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## GVF delivers another half year of healthy returns

### Highlights

- Operating profit before tax of \$24.9M
- Adjusted pre-tax profit increases by 11.2%,
- Discount capture strategy drives returns, generating 6.2% over the period
- A fully franked dividend of 3.3 cents per share declared

The Staude Capital Global Value Fund Limited (ASX: GVF) (“GVF” or the “Company”) announces an operating profit before tax of \$24.9 million and an operating profit after tax of \$17.5 million for the half-year ended 31 December 2024. The Company has declared a fully-franked interim dividend of 3.3 cents per share.

Company Chairman Jonathan Trollip said: “For the half-year ended 31 December 2024, the Company’s investment portfolio increased by 11.2%<sup>1</sup>. Given the healthy performance of the investment portfolio, the Board is pleased to announce a fully franked dividend for the December half-year period of 3.3 cents per share. On an annualised basis, this dividend equates to a grossed-up yield of 6.8% based on GVF’s current share price<sup>2</sup>. Since its IPO at \$1 per share in 2014, the Company has now declared total grossed up dividends of 86.9<sup>3</sup> cents per share”.

### December 2024 half-year review and outlook

Portfolio Manager Miles Staude said: “By any objective measure we are knee deep in a prodigious new bull market. Consider that over the long run global share markets have generated returns of 8% per year, yet over the past two years investors have enjoyed a 45% gain. Signs of investor swagger are everywhere. The price chart of Bitcoin today looks more like an exponential mathematical function than the price history of ‘currency’ that is supposed to act as a store of value. Over the past two years it has enjoyed gains of over 500%. In the debt markets, high yield credit spreads have fallen to their lowest levels on record, meaning that high yield (or ‘junk’) bond investors have never considered the risk of default on their debt to be lower.

During the December half year period, the main drivers for financial markets were this continuing bull market and the return of Donald Trump to the White House, with the second point adding more fuel to the first. Measured in US dollar terms, global share markets rose by 5.6%, while global debt markets rose 1.8%. In Trump, share market bulls see the prospect of a large deregulation wave and tax cuts as adding more weight to an already buoyant market. While that may or may not turn out to be the case, his policies have had a much more direct impact on FX markets to date. The threat of tariffs and trade wars, along with the risk that many of Trump’s policies will be inflationary, have led to a sharp strengthening of the US\$ against other major trading currencies. For currencies like the Australian dollar, which are especially sensitive to global trade, the impact has been even greater. Over the six-month period ending December 2024, the Australian dollar depreciated by 7.2% against the US\$, the effect of which is to boost Australian dollar returns for global investors (such as GVF). In A\$ terms, global share and debt markets rose by 13.8% and 9.7% respectively, while the local Australian share market rose 6.9%.

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted NTA returns are net of all fees and expenses. NTA adjusted for tax payments and the effects of capital management. Source: Staude Capital Ltd.

<sup>2</sup> GVF share price close on 25 February 2024, \$1.39

<sup>3</sup> Grossed up dividends comprise 62.85 cents per share of cash distributions and 24.1 cents per share of franking credits.



Against this backdrop, GVF's adjusted NTA return<sup>4</sup> of 11.2% over the December half year looks healthy. Over the period, our average portfolio exposures to global equity and debt markets were 29.8% and 27.5% respectively, a point that hopefully reminds shareholders of the lower risk characteristics of the GVF portfolio when compared to a generic investment in global share markets. Our largest source of returns over the period were from our discount capture strategy, which added 6.2% (gross) to returns. The returns from this strategy represent the value we unlocked from our portfolio of investments during the half year period, with this source of returns being relatively insulated from whether markets are going up or down. For comparison, rising markets added just 2.5% (gross) to our returns for the half year, with the fall in the A\$ and company costs accounting for the balance of the attribution of returns for the period.

While none of us know when the current bull market will come to an end, happily at GVF we do not need to throw our lot in with either the bears or the bulls. Rather, the team and I are focused on building an investment portfolio that should perform well under most scenarios, and where we expect to generate the bulk of our performance from unlocking the value in our portfolio, not from broader market movements. While this is a different approach to the more traditional types of investing, it is one that has served investors well for many years now.”

#### **FY2025 interim dividend key dates\***

Ex-dividend date	31 March 2025
Dividend record date	1 April 2025
Last election date for DRP	2 April 2025
Dividend payment date	15 May 2025

\*These dates may be subject to change

#### **Interim dividend of 3.3 cents per share fully franked declared**

The Board has resolved to pay an interim dividend of 3.3 cents per share, 100% franked, payable to all shareholders on the Company's register. GVF shares will trade ex-entitlement to this dividend on 31 March 2025.

#### **Dividend reinvestment plan**

The Company's dividend reinvestment plan (“DRP”) will be in effect for the fully-franked FY2025 interim dividend of 3.3 cents per share.

The DRP has been designed so that participants will always receive the lowest reinvestment price possible, without their reinvestment diluting the pre-tax NTA of those shareholders who choose not to participate in the plan. When the Company's share price is greater than or equal to its pre-tax NTA, dividends are paid as newly issued shares in the Company. If the share price for GVF is above the Company's pre-tax NTA on the dividend ex-date, participating shareholders will be issued new shares at the greater of a 2.5% discount to the volume weighted average share price over the three trading days from the ex-date, or the pre-tax NTA value of the Company on this day. If the share price for GVF is less than its pre-tax NTA on the ex-date, cash available for distribution as dividends on shares subject to the DRP will be used to acquire the Company's shares on-market in accordance with the terms set out in the plan.

Shareholders who would like to participate in the DRP can enroll at [www.investorserve.com.au](http://www.investorserve.com.au) or alternatively please contact the Company's share registrar, Boardroom, on 1300 737 760. The DRP participation enrolment deadline for the interim dividend is 5.00pm (AEDT) Wednesday 2 April 2025. Details of the DRP are available on the Company's website, click [here](#).

#### **FY2025 full year dividend guidance**

<sup>4</sup> Adjusted NTA returns are net of all fees and expenses. NTA adjusted for dividend and tax payments and the effects of capital management initiatives. Source: Staude Capital Ltd



The Board currently anticipates that the FY2025 full year dividend payment will be the same size as the declared FY2025 interim dividend, being a 3.3 cent per share dividend, 100% franked. This dividend guidance is not a formal declaration of the Company's full year FY2025 dividend. The size and payment of any final dividend for FY2025 will be subject to the Company having sufficient profit reserves and the dividend payment being within prudent business practices. If a FY2025 full year dividend is declared, the Board expects that it would be payable during November 2025.

*This announcement is authorised for release by the Board of Directors of the Company.*

## **Contact**

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## **About GVF**

The Staude Capital Global Value Fund (ASX: GVF) is a listed investment company that provides shareholders with the opportunity to invest globally through a portfolio of securities purchased at a discount to their underlying asset value. By capturing this discount for its shareholders, the Company aims to provide an alternative source of market outperformance compared to more common stock selection strategies.

Staude Capital has offices in both London and Sydney, and its investment team has considerable experience in finding international assets trading at a discount to their intrinsic worth, and in identifying or creating catalysts that will be used to unlock this value. The investment team at Staude Capital has been seconded into Mirabella Financial Services LLP to manage the GVF portfolio. For more information, visit [www.globalvaluefund.com.au](http://www.globalvaluefund.com.au).