguished between current and non-current.

(c) Details of Reporting Period

The current reporting period is the half-year ended 31 December 2024. For the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows, the previous corresponding period is the period ended 31 December 2023. For the Statement of Financial Position, the previous corresponding date is 30 June 2024.

(d) Segment Reporting

The Company has only one segment. The Company operates predominately in Australia and in one industry being the securities industry, deriving revenue from dividend income, interest income and from the sale of its financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. However, the Company has foreign exposures as it invests in companies which operate internationally.

2. DIVIDENDS

(a) Dividends paid during the period

7.0 cents final dividend per share fully franked paid 31 October 2024 (2023: 6.5 cents final dividend per share fully franked paid 31 October 2023).

December 2024 \$	December 2023 \$
<u>1,092,684</u>	<u>1,014,636</u>

(b) Dividends not recognised during period

Since the end of the half-year, the Directors declared on 27 February 2025 a fully franked interim dividend of 6.5 cents per share payable on 30 April 2025 (2023: 6.5 cents per share interim dividend fully franked paid 30 April 2024).

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	December 2024 \$	June 2024 \$
3. CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Cash and cash equivalents	9,447,315	3,469,417
Cash overdrafts	(6,930,792)	(6,704,765)
	2,516,523	(3,235,348)

4. ISSUED CAPITAL

Paid-up Capital

15,860,589 shares fully paid (June 2024: 15,645,006)	33,402,147	33,028,501
Share issue transaction costs	(298,146)	(298,146)
Deferred tax asset on share issue transaction costs	89,444	89,444
	33,193,445	32,819,799

On 3 October 2024 the Company announced the approval of an on-market share buy-back of up to 800,000 of its ordinary shares. This share buy-back period commenced on 21 October 2024 and is due to finish on 17 October 2025. Prior to this on 6 October 2023 the Company announced the approval of an on-market share buy-back of up to 600,000 of its ordinary shares. This share buy-back period commenced on the 20 October 2023 and finished on 18 October 2024.

5. MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

(a) Ordinary share capital

December 2024

Date	Details of issue	Share Price \$	No. of Shares	Issue value \$
Balance at the beginning of the period			15,645,006	33,028,501
July 2024	On-market share buy-back	\$1.73108	(35,236)	(60,996)
October 2024	Shares issued via DRP	\$1.73289	250,819	434,642
At reporting date			15,860,589	33,402,147

June 2024

Date	Details of issue	Share Price \$	No. of Shares	Issue value \$
Balance at the beginning of the year			15,609,770	32,942,904
October 2023	Shares issued via DRP	\$1.72235	88,390	152,238
October 2023	On-market share buy-back	\$1.71665	(8,991)	(15,434)
November 2023	On-market share buy-back	\$1.66275	(14,221)	(23,646)
December 2023	On-market share buy-back	\$1.61511	(8,178)	(13,208)
January 2024	On-market share buy-back	\$1.60015	(19,428)	(31,088)
February 2024	On-market share buy-back	\$1.67116	(37,572)	(62,789)
April 2024	Shares issued via DRP	\$1.80507	225,382	406,815
May 2024	On-market share buy-back	\$1.71075	(95,433)	(163,262)
June 2024	On-market share buy-back	\$1.73185	(94,713)	(164,029)
At 30 June 2024			15,645,006	33,028,501

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5. MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY (CONTINUED)

	December 2024	June 2024
	\$	\$
(b) Profits reserve		
Opening balance	3,522,195	5,551,467
Transfer from accumulated losses	766,897	-
Dividends paid	(1,092,684)	(2,029,272)
	<u>3,196,408</u>	<u>3,522,195</u>

Profits reserve is made up of amounts transferred from current and retained earnings that are preserved for future dividend payments.

6. (LOSS)/ EARNINGS PER SHARE

	December 2024	December 2023
	Cents per share	Cents per share
Basic (loss)/ earnings per share	(1.7)	5.6
Diluted (loss)/ earnings per share	(1.7)	5.6

	December 2024	December 2023
	\$	\$
(Loss)/ profit after income tax used in the calculation of earnings per share	<u>(271,542)</u>	<u>873,782</u>
	No.	No.
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period used in calculation of basic earnings per share	<u>15,695,575</u>	<u>15,632,635</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares during the period used in calculation of diluted earnings per share	<u>15,695,575</u>	<u>15,632,635</u>
<u>Reconciliation of weighted average number of shares:</u>		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculation of basic earnings per share	<u>15,695,575</u>	<u>15,632,635</u>
Add:		
Weighted average number of potential ordinary shares used in the calculation of diluted earnings per share	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Weighted average number of shares used in the calculation of diluted earnings per share	<u>15,695,575</u>	<u>15,632,635</u>

As at the 31 December 2024, there are no outstanding securities that are potentially dilutive in nature for the Company (31 December 2023: none).

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7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE

AASB 13: Fair Value Measurement requires the disclosure of fair value information using a fair value hierarchy reflecting the significance of the inputs in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy consists of the following levels:

- Level 1:** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2:** Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).
- Level 3:** Inputs for the asset or liability are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

Included within Level 1 of the hierarchy are listed investments. The fair values of these financial assets and liabilities have been based on the closing quoted last prices at the end of the reporting period, excluding transaction costs.

Investments included in Level 2 of the hierarchy include amounts in relation to Contracts for Difference. The fair value of Contracts for Difference have been determined using market inputs of the underlying investments.

Level 3 asset class includes an unlisted investment in Partners Group Global Income Fund a Listed Investment Company (LIC) that was previously listed on the ASX under the code PGG. This investment was purchased in September and October 2023 and can be redeemed if required. This investment is valued at its redemption value. Level 3 asset class also includes a pre-IPO investment in a company that operates in the energy sector. This investment was made during last financial year and is valued at cost. Level 3 asset class also includes unlisted options and special shares that were valued as at 31st December 2024 at 'nil'. The unlisted options were received during last financial year whilst the unlisted special shares were held by the company as at 30 June 2023 and were also valued at that date at 'nil'.

Classifications are reviewed at each reporting date and transfers between levels are determined based on a reassessment of the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The following table presents the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value at 31 December 2024:

31 December 2024	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets	27,585,733	-	653,108	28,238,841
Financial liabilities	(608,550)	-	-	(608,550)
Total	26,977,183	-	653,108	27,630,291

30 June 2024	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets	35,143,031	160,543	320,000	35,623,574
Financial liabilities	(1,047,128)	-	-	(1,047,128)
Total	34,095,903	160,543	320,000	34,576,446

The carrying amounts of trade and other receivables and trade and other payables are assumed to approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

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8. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

The Board declared a 6.5 cents fully franked interim dividend per share on 27 February 2025 payable on 30 April 2025. The Ex-Date for the dividend is on 10 April 2025.

Other than the above, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial period and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Company, to significantly affect the operations of the entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the entity, in future financial years.

9. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

No capital commitments exist for placements entered into before 31 December 2024 which settle after this date. There were no contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2024 (June 2024: No capital commitments and no contingent liabilities).

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The Directors of Cadence Opportunities Fund Limited declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 7 to 15, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (a) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
 - (b) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date.
2. In the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



K. SIEGLING
Director

Dated at Sydney this 27 day of February 2025

Independent Auditor's Review Report to the Members of Cadence Opportunities Fund Limited

Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Cadence Opportunities Fund Limited ("the Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

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

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Conclusion

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

Responsibility of the Directors for the Financial Report

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

Auditor's Responsibility for the Review of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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



HLB Mann Judd Assurance (NSW) Pty Ltd
Chartered Accountants

Sydney, NSW
27 February 2025



K L Luong
Partner