

# Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund



## Product Disclosure Statement

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This Product Disclosure Statement (“PDS”) was issued on 6 August 2021. This PDS is for the offer of interests in the Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund ARSN 621 244 559 (referred throughout this PDS as the “Fund”). The Fund is comprised of two classes of units: Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund – Class W (APIR code: ETL8155AU) and Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund – Class R (APIR code: ETL1090AU).

The PDS has been prepared and issued by Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298, Australian Financial Services Licence (“AFSL”) No. 240975) in its capacity as the responsible entity of the Fund (referred throughout this PDS as the “Responsible Entity”, “Equity Trustees”, “us” or “we”). The investment manager is Milford Australia Pty Ltd (ABN 65 169 262 971 AFSL No. 461253) (referred to throughout this PDS as the “Investment Manager”, “Milford” or “MAPL”).

This PDS is prepared for your general information only. It is not intended to be a recommendation by the Responsible Entity, Investment Manager or any associate, employee, agent or officer of the Responsible Entity, Investment Manager or any other person to invest in the Fund. This PDS does not take into account the investment objectives, financial situation or needs of any particular investor. You should not base your decision to invest in the Fund solely on the information in this PDS. You should consider the suitability of the Fund in view of your personal financial circumstances, investment objectives and needs. You may want to seek advice before making an investment decision.

The Responsible Entity has authorised the use of this PDS as disclosure to investors and prospective investors of an investor directed portfolio service, master trust, wrap account or an investor directed portfolio service-like scheme (“IDPS”). This PDS is available for use by persons applying for units in the Fund through an IDPS (“Indirect Investors”). The operator of an IDPS is referred to in this PDS as the “IDPS Operator” and the disclosure document for an IDPS is referred to as the “IDPS Guide”. If you invest through an IDPS, your rights and liabilities will be governed by the terms and conditions of the IDPS Guide. Investors should carefully read these terms and conditions before investing in the Fund. Please refer to the “Investment and withdrawals” section for further information on investments through an IDPS.

Equity Trustees, the Investment Manager and their employees, associates, agents or officers do not guarantee the success, repayment of capital or any rate of return on income or capital or the investment performance of the Fund. Past performance is no indication of future performance. An investment in the Fund does not represent a deposit with or a liability of Equity Trustees, the Investment Manager or any of their associates. An investment is subject to investment risk, including possible delays in repayment and loss of income or capital invested. Units in the Fund are offered and issued by the Responsible Entity on the terms and conditions described in this PDS. You should read this PDS in its entirety.

The forward looking statements included in this PDS involve subjective judgment and analysis and are subject to significant uncertainties, risks and contingencies, many of which are outside the control of, and are unknown to, Equity Trustees, the Investment Manager and their officers, employees, agents or associates. Actual future events may vary materially from the forward looking statements and the assumptions on

which those statements are based. Given these uncertainties, you are cautioned to not place undue reliance on such forward looking statements.

In particular, in considering whether to invest in the Fund, investors should consider the risk factors that could affect the financial performance of the Fund. Some of the risk factors affecting the Fund are summarised in section 6.

Unless otherwise stated, all fees quoted in the PDS are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (“GST”) after allowing for an estimate for Reduced Input Tax Credits (“RITCs”), and all amounts are in Australian dollars.

If you are a Retail Client you may have a right to a ‘cooling off’ period in relation to an investment in the Fund within 14 days of the earlier of:

- confirmation of the investment being received or available; and
- the end of the fifth Business Day after the units are issued.

The right to cool off may not apply if you are an Indirect Investor, even if you are a Retail Client. Indirect Investors should seek advice from their IDPS Operator or consult the IDPS Guide or similar type document as to whether cooling off rights apply.

The offer made in this PDS is available only to persons receiving this PDS in Australia (electronically or otherwise) or for New Zealand investors who are a Wholesale Investor. All references to dollars or “\$” in this PDS are to Australian dollars.

This PDS has not been, and will not be, lodged with the Registrar of Financial Service Providers in New Zealand, and is not a Product Disclosure Statement under the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (NZ). New Zealand Wholesale Investors wishing to invest in the Fund should be aware that there may be different tax implications of investing in the Fund and should seek their own tax advice as necessary. If you received this PDS electronically we will provide a paper copy free upon request during the life of this PDS. The PDS is available on [www.milfordasset.com.au](http://www.milfordasset.com.au) or [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) or you can request a copy free of charge by contacting Milford on 1800 161 310 or Equity Trustees on +613 8623 5000.

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Information in this PDS that is not materially adverse is subject to change from time to time. We may update this information. You can obtain any updated information:

- by contacting Milford on 1800 161 310; or
- by visiting the Milford website at [www.milfordasset.com.au](http://www.milfordasset.com.au)

A paper copy of the updated information will be provided free of charge on request.

## 1. Fund at a glance

|   | Summary   | For further information |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| <i>Name of the Fund</i>   | Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund   | Section 5               |
| <i>APIR Code</i>  | Class W: ETL8155AU<br>Class R: ETL1090AU  | Section 5               |
| <i>ARSN</i>   | 621 244 559   | Section 5               |
| <i>Investment objective</i>   | The Fund targets absolute returns with an annualised return objective of 5% above the RBA cash rate while seeking to preserve investor capital over rolling three year periods (net of fees).   | Section 5               |
| <i>Fund Benchmark</i>   | RBA cash rate + 5% per annum  | Section 5               |
| <i>Investment strategy</i>  | The Fund aims to generate investment returns 5% higher than the RBA cash rate by investing in a diversified portfolio of predominantly Australian equities, complemented by selective exposure to international equities and cash. The Fund also aims to preserve capital and minimise volatility in times of higher uncertainty or less conviction by allowing the Fund to be invested in cash up to 100% of the Fund value, and may use Derivatives (limited to 10% of the Gross Asset Value (GAV) of the Fund) and foreign currency hedging to achieve the desired level of market exposure. | Section 5               |
| <i>The type(s) of investor(s) for whom the Fund would be suitable</i> | Designed for investors with a medium to high risk tolerance who are seeking absolute returns over a long-term investment period.  | Section 5               |
| <i>Recommended investment timeframe</i>                               | 5 Years +   | Section 5               |
| <i>Minimum initial investment<sup>1</sup></i>                         | Class W: \$5,000,000<br>Class R: \$20,000   | Section 7               |
| <i>Minimum additional investment</i>                                  | \$1,000.<br>You can also invest via direct debit on a monthly basis using the savings plan. The minimum monthly savings plan investment into the Fund is \$100 per month.   | Section 7               |
| <i>Minimum withdrawal amount</i>                                      | Class W: \$1,000<br>Class R: \$1,000  | Section 7               |
| <i>Minimum balance<sup>1</sup></i>                                    | Class W: \$5,000,000<br>Class R: \$20,000   | Section 7               |
| <i>Cut off time for applications and withdrawals</i>                  | 12.00 pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on each Business Day  | Section 7               |
| <i>Valuation frequency</i>  | The Fund's assets are normally valued daily.  | Section 7               |
| <i>Applications</i>   | Accepted each Business Day.   | Section 7               |
| <i>Withdrawals</i>  | Accepted each Business Day  | Section 7               |
| <i>Income distribution</i>  | Bi-annually at 31 December and 30 June  | Section 7               |
| <i>Management fees and costs<sup>2</sup></i>                          | Class W: 0.90% p.a. of the GAV of the Class<br>Class R: 1.05% p.a. of the GAV of the Class  | Section 9               |
| <i>Performance fee:</i>   | 15.35% p.a. of returns above the Fund Benchmark to be paid bi-annually  |                         |
| <i>Entry fee/exit fee</i>   | Nil   | Section 9               |
| <i>Buy/Sell spread</i>  | +/- 0.20% on applications into the Fund, and withdrawals out of the Fund.   | Section 9               |

<sup>1</sup>The minimums may be waived by us in our absolute discretion.

<sup>2</sup>The management fee reduces to 0.75% p.a. of the GAV, where on the last Business Day of a month, the proportion of the Fund's assets in cash is greater than 50% of the Fund's GAV. For the purposes of a reduced management fee, cash includes investments in term deposits. The reduced management fee applies to the whole of the following month.

## 2. ASIC Benchmarks

The Fund is a 'hedge fund' for the purposes of Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("ASIC") Regulatory Guide 240 ("RG 240"). The following table and the tables in Sections 1 and 3 set out a summary of the disclosure ASIC requires for hedge funds, the key features of the Fund and a guide to where more detailed information can be found in this PDS. A copy of RG 240 dated October 2013 (as may be amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time) is available from [www.asic.gov.au](http://www.asic.gov.au).

The information summarised in the relevant tables and explained in detail in the identified section reference is intended to assist investors with analysing the risks of investing in the Fund. Investors should consider this information together with the detailed explanation of various benchmarks and principles referenced throughout this PDS and the key risks of investing in the Fund highlighted in Section 6 of this PDS.

| ASIC Benchmark  | Is the benchmark satisfied? | Summary   | For further information |
|---|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| <b>Benchmark 1: Valuation of assets</b>   |                             |   |                         |
| This benchmark addresses whether valuations of the Fund's non-exchange traded assets are provided by an independent administrator or an independent valuation service provider.   | Yes                         | <p>Equity Trustees has appointed an independent custodian and administrator, National Australia Bank Limited ("National Australia Bank" or the "Custodian"), to provide custody and administration services for the Fund.</p> <p>The Fund satisfies ASIC Benchmark 1 by having its non-exchange traded assets independently priced by National Australia Bank.</p> <p>Over-the-counter ("OTC") Derivatives are generally valued by reference to the counterparty settlement price which is based upon broad financial market indices.</p> | Section 5               |
| <b>Benchmark 2: Periodic reporting</b>  |                             |   |                         |
| This benchmark addresses whether the Responsible Entity of the Fund will provide periodic disclosure of certain key information specified by ASIC on an annual and monthly basis. | Yes                         | The Responsible Entity will provide periodic disclosure of certain key information on an annual and monthly basis.  | Section 8               |

### 3. Disclosure Principles

|  | Summary  | Section (for further information) |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Investment strategy</i>                       | <p>The Fund aims to generate investment returns 5% higher than the RBA cash rate by investing in a diversified portfolio of predominantly Australian equities, complemented by selective exposure to international equities and cash. The Fund also aims to preserve capital and minimise volatility in times of higher uncertainty or less conviction by allowing the Fund to be invested in cash up to 100% of the Fund value and may use Derivatives (limited to 10% of the GAV of the Fund) and foreign currency hedging to achieve the desired level of market exposure.</p>  | Section 5.2                       |
| <i>Investment manager</i>                        | <p>Equity Trustees Limited, as Responsible Entity of the Fund, has appointed Milford Australia Pty Ltd as the Investment Manager of the Fund.</p> <p>See Section 4 in relation to the expertise of the Investment Manager and the Investment Management Agreement under which the Investment Manager has been appointed.</p> <p>Under the Investment Management Agreement between the Investment Manager and Equity Trustees, Equity Trustees can terminate the Investment Manager's appointment where the Investment Manager becomes insolvent, materially breaches the agreement and does not correct the breach, ceases to carry on its business as investment manager or in certain other circumstances. In the event that Equity Trustees terminates the Investment Manager following one of these events, the Investment Manager's appointment would cease upon any termination date specified in the notice, and the Investment Manager would be entitled to receive fees in accordance with the agreement until the effective date of termination.</p> | Section 4                         |
| <i>Fund structure</i>                            | <p>The Fund is an Australian unit trust registered under the Corporations Act as a managed investment scheme.</p> <p>The responsible entity of the Fund is Equity Trustees Limited. Equity Trustees Limited may appoint service providers to assist in the ongoing operation, management and administration of the Fund.</p> <p>The key service providers to the Fund are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Milford Australia Pty Ltd, the investment manager of the Fund;</li> <li>• National Australia Bank, the custodian and administrator of the assets of the Fund; and</li> <li>• Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd, the provider of registry and client services for the Fund.</li> </ul> <p>See Section 5.3 for further information on other key service providers, Equity Trustees' role in monitoring the performance of service providers and a diagram of the flow of funds through the Fund.</p>  | Section 5.3                       |
| <i>Valuation, location and custody of assets</i> | <p>National Australia Bank is the custodian and administrator of the Fund and provides custody, administrative and accounting services.</p> <p>The Custodian is responsible for calculating the Fund's NAV and maintaining financial books and records so far as may be necessary to give a complete record of all transactions carried out by National Australia Bank Limited on behalf of the Fund.</p> <p>See section 5.10 for further information on the valuation and custodial arrangements.</p> <p>Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd is the provider of registry and client services.</p>  | Section 5.10                      |
| <i>Liquidity</i>                                 | <p>The majority of assets currently traded and held by the Fund are liquid and are expected to be liquid for the purposes of the Corporations Act.</p>   | Section 5.4                       |

|                      | <b>Summary</b>   | <b>Section (for further information)</b> |
|----------------------|--|--|
| <i>Leverage</i>      | The Fund will not borrow money to gear or to otherwise add leverage.   | Section 5.2, 5.5 and 6                   |
| <i>Derivatives</i>   | The Fund is permitted to use Derivatives to a maximum of 10% of the GAV. The Fund may invest in Derivatives to increase or decrease its exposure to investments. For key risks to the Fund associated with the collateral requirements of the derivative counterparties, please see Section 6.   | Section 5.2, 5.5, 5.7 and 6              |
| <i>Short selling</i> | The Fund is permitted to use short selling up to a maximum limit of 10% of GAV. The risks associated with short selling and the ways in which the Investment Manager seeks to mitigate those risks are set out in Sections 5.6 and 6.  | Section 5.6 and 6                        |
| <i>Withdrawals</i>   | Daily.<br>Withdrawal requests must be received by 12pm (AEST) on any Business Day to receive that day's unit price. Withdrawals are usually processed within 5 Business Days after receipt of a correctly completed withdrawal request. Payment of withdrawals is usually made by deposit to your nominated bank account. See Section 7 for more information on making a withdrawal. | Section 7                                |

## 4. Who is Managing the Fund?

### **The Responsible Entity**

#### **Equity Trustees Limited**

Equity Trustees Limited ABN 46 004 031 298 AFSL 240975, a subsidiary of EQT Holdings Limited ABN 22 607 797 615, which is a public company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: EQT), is the Fund's responsible entity and issuer of this PDS. Established as a trustee and executorial service provider by a special Act of the Victorian Parliament in 1888, today Equity Trustees is a dynamic financial services institution which continues to grow the breadth and quality of products and services on offer.

Equity Trustees' responsibilities and obligations as the Fund's responsible entity are governed by the Fund's constitution ("Constitution"), the Corporations Act and general trust law. Equity Trustees has appointed Milford Australia Pty Ltd as the investment manager of the Fund. Equity Trustees has appointed a custodian to hold the assets of the Fund. The custodian has no supervisory role in relation to the operation of the Fund and is not responsible for protecting your interests.

### **The Investment Manager**

#### **Milford Australia Pty Ltd**

Milford is a wholly owned subsidiary of Milford Asset Management Limited ("MAM"). MAM was formed in 2003 and is the parent company of a well-established, award winning investment management group that has over \$12 billion AUD under management. Milford is a boutique investment firm that was created in Australia in April 2014 to enable investors to take advantage of the investment expertise and experience of the MAM team.

### **The Custodian**

#### **National Australia Bank Limited**

Equity Trustees has appointed National Australia Bank as Custodian to hold the assets of the Fund. The Custodian's

role is limited to holding the assets of the Fund as agent of the Responsible Entity. The Custodian has no supervisory role in relation to the operation of the Fund and is not responsible for protecting your interests. The Custodian has no liability or responsibility to you for any act done or omission made in accordance with the terms of the Custody Agreement. The Custodian makes no statement in this PDS and has not authorised or caused the issue of it.

The Custodian holds investments of the Fund as bare trustee and such investments are not investments of NAB or any other member of the NAB group of companies (NAB Group). Neither NAB, nor any other member of NAB Group, guarantees the performance of the investment or the underlying assets of the Fund, or provide a guarantee or assurance in respect of the obligations of the Responsible Entity or its related entities.

NAB has given and not withdrawn its consent to be named in this PDS.

### **The Unit Registrar**

#### **Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd**

Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd (referred to throughout this PDS as the "Unit Registrar" or "Mainstream") is the provider of unit registry and client services and maintains investor records for the Fund.

Mainstream's role is limited to unit registry and client services.

Mainstream's parent, Mainstream Group Holdings Limited is an ASX listed company (ASX: MAI), and one of Australia's largest independent administrators.

Mainstream has given and not withdrawn its consent to be named in this PDS.

## 5. How the Fund Invests

### 5.1 Investment Objective

The Fund targets absolute returns with an annualised return objective of 5% above the RBA cash rate while seeking to preserve capital over rolling three year periods (net of fees).

The investment objective is not intended to be a forecast. It is only an indication of what the investment strategy aims to achieve.

### 5.2. Investment Strategy

The Fund aims to generate investment returns 5% higher than the RBA cash rate by investing in a diversified portfolio of predominantly Australian equities, complemented by selective exposure to international equities and cash.

The Fund also aims to preserve capital (over a rolling three year period) and minimise volatility in times of higher uncertainty or less conviction by allowing the Fund to be invested in cash up to 100% of the Fund value, and may use Derivatives (limited to 10% of the GAV of the Fund) and foreign currency hedging to achieve the desired level of market exposure.

#### *Investment Philosophy*

As investment markets are in a state of constant change, Milford adopts an active approach to investing. This

#### *Investment guidelines*

The following are indicative asset allocation ranges for the Fund:

| Asset class             | Typical range % | Maximum |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Australian equities     | 75-85           | 0-100   |
| International equities* | 0-10            | 0-30    |
| Cash**                  | 0-10            | 0-100   |

\*Of which New Zealand equities can be 0% - 30%;

- Foreign currency exposure-neutral position 0% (max +/- 0-30%).

\*\*Cash includes investments in term deposits.

#### *Derivatives*

- Limit of 10%
- Can be used for short selling (10% limit)
- Not used to achieve leverage.

The Fund may also make other investments as permitted by the Fund's Constitution. The Fund is permitted to invest in listed equities and equities which plan to list on the relevant securities exchanges within the next 6 months.

### 5.3. Fund Structure

The Fund is an Australian unit trust registered under the Corporations Act as a managed investment scheme and is governed by the Constitution. The Fund is permitted to have more than one class of units and currently has two classes of units. Investors are offered units in class W and class R under this PDS. Class W units has a different fee schedule than class R, reflecting the institutional nature of these investors. The Fund comprises assets which are acquired in accordance with the investment strategy. Investors receive units when they invest, however, it does not give the investor an interest in any particular asset.

The Responsible Entity has entered into service agreements with the service providers, and will, with the assistance of Milford, regularly monitor the performance of the service providers against service standards set out in the relevant agreements. The service providers and their relationship to the Fund, and the flow of funds through the Fund are shown

allows Milford to take advantage of investment opportunities as they arise, and seek to provide a level of capital protection when markets are less favourable.

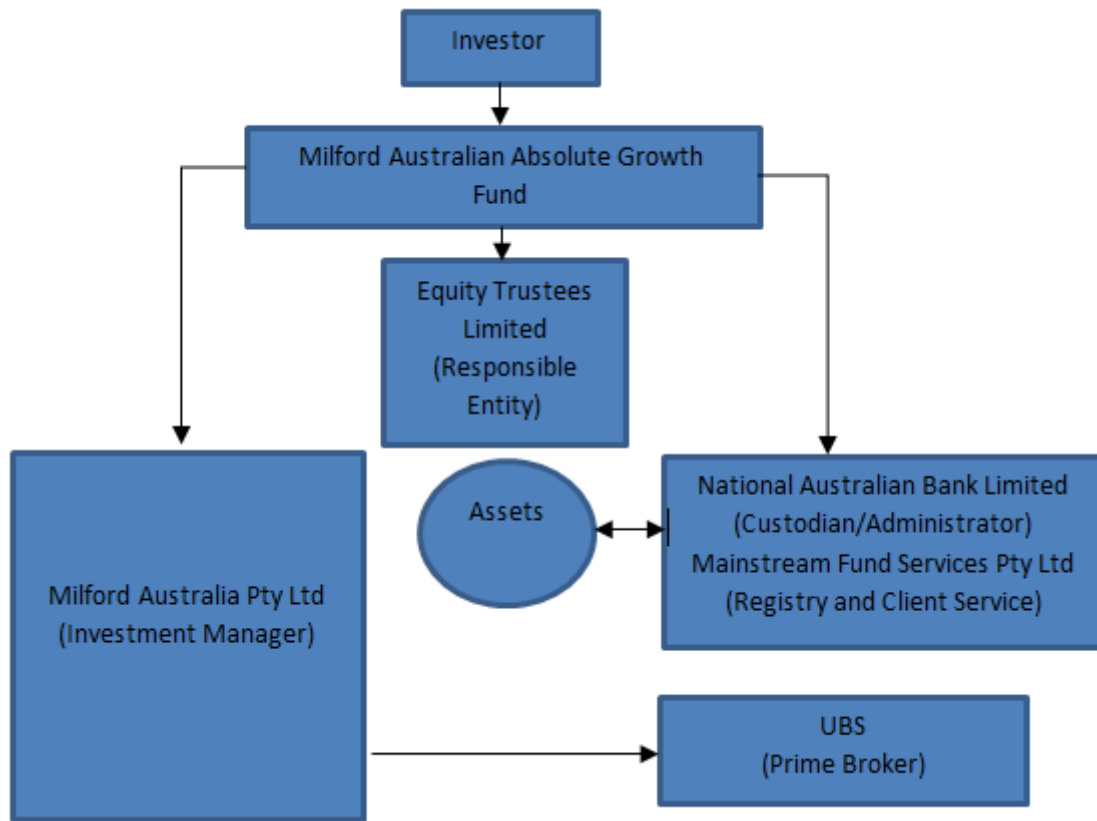
The key principles that underpin Milford's philosophy are:

1. An active portfolio management approach with a focus on absolute returns.
2. Fundamental bottom up investment research of the assets invested in and conduct of regular company visits.
3. Understanding the changes in the local and global economic environments and how these changes are likely to impact the markets in which clients' assets are invested.
4. Managing risk and preserving investors' capital through appropriate portfolio diversification and a broad investment universe.
5. Viewing its role as partial 'owners' of the companies in which they invest on behalf of clients. As such, taking an active interest in the corporate governance of many of these entities.

Milford believe this approach to investing clients' funds will deliver strong returns over the medium term while avoiding large capital losses.



in the diagram below:



The key service providers to the Fund are:

- Milford Australia Pty Ltd, the investment manager of the Fund;
- National Australia Bank Limited, the custodian and administrator of the assets of the Fund; and
- Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd, the provider of registry and client services for the Fund.

Service providers to the Fund may change without prior notice to investors. Investors will be notified of any change to service providers in the regular reports available as described in section 8. Risks relating to the use of third party service providers are outlined in section 6.

#### 5.4. Liquidity

As at the date of this PDS, Milford estimates, should the need arise, to be able to realise 80-100% of the Fund's assets, within 10 Business Days.

The Fund does not set any specific restrictions in terms of the liquidity of the Fund. Liquidity, however, it is an important consideration which is taken into account as part of the ongoing investment strategy management of the Fund.

Please refer to Section 6 of this PDS for further information on liquidity risk and how this risk will be managed.

#### 5.5. Leverage

Leverage occurs when a fund has exposure to underlying assets which is more than the amount invested. This could occur if the Fund borrows money to invest or through the use of Derivatives. It is not the intention of the Fund to borrow money, to gear or add leverage so as to increase the net invested position of the Fund greater than the GAV of the Fund. However, the Fund will invest in Derivatives to increase or decrease its exposure to investments but will not use Derivatives to create leverage.

#### 5.6. Short Selling

The Fund is permitted to use short selling up to a maximum limit of 10% of GAV through the use of physical securities or Derivatives to buy and sell specific securities.

#### 5.7. Derivatives

The Fund is permitted to use Derivatives (across all asset classes) up to a maximum limit of 10% of GAV excluding Derivatives where used for the purposes of managing foreign currency exposure. Derivatives may also be used for short selling within these limits. The Fund is also permitted to use foreign exchange Derivatives for hedging an asset of the Fund against, or to minimise liability from, a fluctuation in market values, for example, foreign exchange forwards for currency hedging of New Zealand dollars back to Australian dollars. If used, Derivatives may include listed exchange traded and OTC securities, including Contract For Differences, index futures, swaps, options and Foreign Exchange forward contracts. The Fund is permitted to exceed the 10% derivative limit, provided that when the contracts were entered the Fund's total derivative exposure was below 10% and the exceeding of the 10% limit was caused by the market movements of long options (long put and long calls).

## 5.8. Currency Policy

Equities are denominated in their local currency. Currency is taken into account at the portfolio level and positions are adopted purely as a hedging tool to reduce overall currency risk.

## 5.9. Allocation Policy

The Fund intends to hold substantially all of its assets directly however may also invest in funds managed by external parties.

## 5.10. Valuation and Custody of Assets

All assets in the Fund are independently valued by the Administrator and held by an independent custodian.

## 5.11. Labour standards and environmental, social and ethical considerations

The investment criteria does not solely take into account labour standards, environmental, social or ethical considerations for the purpose of selecting, retaining or realising an investment of the Fund, but are considerations when choosing investments. Such issues may affect the performance of an investment and any such financial effect would influence Milford's investment decision.

## 5.12. Significant Benefits

Some of the significant benefits of investing in the Fund are as follows:

- Potential to generate strong investment returns 5% higher than the RBA cash rate through a diversified portfolio of predominantly Australian equities, across a range of market conditions.
- A focus on absolute returns rather than benchmark relative returns, with the ability to preserve capital in times of heightened uncertainty, risk or less conviction in available investment ideas.
- The Fund provides access to the investment expertise of Milford's investment team in Australia and MAM in New Zealand.
- The Fund employs systematic measuring, monitoring and management of investment risk.
- The Fund provides regular investment reporting (annual as well as periodic) with respect to your investment.

## 6. Managing Risk

All investments carry risks. Different investment strategies may carry different levels of risk, depending on the assets acquired under the strategy. Assets with the highest long-term returns may also carry the highest level of short-term risk. The significant risks below should be considered in light of your risk profile when deciding whether to invest in the Fund. Your risk profile will vary depending on a range of factors, including your age, the investment time frame (how long you wish to invest for), your other investments or assets and your risk tolerance.

The Responsible Entity and the Investment Manager do not guarantee the liquidity of the Fund's investments, repayment of capital or any rate of return or the Fund's investment performance. The value of the Fund's investments will vary. Returns are not guaranteed and you may lose money by investing in the Fund. The level of returns will vary and future returns may differ from past returns. Laws affecting managed investment schemes may change in the future. The structure and administration of the Fund is also subject to change.

In addition, we do not offer advice that takes into account your personal financial situation, including advice about whether the Fund is suitable for your circumstances. If you require personal financial or taxation advice, you should contact a licensed financial adviser and/or taxation adviser.

### Key Risks

Some of the things that may cause the Fund's value to move up and down are summarised below. These risks are not exhaustive:

#### General Investment Risks

##### Investment return risk

Past performance is no guarantee of future performance. As Milford is an active manager, there is a risk that the Fund may underperform compared with its investment objective or with the market.

##### Market risk

Returns of the Fund will be affected by the performance of the investments chosen for the Fund which may in turn, be affected by the performance of the investment markets generally. This risk, related to market performance, includes demand and supply in the market and economic and regulatory conditions, including market sentiment, inflation, interest rates, employment, political events, environmental (including climate change) and technological issues, and consumer demands.

##### Interest rate risk

This refers to the risk that the market value of the investments of the Fund can change due to changes in interest rates.

##### Liquidity risk

Some investments may not be easily converted into cash with little or no loss of capital and minimum delay, because of insufficient availability of buyers, suspension of trading on request from the market regulator or the entity involved, fund outflows, or disruptions in the market place. Securities of small entities in particular may, and especially in falling markets, become less liquid. Milford may hold a small number of unlisted securities that are far less liquid than listed securities.

##### Currency risk

Where underlying investments are invested in jurisdictions outside of Australia, the returns may be affected by movements between the other currencies and the Australian dollar.

##### Entity risk

The Fund's investment in an entity may be affected by unexpected changes in that entity's operations or business environment, including the risk that the entity may become insolvent. If this occurs the Fund may receive a smaller or no return from, or it may lose, its investment in the entity.

##### Counterparty risk

A counterparty to a contract may fail to meet their obligations under it, causing loss to the Fund. This potentially arises with various investments including derivatives.

##### Derivative risk

Because the Fund may use derivative instruments such as futures and options, that are contracts between two parties that usually derive their value from the price of an underlying physical asset or market index, the investment movements may be more volatile than if a Fund is invested solely in equities. Derivatives can be used to manage risks, but may expose the Fund to other risks. This means that the use of Derivatives can lead to higher gains or losses than a portfolio that does not use Derivatives. The Responsible Entity and Milford have Derivatives policies in place including on the types of Derivatives used, controls on their use and the processes for assessing compliance with those controls. A Derivative may involve gearing, that is, liability for a loss from a change in price of a security, currency or index which exceeds the amount of cash or assets initially required to establish the Derivative. The Responsible Entity mitigates this price risk through diversification and a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments.

##### Short selling risk

Short selling involves selling securities that may or may not be owned by the seller and then borrowing these securities for delivery to the purchaser with the obligation to replace the borrowed securities at a later date. A short sale involves the risk of a theoretically unlimited increase in the price of the particular investment sold short, which could result in the inability of the Fund holding the Derivative to cover the short position. The Fund engages in short selling to capture a desired underweight position, but limits this to 10% of GAV (see Section 5 for further details).

##### Fund of funds risk

The Fund may invest into underlying funds. An investment of a Fund in an underlying managed fund may be affected by unexpected changes in that underlying managed fund's operations or business environment. There may also be a risk that the underlying managed fund may have its assets frozen for a period of time or that the manager of that fund suspends withdrawals. This may have an impact on your ability to withdraw, from the Fund.

## **Other general risks**

Outlined below are other general risks which we believe may affect the Fund, along with the Responsible Entity and Milford's approach to seek to reduce the risk. The value of your investment and your ability to withdraw funds may be affected by some or all of the following risks.

### **Pandemic and other unforeseen event risk**

Health crises, such as pandemic and epidemic diseases, as well as other catastrophes that interrupt the expected course of events, such as natural disasters, war or civil disturbance, acts of terrorism, power outages and other unforeseeable and external events, and the public response to or fear of such diseases or events, have and may in the future have an adverse effect on the economies and financial markets either in specific countries or worldwide and consequently on the value of the Fund's investments. Further, under such circumstances the operations, including functions such as trading and valuation, of the Investment Manager and other service providers could be reduced, delayed, suspended or otherwise disrupted.

### **Service provider risk**

You could be adversely affected if any of the various parties involved in the operation of the Fund, including us, or service providers fail to perform their obligations. This could impact your returns or the ability to withdraw your funds. We actively monitor and review the performance of all key service providers in performing their agreed contractual arrangements.

## **Operational Risk**

This is the risk of technological or process failure or impacts from the wider financial market in general. This could impact your returns or the ability to withdraw your funds. The Responsible Entity and Milford have a risk management policy that incorporates its business continuity plan in order to minimise business disruption from failures or unforeseen events.

### **Regulatory and tax risk**

Fund performance may be affected by regulatory changes and changes to tax legislation in Australia or other global jurisdictions, which could have an impact on the value of your investment. To reduce these risks, Milford's investment process takes into account the tax and regulatory implications of its investment decisions.

### **Fund liquidity and repayment risk**

This is the risk that the Fund cannot make withdrawal payments on time. This is due to a mismatch between the maturity profile of the investments and the amounts required to meet repayments. We have the right to defer repayments, switches and transfers if we believe the realisation of assets to meet the repayment is not practicable, would be materially prejudicial to all investors, or is not desirable for the protection of the Fund. Milford aims to have the Fund primarily invest in liquid assets and markets with appropriate diversification. We also monitor the liquidity profile of the Fund and the historic withdrawal profile.

## 7. Investing and Withdrawing

### Initial Applications

Investors can acquire units by completing an Application Form or by making an application through the mFund settlement service (“mFund”) by placing a buy order for units with your licensed broker. Applicants must be 18 years of age or over. The minimum investment amount for Class W is \$5,000,000 and Class R is \$20,000. (We may waive the minimum investment amount for Class W units at our absolute discretion).

To invest directly please complete the Application Form accompanying this PDS and send your original Application Form to:

Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd  
Client Services Registry Team  
GPO Box 4968  
Sydney NSW 2001

Application money should be transferred to the bank account details shown in the Application Form.

Investors can also complete the application process online (please go to <https://milfordasset.com.au/invest-now> for further instructions). If you choose to apply for units in the Fund online you will be required to register, confirm your acceptance of the terms and conditions, and download a copy of this PDS prior to proceeding. The online application includes the option of completing your AML and KYC requirements online, and submitting the application directly using an electronic signature.

Indirect Investors should use the Application Form attached to their IDPS Guide (not the Application Form accompanying this PDS) to invest in the Fund. You will need to contact your IDPS Operator regarding the cut-off times for pricing purposes and the minimum investment amount.

If applying directly via mFund, you will need to provide the application money directly to your licensed broker.

The price at which units are acquired is determined in accordance with the Constitution (“Application Price”). The Application Price, in general terms, is equal to the NAV of the Class, divided by the number of units on issue for that class plus any transaction costs.

Unit prices are calculated daily.

The cut-off time for applications is 12:00pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on any Business Day for receipt of that day’s unit price. Applications can be made between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on any Business Day. However, for unit pricing purposes any application received after 12:00 p.m. on a Business Day will generally be treated as having been received the following Business Day.

If you are investing via an IDPS, you need to contact your IDPS Operator regarding the cut-off times for pricing purposes.

Transaction costs may reduce the number of units which you receive when applying for units. See the ‘Buy/Sell Spread’ information in the fees section for further information.

The Application Price will vary as the market value of assets in the Fund rises or falls.

### Online applications

In addition to completing the hard copy Application Form that accompanies the PDS, investors also have the option of completing an online version of the Application Form (please go to <https://milfordasset.com.au/invest-now> for further instructions). The online Application Form allows investors to complete the AML and KYC requirements online and to submit the application using an electronic signature. Please note that the online Application Form is only available for initial applications and cannot be used for additional investments.

### Additional Applications

Unit holders can add to their investment by completing an Application Form accompanying the current PDS. The minimum additional investment is \$1,000.

You can also invest via direct debit on a monthly basis using the savings plan. The minimum monthly savings plan investment into the Fund is \$100 per month.

### Terms and conditions for applications

Applications can be made at any time. Application cut-off times and unit pricing are set out in the initial applications section above.

Please note that we do not pay interest on application monies.

Equity Trustees reserves the right to refuse any application without giving a reason. If for any reason Equity Trustees refuses or is unable to process your application to invest in the Fund, Equity Trustees will return your application money to you, subject to regulatory considerations, less any taxes or bank fees in connection with the application. You will not be entitled to any interest on your application money in this circumstance.

Under the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006, applications made without providing all the information and supporting identification documentation requested on the Application Form cannot be processed until all the necessary information has been provided. As a result, delays in processing your application may occur.

### Cooling off period

If you are a Retail Client you may have a right to ‘cool off’ in relation to an investment in the Fund, you have up to 14 days from the earlier of:

- confirmation of the investment being received or available; and
- the end of the fifth Business Day after the units are issued or sold.

A Retail Client may exercise this right by notifying Equity Trustees in writing. A Retail Client is entitled to a refund of their investment adjusted for any increase or decrease in the relevant Application Price between the time we process your application and the time we receive the notification from you, as well as any other tax and other reasonable administrative expenses and transaction costs associated with the acquisition and termination of the investment.

The right of a Retail Client to cool off does not apply in certain limited situations, such as if the issue is made under a distribution reinvestment plan, switching facility

or represents additional contributions required under an existing agreement. Also, the right to cool off does not apply to you if you choose to exercise your rights or powers as a unit holder in the Fund during the 14 day period; this could include selling part of your investment or switching it to another product.

Indirect Investors should seek advice from their IDPS Operator as to whether cooling off rights apply to an investment in the Fund by the IDPS. The right to cool off in relation to the Fund is not directly available to an Indirect Investor. This is because an Indirect Investor does not acquire the rights of a unitholder in the Fund. Rather, an Indirect Investor directs the IDPS Operator to arrange for their monies to be invested in the Fund on their behalf. The terms and conditions of the IDPS Guide or similar type document will govern any rights an Indirect Investor may have in this regard.

## Making a withdrawal

Investors of the Fund can withdraw their investment by written request to:

Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd  
Client Services Registry Team  
GPO Box 4968  
Sydney NSW 2001

Or sending it by fax to +612 9251 3525

Or by making a withdrawal request through mFund by placing a sell order for units with your licensed broker.

The minimum withdrawal amount is \$1,000 for Class W and Class R, subject to the minimum balance requirements. The price at which units are withdrawn is determined in accordance with the Constitution ("Withdrawal Price"). The Withdrawal Price, in general terms, is equal to the NAV of the Class, divided by the number of units on issue for that class less any transaction costs.

Unit prices are calculated daily.

The cut-off time for withdrawals is 12:00 pm (AEST) on any Business Day.

Transaction costs may reduce the amount which you receive on withdrawal. See the 'Buy/Sell spread' information in the fees section for further information.

The Withdrawal Price will vary as the market value of assets referable to the Fund rises or falls.

If you are an Indirect Investor, you need to provide your withdrawal request directly to your IDPS Operator. The time to process a withdrawal request will depend on the particular IDPS Operator.

Withdrawal requests received from New Zealand investors must specify:

- The withdrawal amount in Australian dollars; or
- The number of units to be withdrawn

We are unable to accept withdrawal amounts quoted in New Zealand dollars. If you are a New Zealand investor, please note that the withdrawal amount paid to you will be in Australian dollars and may differ from the amount you receive in New Zealand dollars due to:

- Foreign Exchange spreads between Australian and New Zealand dollars (the currency exchange rates differs daily); and
- Overseas Telegraphic Transfer costs.

Withdrawals will only be paid directly to the unitholder's bank account held in the name of the unitholder with an Australian-domiciled bank. Withdrawal payments will not be made to third parties.

## Access to funds

Mainstream will generally pay withdrawals within 5 Business Days of receipt of a withdrawal request by transferring the withdrawal proceeds to your nominated bank account or, where the request is received via mFund, to the investor's licensed broker.

Equity Trustees reserves the right to fully redeem your investment upon 30 days' notice if your investment balance in the Fund falls below \$20,000 as a result of processing your withdrawal request.

If Equity Trustees increases this minimum balance, Equity Trustees may, after giving 30 days' notice to a unit holder who holds units with an aggregate Withdrawal Price less than the then current minimum balance, redeem that unitholder's units without a need for a withdrawal request. Equity Trustees may also request that a unit holder dispose of their units to a person who is an Eligible Person or where the Fund is liquid (as defined in the Corporations Act), lodge a withdrawal request in respect of all units the unit holder holds within 30 days (or such longer period as the Trustee may determine from time to time). If the unit holder fails to comply with that request and the Fund is liquid, Equity Trustees may compulsorily redeem the unit holder's units.

If you have invested indirectly in the Fund through an IDPS, you need to provide your withdrawal request directly to your IDPS Operator. The time to process a withdrawal request will depend on the particular IDPS Operator.

## Terms and conditions for withdrawals

Once your withdrawal request is received, your instruction may be acted on without further enquiry if the instruction bears your account number or investor details and your (apparent) signature(s), or your authorised signatory's (apparent) signature(s).

Equity Trustees and/or Mainstream reserve the right to ask for the production of original documents or other information to authenticate the communication. In the case of mis-receipt or corruption of any message, you will be required to re-send the documents. Please note that messages sent via email must contain a duly signed document as an attachment.

No withdrawal proceeds will be paid until Mainstream has received the withdrawal request signed by the investor or an authorised signatory. Neither Equity Trustees nor Mainstream shall be responsible for any mis-delivery or non-receipt of any facsimile or email. Facsimiles or emails sent to Mainstream shall only be effective when actually received by Mainstream.

When you are withdrawing, you should take note of the following:

- We are not responsible or liable if you do not receive, or are late in receiving, any withdrawal money that is paid according to your instructions.
- We may contact you to check your details before processing your withdrawal form. This may cause a delay in finalising payment of your withdrawal money. No interest is payable for any delay in finalising payment of your withdrawal money.

- If we cannot satisfactorily identify you as the withdrawing investor, we may refuse or reject your withdrawal request or payment of your withdrawal proceeds will be delayed. We are not responsible for any loss you consequently suffer.
- As an investor who is withdrawing, you agree that any payment made according to instructions received by post or courier, email or fax, shall be a complete satisfaction of our obligations, despite any fact or circumstances such as the payment being made without your knowledge or authority.
- You agree that if the payment is made according to these terms, you and any person claiming through or under you, shall have no claim against us about the payment.
- The Constitution allows Equity Trustees to deny a withdrawal request where accepting the request would cause the fund to cease to be liquid or where the fund is not liquid (as defined in the Corporations Act). When the fund is not liquid, an investor can only withdraw when Equity Trustees makes a withdrawal offer to investors in accordance with the Corporations Act. Equity Trustees is not obliged to make such offers.

Under the Corporations Act and the constitution for the fund, an investor does not have a right to withdraw from the fund if the fund is illiquid. In such circumstances you can only withdraw where Equity Trustees makes a withdrawal offer in accordance with the Corporations Act. Equity Trustees is not obliged to make such offers.

A fund will be liquid if at least 80% of its assets are liquid assets (generally cash and marketable securities). In addition, if Equity Trustees is unable to repatriate funds to meet withdrawal payments, it may suspend the calculation of the Net Asset Value and withhold withdrawal proceeds.

## Distributions

The Fund intends to distribute income bi-annually at the end of December and June. Distributions will be calculated on the last day of period end, and are normally paid to investors within 14 Business Days of the period end although the distribution at 30 June may take longer. Equity Trustees may amend the distribution frequency without notice.

An investor's share of any distributable income is calculated in accordance with the Constitution and is generally based on the number of units held by the investor at the end of the distribution period and the distributable income.

Investors can have their distribution reinvested or paid to a nominated bank account. Investors who do not indicate a preference will have their distributions automatically reinvested immediately after the period end.

In some circumstances, where an investor makes a large withdrawal request (5% or more of the units on issue in the Fund at the start of the relevant distribution period), their withdrawal proceeds may be taken to include a component of distributable income.

## New Zealand investors

If New Zealand investors elect to have their distribution paid in cash, they will need to nominate a bank account held in their own name with an Australian domiciled bank otherwise it must be reinvested. Cash distributions will only be paid in Australian dollars to such an account.

When the distribution is reinvested, New Zealand investors will be allotted units in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this PDS.

The distribution reinvestment plan described in this PDS is offered to New Zealand investors on the following basis:

- At the time the price of the units allotted pursuant to the distribution reinvestment plan is set, the Responsible Entity will not have any information that is not publicly available that would, or would be likely to, have a material adverse effect on the realisable price of the units if the information were publicly available.
- The right to acquire, or require the Responsible Entity to issue, units will be offered to all investors of the same class, other than those resident outside New Zealand who are excluded so as to avoid breaching overseas laws.
- Units will be issued on the terms disclosed to you, and will be subject to the same rights as units issued to all investors of the same class as you.

There is available from the Responsible Entity, on request and free of charge, a copy of the most recent annual report (if any) of the Fund, the most recent financial statements (if any) of the Fund, the auditor's report on those financial statements or, the PDS and the Constitution for the Fund (including any amendments). Other than the Constitution, these documents may be obtained electronically from <https://www.eqt.com.au/corporates-and-fund-managers/fund-managers/institutional-funds/institutional>

## Valuation of the Fund

The value of the investments of the Fund is determined daily by the Administrator. Generally, investments will be valued at the next available market value but other valuation methods and policies may be applied by the Administrator if appropriate.

The value of a unit in the Fund is determined on the basis of the value of the investments in the Fund (after taking into account any liabilities of the Fund), in accordance with the Constitution of the Fund.

For example, the application price of a unit in the Fund is based on the NAV of the Fund divided by the number of units on issue plus an allowance for transaction costs required for buying investments. This allowance is known as the buy spread. At the date of this PDS, the buy spread is +/- 0.20% on applications into the Fund, and withdrawals out of the Fund.

## Joint account operation

For joint accounts, each signatory must sign withdrawal requests. Please ensure both signatories sign the declaration in the Application Form. Joint accounts will be held as joint tenants.

## Authorised signatories

You can appoint a person, partnership or company as your authorised signatory. To do so, please nominate them on the initial Application Form and have them sign the relevant sections. If a company is appointed, the powers extend to any director and officer of the company. If a partnership is appointed, the powers extend to all partners. Such appointments will only be cancelled or changed once we receive written instructions from you to do so.

Once appointed, your authorised signatory has full access to operate your investment account for and on your behalf. This includes the following:

- making additional investments;
- requesting income distribution instructions to be changed;
- withdrawing all or part of your investment;
- changing bank account details;
- enquiring and obtaining copies of the status of your investment; and
- having online account access to your investment.

If you do appoint an authorised signatory:

- you are bound by their acts;
- you release, discharge and indemnify us from and against any losses, liabilities, actions, proceedings, account claims and demands arising from instructions received from your authorised representatives; and
- you agree that any instructions received from your authorised representative shall be complete satisfaction of our obligations, even if the instructions were made without your knowledge or authority.

### Electronic instructions

If an investor instructs Equity Trustees and/or Mainstream by electronic means, such as facsimile, the investor releases Equity Trustees and/or Mainstream from and indemnifies Equity Trustees and/or Mainstream against, all losses and liabilities arising from any payment or action Equity Trustees and/or Mainstream makes based on any instruction (even if not genuine) that Equity Trustees and/or Mainstream receives by an electronic communication bearing the investor's investor code and which appears to indicate to Equity Trustees and/or Mainstream that the communication has been provided by the investor e.g. a signature which is apparently the investor's and that of an authorised signatory for the investment or an email address which is apparently the investor's. The investor also agrees that neither they nor anyone claiming through them has any claim against Equity Trustees and/or the Mainstream or the Fund in relation to such payments or actions. There is a risk that a fraudulent withdrawal request can be made by someone who has access to an investor's investor code and a copy of their signature or email address. Please take care.

### SAVINGS PLAN

You can increase your investment in the Fund through a monthly direct debit from your nominated bank account. The minimum additional investment for the Fund under the savings plan is \$100 per month. Direct debits will be processed on the 19th calendar day of the month.

If this is not a business day then the direct debit will be processed on the next occurring business day. See the 'Direct Debit Request Service Agreement below.

The following is your Direct Debit Service Agreement with Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd ABN 81 118 902 891 who acts as the unit registry provider of the Fund. The agreement is designed to explain what your obligations are when undertaking a Direct Debit arrangement with us. It also details what our obligations are to you as your Direct Debit Provider.

We recommend you keep this agreement in a safe place for future reference. It forms part of the terms and conditions of your Direct Debit Request (DDR) and should be read in conjunction with your Direct Debit Request form or additional application form (as applicable).

### DEFINITIONS

**Account** means the account held at your financial institution from which we are authorised to arrange for funds to be debited.

**Agreement** means this Direct Debit Request Service Agreement between you and us.

**Banking day** means a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a public holiday listed throughout Australia.

**Debit day** means the day that payment by you to us is due.

**Debit payment** means a particular transaction where a debit is made.

**Direct debit request** means the Direct Debit Request in the application form or additional application form

**Us or we** means Mainstream Fund Services, (the Debit User) you have authorised by signing a Direct Debit Request.

**You** means the customer who has signed or authorised by other means the Direct Debit Request.

Your financial institution means the financial institution nominated by you on the DDR at which the account is maintained.

### 1. DEBITING YOUR ACCOUNT

a) By signing a Direct Debit Request or by providing us with a valid instruction, you have authorised us to arrange for funds to be debited from your account. You should refer to the Direct Debit Request and this agreement for the terms of the arrangement between us and you.

b) We will only arrange for funds to be debited from your account as authorised in the Direct Debit Request or we will only arrange for funds to be debited from your account if we have sent to the address nominated by you in the Direct Debit Request, a billing advice which specifies the amount payable by you to us and when it is due.

c) If the debit day falls on a day that is not a banking day, we may direct your financial institution to debit your account on the following banking day. If you are unsure about which day your account has or will be debited you should ask your financial institution.

### 2. AMENDMENTS BY US

a) We may vary any details of this agreement or a Direct Debit Request at any time by giving you at least fourteen (14) days written notice.

### 3. AMENDMENTS BY YOU

a) You may change, stop or defer a debit payment, or terminate this agreement by providing us with at least fourteen (14) days notification by writing to:

Unit Registry Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd GPO BOX 4968 Sydney NSW 2001

Or

II. by telephoning us on 1300 133 451 during business hours; or

III. arranging it through your own financial institution.



#### **4.YOUR OBLIGATIONS**

a) It is your responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient clear funds available in your account to allow a debit payment to be made in accordance with the Direct Debit Request.

b) If there are insufficient clear funds in your account to meet a debit payment:

I. you may be charged a fee and/or interest by your financial institution;

II. you may also incur fees or charges imposed or incurred by us; and

III. you must arrange for the debit payment to be made by another method or arrange for sufficient clear funds to be in your account by an agreed time so that we can process the debit payment.

c) You should check your account statement to verify that the amounts debited from your account are correct

d) If Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd is liable to pay goods and services tax ("GST") on a supply made in connection with this agreement, then you agree to pay Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd on demand an amount equal to the consideration payable for the supply multiplied by the prevailing GST rate.

#### **5.DISPUTE**

a) If you believe that there has been an error in debiting your account, you should notify us directly on 1300 133 451 and confirm that notice in writing with us as soon as possible so that we can resolve your query more quickly. Alternatively, you can take it up with your financial institution direct.

b) If we conclude as a result of our investigations that your account has been incorrectly debited we will respond to your query by arranging for your financial institution to adjust your account (including interest and charges) accordingly. We will also notify you in writing of the amount by which your account has been adjusted.

c) If we conclude as a result of our investigations that your account has not been incorrectly debited we will respond to your query by providing you with reasons and any evidence for this finding in writing.

#### **6.ACCOUNTS**

You should check:

I. with your financial institution whether direct debiting is available from your account as direct debiting is not available on all accounts offered by financial institutions.

II. your account details which you have provided to us are correct by checking them against a recent account statement; and

III. with your financial institution before completing the Direct Debit Request if you have any queries about how to complete the Direct Debit Request.

#### **7. CONFIDENTIALITY**

a) We will keep any information (including your account details) in your Direct Debit Request confidential. We will make reasonable efforts to keep any such information that we have about you secure and to ensure that any of our employees or agents who have access to information about you do not make any unauthorised use, modification, reproduction or disclosure of that information.

b) We will only disclose information that we have about you:

I. to the extent specifically required by law; or

II. for the purposes of this agreement (including disclosing information in connection with any query or claim).

#### **8. NOTICE**

a) If you wish to notify us in writing about anything relating to this agreement, you should write to

Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd GPO Box 4968  
Sydney NSW 2001

b) We will notify you by sending a notice in the ordinary post to the address you have given us in the Direct Debit Request.

Any notice will be deemed to have been received on the third banking day after posting.

## 8. Keeping Track of Your Investment

### Complaints resolution

Equity Trustees has an established complaints handling process and is committed to properly considering and resolving all complaints. If you have a complaint about your investment, please contact us on:

Phone: 1300 133 472

Post: Equity Trustees Limited

GPO Box 2307, Melbourne VIC 3001

Email: [compliance@eqt.com.au](mailto:compliance@eqt.com.au)

We will acknowledge receipt of the complaint within 1 Business Day or as soon as possible after receiving the complaint. We will seek to resolve your complaint as soon as practicable but not more than 30 calendar days after receiving the complaint. Other types of complaints and complex complaints may have a different maximum response timeframe. We will let you know if a different maximum timeframe will apply to your complaint.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your complaint, you may be able to lodge a complaint with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (“AFCA”).

Contact details are:

Online: [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)

Phone: 1800 931 678

Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)

Post: GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001.

The external dispute resolution body is established to assist you in resolving your complaint where you have been unable to do so with us. However, it’s important that you contact us first.

If you are an Indirect Investor, then enquiries and complaints should be directed to the operator of the IDPS.

### Reports

We will make the following statements available to all investors;

- A transaction confirmation statement, showing a change in your unit holding (provided when a transaction occurs or on request).
- The Fund’s annual audited accounts for each period ended 30 June.
- Semi-annual distribution statement.
- Annual distribution, tax and confirmation of holdings statements for each period ended 30 June.
- Annual Investor Update detailing each of the following:
  - the actual allocation to each asset type;
  - the liquidity profile of the portfolio assets as at the end of the period;
  - the maturity profile of the liabilities as at the end of the period;
  - the derivative counterparties engaged (including capital protection providers); and
  - the leverage ratio (including leverage embedded in the assets of the Fund, other than listed equities and bonds) as at the end of the period;
  - the key service providers if they have changed since the latest report given to investors, including any change in their related party status.

The latest Fund’s annual audited accounts will be available online from [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto).

The following information is available on Milford’s website and/or is disclosed monthly:

- the current total NAV of the Fund and the withdrawal value of a unit in each class of units as at the date the NAV was calculated;
- the monthly or annual investment returns over at least a five-year period (or, if the Fund has not been operating for five years, the returns since its inception);
- any change to key service providers if they have changed since last report given to investors;
- for each of the following matters since the last report on those matters:
  - the net return on the Fund’s assets after fees, costs and taxes;
  - any material change in the Fund’s risk profile;
  - any material change in the Fund’s strategy; and
  - any change in the individuals playing a key role in investment decisions for the Fund.

By applying to invest in the Fund, you agree that, to the extent permitted by law, any periodic information which is required to be given to you under the Corporations Act or ASIC policy can be given to you by making that information available on Equity Trustees’ or the Investment Manager’s website.

Please note that Indirect Investors who access the Fund through an IDPS will receive reports directly from the IDPS Operator and not from the Responsible Entity. However, Equity Trustees will make available the reports described above to relevant IDPS Operators as required, excluding Fund administration reports which Mainstream will provide to the IDPS Operators. Indirect Investors should refer to their IDPS Guide for information on the reports they will receive regarding their investment.

If and when the Fund has 100 or more direct investors, it will be classified by the Corporations Act as a ‘disclosing entity’. As a disclosing entity the Fund will be subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations. Investors would have a right to obtain a copy, free of charge, of any of the following documents:

- the most recent annual financial report lodged with ASIC (“Annual Report”);
- any subsequent half yearly financial report lodged with ASIC after the lodgement of the Annual Report; and
- any continuous disclosure notices lodged with ASIC after the Annual Report but before the date of this PDS.

Equity Trustees will comply with any continuous disclosure obligation by lodging documents with ASIC as and when required.

Copies of these documents lodged with ASIC in relation to the Fund may be obtained through ASIC’s website at [www.asic.gov.au](http://www.asic.gov.au).

## 9. Fees and Other Costs

### DID YOU KNOW?

Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long-term returns.

For example, total annual fees and costs of 2% of your account balance rather than 1% could reduce your final return by up to 20% over a 30-year period (for example, reduce it from \$100,000 to \$80,000).

You should consider whether features such as superior investment performance or the provision of better member services justify higher fees and costs.

You may be able to negotiate to pay lower fees. Ask the fund or your financial adviser.

### TO FIND OUT MORE

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)** Moneysmart website ([www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au)) has a managed funds fee calculator to help you check out different fee options.

### Fees and other costs

This section shows fees and other costs that you may be charged. These fees and costs may be deducted from your money, from the returns on your investment or from the assets of the managed investment scheme as a whole.

Taxes are set out in another part of this document. You should read all the information about fees and costs because it is important to understand their impact on your investment. For Indirect Investors, the fees listed in the 'Fees and Other Costs' section of this PDS are in addition to any other fees and charges charged by your IDPS operator.

### Fees and Costs Summary

| Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| Type of fee or cost  | Amount   | How and when paid   |
| <b>Ongoing annual fees and costs<sup>1</sup></b>   |  |   |
| <i>Management fees and costs</i><br>The fees and costs for managing your investment <sup>2</sup>                           | Class W = 0.90% of the GAV of the Class<br>Class R = 1.05% of the GAV of the Class                           | The management fees component of management fees and costs are accrued daily and paid from a Class monthly in arrears and reflected in the unit price. Otherwise, the fees and costs are variable and deducted and reflected in the unit price of the Class as they are incurred. |
| <i>Performance fees<sup>3</sup></i><br>Amounts deducted from your investment in relation to the performance of the product | Class W = 0.57% of the NAV of the Class <sup>3</sup><br>Class R = 0.57% of the NAV of the Class <sup>3</sup> | Performance fees are calculated daily and paid semi-annually in arrears from a Class and reflected in the unit price.   |
| <i>Transaction costs</i><br>The costs incurred by the scheme when buying or selling assets                                 | Class W = 0.72% of the GAV of the Class<br>Class R = 0.72% of the GAV of the Class                           | Transaction costs are variable and deducted from a Class as they are incurred and reflected in the unit price. They are disclosed net of amounts recovered by the buy-sell spread.  |
| <b>Member activity related fees and costs (fees for services or when your money moves in or out of the scheme)</b>         |  |   |
| <i>Establishment fee</i><br>The fee to open your investment  | Not applicable   | Not applicable  |
| <i>Contribution fee<sup>4</sup></i><br>The fee on each amount contributed to your investment                               | Not applicable   | Not applicable  |

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| <p><i>Buy-sell spread</i></p> <p>An amount deducted from your investment representing costs incurred in transactions by the scheme</p> | 0.20% upon entry and 0.20% upon exit | These costs are an additional cost to the investor but are incorporated into the unit price and arise when investing application monies and funding withdrawals from the Class and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into the Class as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Class as part of a redemption. |
| <p><i>Withdrawal fee</i></p> <p>The fee on each amount you take out of your investment</p>   | Not applicable                       | Not applicable   |
| <p><i>Exit fee<sup>4</sup></i></p> <p>The fee to close your investment</p>   | Not applicable                       | Not applicable   |
| <p><i>Switching fee</i></p> <p>The fee for changing investment options</p>   | Not applicable                       | Not applicable   |

<sup>1</sup> All fees quoted above are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST) and net of any Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC). See below for more details as to how the relevant fees and costs are calculated.

<sup>2</sup> The management fee component of management fees and costs can be negotiated. See “Differential fees” in the “Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs” below. The management fee may also reduce in some circumstances. See “Management fees and costs” in the Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs” below.

<sup>3</sup> This represents the performance fee of a Class which is payable as an expense of the Fund to the Investment Manager. See the “Performance fees” section below in “Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs” for more information.

<sup>4</sup> If you have a financial adviser, then you may also have to pay additional fees to your adviser. Details of those fees should be set out in the Statement of Advice or Financial Services Guide given to you by your adviser.

## Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs

### Management fees and costs

The management fees and costs include amounts payable for administering and operating the Fund, investing the assets of the Fund, expenses and reimbursements in relation to the Fund and indirect costs if applicable.

Management fees and costs do not include performance fees or transaction costs, which are disclosed separately.

The management fees component of management fees and costs of 0.90% p.a. of the GAV of Class W and 1.05% p.a. of the GAV of Class R is payable to the Responsible Entity of the Fund for managing the assets and overseeing the operations of the Fund. The management fees component is accrued daily and paid from a Class monthly in arrears and reflected in the unit price. As at the date of this PDS, the management fees component covers certain ordinary expenses such as Responsible Entity fees, investment management fees, custodian fees, and administration and audit fees.

The management fee reduces to 0.75% p.a. of the GAV, where on the last Business Day of a month, the proportion of the Fund’s assets in cash is greater than 50% of the Fund’s GAV. For the purposes of a reduced management fee, cash includes investments in term deposits. The reduced management fee applies to the whole of the following month.

The indirect costs and other expenses component of 0.00% p.a. of the GAV of the Fund may include other ordinary expenses of operating the Fund, as well as management fees and costs (if any) arising from interposed vehicles in or through which the Fund invests. The indirect costs and other expenses component is

variable and reflected in the unit price of the Fund as the relevant fees and costs are incurred. They are borne by investors, but they are not paid to the Responsible Entity or Investment Manager.

Actual indirect costs for the current and future years may differ. If in future there is an increase to indirect costs disclosed in this PDS, updates will be provided on Equity Trustees’ website at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) where they are not otherwise required to be disclosed to investors under law.

### Performance fees

Performance fees include amounts that are calculated by reference to the average performance of the Fund. The performance fees for Class W and Class R is 0.57% p.a. of the NAV of the Class. The performance fee figure that is disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is generally based on an average of the performance fees over the previous five financial years, where each performance fee relevant to a Class is averaged and totalled to give the performance fees for the Class.

However, for a Class that was not in operation for the previous five financial years, the performance fee average is calculated by reference to the average for the number of financial years in which the Class was operated. The performance fee for Class W over the period since it commenced is an average of 0.57% p.a. We reasonably estimate that for Class R a similar performance fee will apply over its first year of operation. Performance fees are capped at 0.95% of the average daily NAV for each Class.

In terms of the performance fees payable to the Investment Manager, a performance fee is payable where the investment performance of a Class exceeds the

performance of the Benchmark over each semi-annual calculation period. The performance fees are 15.35% p.a. of this excess, calculated daily and paid semi-annually in arrears from the Class.

No performance fees are payable until any absolute performance losses from prior periods has been made up (this feature is sometimes referred to as a high-watermark).

Please note that the performance fees disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is not a forecast as the actual performance fee for the current and future financial years may differ. The Responsible Entity cannot guarantee that performance fees will remain at their previous level or that the performance of the Fund will outperform the Benchmark.

It is not possible to estimate the actual performance fee payable in any given period, as we cannot forecast what the performance of a Class will be. Information on current performance fees will be updated from time to time and available at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto).

### **Transaction costs**

In managing the assets of the Fund, the Fund may incur transaction costs such as brokerage, buy-sell spreads in respect of the underlying investments of the Fund, settlement costs, clearing costs and applicable stamp duty when assets are bought and sold, and the costs of over-the-counter derivatives that reflect transaction costs that would arise if the Fund held the ultimate reference assets, as well as the costs of over-the-counter derivatives used for hedging purposes. Transaction costs also include costs incurred by interposed vehicles in which the Fund invests (if any), that would have been transaction costs if they had been incurred by the Fund itself. Transaction costs are an additional cost to the investor where they are not recovered by the Buy/Sell Spread, and are generally incurred when the assets of the Fund are changed in connection with day-to-day trading or when there are applications or withdrawals which cause net cash flows into or out of the Fund.

The Buy/Sell Spread that is disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is a reasonable estimate of transaction costs that a Class will incur when buying or selling assets of the Class. These costs are an additional cost to the investor but are incorporated into the unit price and arise when investing application monies and funding withdrawals from a Class and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into a Class as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Class as part of a redemption and not paid to Equity Trustees or the Investment Manager. The Buy/Sell Spread is 0.20% upon entry and 0.20% upon exit. The dollar value of these costs based on an application or a withdrawal of each Class is \$40 for each individual transaction. The Buy/Sell Spread can be altered by the Responsible Entity at any time and [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) will be updated as soon as practicable to reflect any change. The Responsible Entity may also waive the Buy/Sell Spread in part or in full at its discretion. The transaction costs figure in the Fees and Costs Summary is shown net of any amount recovered by the Buy/Sell Spread charged by the Responsible Entity.

Transaction costs generally arise through the day-to-day trading of a Class's assets and are reflected in the Class's unit price as an additional cost to the investor, as and when they are incurred.

The gross transaction costs for the Class are 0.82% p.a. of the GAV of Class W, which is based on the relevant costs incurred during the financial year ended 30 June 2020 and 0.82% p.a. of the GAV of Class R, which is based on a reasonable estimate of the costs for the current financial year to date, adjusted to reflect a 12 month period.

In relation to the costs that have been estimated, they have been estimated on the basis of relevant information for a similar product offering in the market offered by the Investment Manager.

However, actual transaction costs for future years may differ.

### **Can the fees change?**

Yes, all fees can change without investor consent, subject to the maximum fee amounts specified in the Constitution. The current maximum management fee to which Equity Trustees is entitled is 2.00% of the GAV of a Class. However, Equity Trustees does not intend to charge that amount and will generally provide investors with at least 30 days' notice of any proposed increase to the management fees component of management fees and costs. In most circumstances, the Constitution defines the maximum level that can be charged for fees described in this PDS. Equity Trustees also has the right to recover all reasonable expenses incurred in relation to the proper performance of its duties in managing the Fund and as such these expenses may increase or decrease accordingly, without notice.

### **Payments to IDPS Operators**

Subject to the law, annual payments may be made to some IDPS Operators because they offer the Fund on their investment menus. Product access is paid by the Investment Manager out of its investment management fee and is not an additional cost to the investor.

### **Differential fees**

The Investment Manager may from time to time negotiate a different fee arrangement (by way of a rebate or waiver of fees) with certain investors who are Australian Wholesale Clients based on larger investment amounts. Please contact the Investment Manager on 1800 161 310 for further information.

### **mFund**

Warning: if you are transacting through mFund your stockbroker or accredited intermediary may charge you additional fees (see their Financial Services Guide).

### **Adviser Service Fee**

If you have a financial adviser, a service charge may be separately negotiated with your financial adviser and deducted from your investment monies before they are invested to buy units. This payment is separate from the costs referred to in section 9 above of the PDS.

Details of any service charge should be set out in the Statement of Advice or Financial Services Guide given to you by your financial adviser.

### **Tax**

Information on tax can be found in section 10 below of the PDS.

## Example of annual fees and costs for an investment option

This table gives an example of how the ongoing annual fees and costs in the investment option for this product can affect your investment over a 1-year period. You should use this table to compare this product with other products offered by managed investment schemes.

| <b>EXAMPLE - Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund - Class R</b>         |            |   |
|--|------------|---|
| <b>BALANCE OF \$50,000 WITH A CONTRIBUTION OF \$5,000 DURING THE YEAR</b>  |            |   |
| Contribution Fees  | Nil        | For every additional \$5,000 you put in, you will be charged \$0  |
| <b>Plus</b><br>Management fees and costs                                   | 1.05% p.a. | <b>And</b> , for every \$50,000 you have in the Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund - Class R you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$525 each year   |
| <b>Plus</b><br>Performance fees  | 0.57% p.a. | <b>And</b> , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$285 in performance fees each year  |
| <b>Plus</b><br>Transaction costs   | 0.72% p.a. | <b>And</b> , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$360 in transaction costs   |
| <b>Equals</b><br>Cost of Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund - Class R |            | If you had an investment of \$50,000 at the beginning of the year and you put in an additional \$5,000 during that year, you would be charged fees and costs of: \$1,170*<br><b>What it costs you will depend on the Class you choose and the fees you negotiate.</b> |

\* Additional fees may apply. Please note that this example does not capture all the fees and costs that may apply to you such as the Buy/Sell Spread.

This example assumes the \$5,000 contribution occurs at the end of the first year, therefore the fees and costs are calculated using the \$50,000 balance only.

**Warning: If you have consulted a financial adviser, you may pay additional fees. You should refer to the Statement of Advice or Financial Services Guide provided by your financial adviser in which details of the fees are set out.**

ASIC provides a fee calculator on [www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au), which you may use to calculate the effects of fees and costs on account balances. The performance fees stated in this table are based on the average performance fee for Class W, over the previous approximately 3.75 financial years. The performance of the Class for this financial year, and the performance fees for Class W, may be higher or lower or not payable in the future. It is not a forecast of the performance of a Class or the amount of the performance fees in the future.

The indirect costs and other expenses component of management fees and costs and transaction costs may also be based on estimates. As a result, the total fees and costs that you are charged may differ from the figures shown in the table.

### Cost of product for 1 year

The cost of product gives a summary calculation about how ongoing annual fees and costs can affect your investment over a 1-year period for all investment options. It is calculated in the manner shown in the Example of annual fees and costs.

The cost of product assumes a balance of \$50,000 at the beginning of the year with a contribution of \$5,000 during the year. (Additional fees such as an establishment fee or an exit fee may apply: refer to the Fees and costs summary for the relevant option.)

You should use this figure to help compare this product with other products offered by managed investment schemes.

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| <b>Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund - Class W</b> | <b>Cost of product: \$1,095</b> |
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## 10. Taxation

### 10.1 Taxation

The taxation information in this Product Disclosure Statement is of a general nature and is current as at its date. This information provides a general overview of the tax implications for Australian tax resident Investors that hold their units on capital account. The application of these laws depends on the individual circumstances of the Investor. The following comments should not be regarded as tax advice and it is recommended that Investors should obtain independent professional tax advice about their specific circumstances. This section applies to Australian resident unit holders only.

### 10.2 Taxation of the Fund

The Fund is an Australian resident trust estate for Australian tax purposes. On the basis that all of the Fund's trust components are attributed to investors on a fair and reasonable basis under the new AMIT regime or the Fund has distributable income to which investors are presently entitled (which is the Responsible Entity's intention if the Fund does not qualify to be an AMIT), and the Fund is not a public trading trust, the Fund should be treated as a flow-through trust for tax purposes. This means that investors should be taxed on their attributed amounts or (if the Fund is not an AMIT) their share of the Fund's net taxable income, and the Fund should not be subject to Australian income tax.

If the Fund makes a loss for Australian tax purposes, the Fund cannot distribute the loss to unit holders. However, subject to the Fund meeting certain conditions, the Fund may be able to take into account the losses (including to the extent the Fund has carried forward capital losses) to offset against income or capital gains (as appropriate) in subsequent years.

### 10.3 Fund income & distributions

In a year in which the Fund is not an Attribution Managed Investment Trust (AMIT), where a unit holder is presently entitled to a share of the Fund's income for a Financial Year, the unit holder will be liable to tax on their proportional share of the taxable income of the Fund. Investors will be assessed on their proportionate share of the Fund's net taxable income in the Financial Year for which their entitlement to the distributable income arises, even though it may not have been received in that Financial Year. Distributions from the Fund may comprise different components including interest, dividends, net capital gains, other income, franking credits, foreign income, foreign income tax offsets and tax-deferred amounts.

For unit holders who hold their units on capital account, the tax-deferred income should not form part of their assessable income in the year that the tax-deferred distribution is paid. Instead, the Investor's cost base in the units will be reduced by the tax-deferred amount and may affect the capital gains tax (CGT) position of the investment. However, for those unit holders who have a zero cost base in their units, or where the tax-deferred distribution exceeds the cost base of their investment, any tax-deferred amounts received in excess of the cost base of the units should be treated as a capital gain of the unit holder. Investors should maintain records of their adjustments.

Distributions of income reinvested in further units are treated the same way as cash distributions. Details of the tax components of distribution made to investors will be included in an annual tax statement.

#### *CGT election*

A Fund which qualifies as a Managed Investment Trust (MIT) may make an irrevocable election for a deemed capital gains tax treatment for gains and losses in disposal of covered assets (including equities and units in trusts, but excluding derivatives, fixed interest, cash and foreign exchange). Where eligible, the Responsible Entity of the Fund intends that the Fund will make the deemed MIT CGT election for covered assets to be treated on capital account. Hence, where the Fund realised a capital gain on disposal of covered assets, it may be entitled to take into account the discount capital gain concession in determining the amount of the capital gain that is included in the Fund's net income.

### 10.4 Attribution Managed Investment Trust (AMIT)

In a year in which the Fund qualifies to be an AMIT, the Responsible Entity intends for the Fund to make an irrevocable election into the AMIT rules. The AMIT legislation applies an attribution model whereby the responsible entity attributes amounts of trust components of a particular character to investors ('members' for the purpose of this section) on a fair and reasonable basis consistent with the operation of the AMIT's constitution.

Amounts related to income and tax offsets of an AMIT, of a particular tax character are attributed to the members of the AMIT on the basis of their determined member components of that tax character. Notably, there are three determined member components of an income character being (a) assessable income; or (b) exempt income; or (c) non-assessable non-exempt income. A separate determined member component exists for tax offsets.

Assessable income includes ordinary and statutory income from all Australian and foreign sources, discount and non-discount capital gains, capital gains from taxable and non-taxable Australian property, dividends, interest, royalties and the gross-up for franking credits.

The sum of all AMIT trust components must equal the AMIT's assessable income for the income year.

Subsequently deductions that relate directly to each type of AMIT income are applied to each specific income type. Any remaining deductions are allocated to the various types of AMIT income 'on a reasonable basis'.

The effect of the application of deductions is in effect a calculation of the taxable income for the AMIT for the year of income.

The AMIT trustee will subsequently determine the 'taxable member component' for each investor member and must provide each member with an AMIT member annual statement (AMMA statement) which sets out the various trust characters and amounts allocated to that member in an approved format within 3 months of the AMIT year end. The AMMA statement must also notify of any adjustments to the member's cost base in AMIT units. The AMIT trustee is permitted to issue a revised AMMA

statement within 4 years of the AMIT's income year to which it relates in the event of required changes as a result of variance identified consistent with the 'unders and overs' rules.

Some other key features of the AMIT system include:

- Where the Fund's determined trust components for a year are revised in a subsequent year (e.g. due to differences between estimated and actual of income), unders and overs may arise. Unders and overs will generally be carried forward and adjusted in the year they are discovered.
- Where the cash distribution made for a year is less than or more than certain taxation components attributed to investors, the cost base of an investor's units may be increased or decreased. Details of cost base adjustments will be included on an investor's AMMA Statement.
- In certain circumstances, income and gains may be attributed to a specific investor (e.g. a share of undistributed year to date income, and gains on disposal of assets to fund a large redemption, being attributed to the redeeming investor).
- In certain circumstances (e.g. failure to comply with certain AMIT rules), specific penalties may be imposed.

## 10.5 Franking Credits

Where the Fund receives franked dividends, the taxable net income of the Fund includes franked dividends and related franking credits. A credit for these amounts may be available in calculating unit holders' tax liabilities, depending on their specific circumstances and subject to various integrity rules, including the 45 day holding period rule. Excess franking credits may be refundable to certain resident individuals and complying superannuation entities and in certain cases may generate tax losses for corporate entities.

## 10.6 Foreign Income Tax Offsets

Australian resident Investors may be entitled to claim foreign income tax offsets (FITOs) for foreign tax paid on the foreign income received by the Fund. Investors must include the amount of the credits in their assessable income. The ability to utilise the FITOs will be dependent upon each unit holder's specific tax circumstances. We will advise each Investor of their share of tax credits in the annual tax statement or AMMA.

## 10.7 Disposal or Withdrawal of Units

Unit holders must include any realised capital gain or loss on disposal or withdrawal of their units (together with any capital gain distributed by the Fund) in calculating their net capital gain or loss for a Financial Year. The Fund may determine that part of the redemption price of a unit that represents a distribution of income for tax purposes for the Financial Year. Where the redemption price includes a distribution of income, any capital gain made is reduced by the taxable income amount included in the Investor's assessable income. A net capital gain will be included in a unit holder's assessable income. A net capital loss may be carried forward for offset against capital gains of the unit holder in subsequent years, but may not be offset against ordinary income.

In calculating the taxable amount of a capital gain, a discount of one-half for individuals and trusts or one-third for superannuation entities may be allowed where the units have been held for 12 months or more.

For non-resident Investors, complex laws govern the taxation of capital gains distributed by the Fund or those realized on the disposal of units. Accordingly, non-resident Investors should seek their own professional tax advice.

## 10.8 Taxation of Financial Arrangements (TOFA)

Since 1 July 2010, the TOFA provisions have applied on a mandatory basis to qualifying taxpayers for certain financial arrangements. The TOFA rules may apply to financial arrangements held by the Fund when calculating its assessable income. Broadly, the TOFA provisions recognise certain gains and losses on financial arrangements on an accruals basis and treats the relevant gains and losses on revenue account. As at the date of this Product Disclosure Statement, we, as Responsible Entity of the Fund, have not made an election to apply any of the elective methods under TOFA.

## 10.9 Controlled Foreign Company (CFC) Rules

The CFC rules may apply to certain interests in foreign companies where controlling interests are held by one or more Australian residents (including the Fund), in certain circumstances. Under the CFC rules, the net (taxable) income of a Fund may include the Fund's share of a CFC's attributable income (generally passive income) for a year on an accruals basis, even though the income has not been distributed by the CFC. However, it is generally expected that the Fund's interests in foreign companies will not be CFC interests. If applicable, the Responsible Entity will monitor the concentration of Australian (or Australian associated) ownership of any foreign companies to determine if any income attribution under the CFC rules is required.

## 10.10 Taxation reform

The tax information included in this PDS is based on the taxation legislation and administrative practice as at the issue date of this PDS, together with proposed changes to the taxation legislation as announced by the Government. However, the Australian tax system is in a continuing state of reform, and based on the Government's reform agenda, it is likely to escalate rather than diminish. Any reform of a tax system creates uncertainty as to the full extent of announced reforms, or uncertainty as to the meaning of new law that is enacted pending interpretation through the judicial process. These reforms may impact on the tax position of the Fund and its investors.

Accordingly, it will be necessary to closely monitor the progress of these reforms, and investors should seek their own professional advice, specific to their own circumstances, of the taxation implications of investing in the Fund.

## 10.11 Non-Resident Withholding Tax

If an Investor is not an Australian resident, withholding tax will normally be deducted from distributions before they are paid to the unit holder. The tax rate will depend on the nature of the distribution and the country in which the Investor resides.

Distributions of income reinvested in further units are treated the same way as cash distributions. Distributions of capital may have tax consequences.



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

The Goods and Services tax (GST) is not applied to the application for or withdrawal of units in the Fund, as these are input-taxed financial supplies. However, GST generally applies to Fund management fees and expense costs. The Fund is entitled to claim Reduced Input Tax Credits at the prescribed percentage of 55% or 75% (depending on the acquisition) from the ATO for part of the GST paid.

### **10.13 Tax File Numbers and Australian Business Numbers**

An Investor is not required to quote their Tax File Number ('TFN') or Australian Business Number ('ABN'). However, if the unit holder is an Australian resident for taxation

purposes and a TFN or ABN is not provided or an exemption is not claimed, we are required to withhold tax at the highest marginal rate, plus the Medicare levy, from Fund distributions.

### **10.14 New Zealand resident taxation**

If you are a New Zealand resident wishing to invest in Australia, we strongly recommend that you seek independent professional tax advice. New Zealand resident investors will be taxed on their units under the foreign investment fund rules or ordinary tax rules, depending on their circumstances. Australian tax will be withheld at prescribed rates from distributions to non-residents to the extent that the distributions comprise relevant Australian sourced income or gains.

## 11. Other Important Information

### Consent

Each of the Investment Manager, Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd and the Custodian has given and, as at the date of this PDS, has not withdrawn:

- its written consent to be named in this PDS as the investment manager or as the Custodian of the Fund (as the case may be); and
- its written consent to the inclusion of the statements made about it and the Fund and which are specifically attributed to it, in the form and context in which they appear.

The Investment Manager and the Custodian have not otherwise been involved in the preparation of this PDS or caused or otherwise authorised the issue of this PDS. Neither the Investment Manager, the Custodian nor their employees or officers accept any responsibility arising in any way for errors or omissions, other than those statements for which it has provided its written consent to Equity Trustees for inclusion in this PDS. The Custodian's role is limited to holding the assets of the Fund as Equity Trustees' agent. The Custodian has no supervisory role in relation to the operation of the Fund and is not responsible for protecting your interests.

### mFund Settlement Service

You must use a mFund accredited and licensed broker to facilitate your transactions on mFund. Your chosen broker may charge you additional fees which are not outlined in the Fees and Costs section of this PDS.

### Constitution of the Fund

You will be issued Units in the Fund when you invest. The Fund is permitted to have more than one class of units and will initially have two classes of units. Subject to the rights, obligations and restrictions of a class, each Unit represents an equal undivided fractional beneficial interest in the assets of the Fund as a whole subject to liabilities, but does not give you an interest in any particular property of the Fund.

Equity Trustees' responsibilities and obligations, as the responsible entity of the Fund, are governed by the Constitution as well as the Corporations Act and general trust law. The Constitution contains a number of provisions relating to the rights, terms, conditions and obligations imposed on both Equity Trustees, as the responsible entity of the Fund, and investors. Some of the provisions of the Constitution are discussed elsewhere in this PDS.

Other provisions relate to an investor's rights under the Constitution, and include:

- an investor's right to share in any Fund income, and how we calculate it;
- what you are entitled to receive when you withdraw or if the Fund is wound up;
- an investor's right to withdraw from the Fund - subject to the times when we can cease;
- processing withdrawals, such as if a Fund becomes 'illiquid';
- the nature of the units - identical rights attach to all units within a class; and
- an investor's rights to attend and vote at meetings - these provisions are mainly contained in the Corporations Act.

There are also provisions governing our powers and duties, including:

- how we calculate unit prices, the maximum amount of fees we can charge and expenses we can recover;
- when we can amend the Constitution - generally we can only amend the Constitution where we reasonably believe that the changes will not adversely affect investors' rights. Otherwise the Constitution can only be amended if approved at a meeting of investors;
- when we can retire as the Responsible Entity of the Fund - which is as permitted by law;
- when we can be removed as the Responsible Entity of the Fund - which is when required by law; and
- our broad powers to invest, borrow and generally manage the Fund.

The Constitution also deals with our liabilities in relation to the Fund and when we can be reimbursed out of the Fund's assets.

For example:

- subject to the Corporations Act we are not liable for acting in reliance and good faith on professional advice;
- subject to the Corporations Act we are not liable for any loss unless we fail to act in good faith or we act negligently; and
- we can be reimbursed for any liabilities we incur in connection with the proper performance of our powers and duties in respect of the Fund.

As mentioned above, Equity Trustees' responsibilities and obligations as the Responsible Entity of the Fund are governed by the Constitution of the Fund, the Corporations Act and general trust law, which require that we:

- act in the best interests of investors and, if there is a conflict between investors' interests and our own, give priority to investors;
- ensure the property of the Fund is clearly identified, held separately from other funds and our assets, and is valued regularly;
- ensure payments from the Fund's property are made in accordance with the Constitution and the Corporations Act; and
- report to ASIC any breach of the Corporations Act in relation to the Fund which has had, or is likely to have, a materially adverse effect on investors' interests. Copies of the Constitution are available, free of charge, on request from Equity Trustees.

### Non-listing of units

The units in the Fund are not listed on any stock exchange and no application will be made to list the units in the Fund on any stock exchange.

### Termination of the Fund

The Responsible Entity may resolve at any time to terminate and liquidate the Fund (if it provides investors with notice) in accordance with the Constitution and the Corporations Act. Upon termination and after conversion of the assets of the Fund into cash and payment of, or provision for, all costs, expenses and liabilities (actual and

anticipated), the net proceeds will be distributed pro-rata among all investors according to the aggregate of the Withdrawal Price for each of the units they hold in the Fund.

### **Our legal relationship with you**

Equity Trustees' responsibilities and obligations, as the Responsible Entity of the Fund, are governed by the Constitution of the Fund, as well as the Corporations Act and general trust law. The Constitution of the Fund contains a number of provisions relating to the rights, terms, conditions and obligations imposed on both Equity Trustees, as the Responsible Entity of the Fund, and investors.

Equity Trustees may amend the Constitution if it considers that the amendment will not adversely affect investors rights. Otherwise the Constitution may be amended by way of a special resolution of investors.

To the extent that any contract or obligation arises in connection with the acceptance by Equity Trustees of an application or reliance on this PDS by an investor, any amendment to the Constitution may vary or cancel that contract or obligation.

Further, that contract or obligation may be varied or cancelled by a deed executed by Equity Trustees with the approval of a special resolution of investors, or without that approval if Equity Trustees considers the variation or cancellation will not materially and adversely affect investor's rights.

A copy of the Constitution of the Fund is available, free of charge, on request from Equity Trustees.

### **Compliance plan**

Equity Trustees has prepared and lodged a compliance plan for the Fund with ASIC. The compliance plan describes the procedures used by Equity Trustees to comply with the Corporations Act and the Constitution of the Fund. Each year the compliance plan for the Fund is audited and the audit report is lodged with ASIC.

### **Unit pricing discretions policy**

Equity Trustees has developed a formal written policy in relation to the guidelines and relevant factors taken into account when exercising any discretion in calculating unit prices (including determining the value of assets and liabilities). A copy of the policy and, where applicable and to the extent required, any other relevant documents in relation to the policy (such as records of any discretions which are outside the scope of, or inconsistent with, the unit pricing policy) will be made available to investors free of charge on request.

### **Indemnity**

Equity Trustees, as the responsible entity of the Fund, is indemnified out of the Fund against all liabilities incurred by it in performing or exercising any of its powers or duties in relation to the Fund. To the extent permitted by the Corporations Act, this indemnity includes any liability incurred as a result of any act or omission of a delegate or agent appointed by the Responsible Entity. Subject to the law, Equity Trustees may retain or pay out from the assets of the Fund any sum necessary to affect such an indemnity.

### **Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing ("AML/CTF")**

Australia's AML/CTF laws require Equity Trustees to adopt and maintain a written AML/CTF Program. A fundamental part of the AML/CTF Program is that Equity Trustees must hold up-to-date information about investors (including beneficial owner information) in the Fund.

To meet this legal requirement, we need to collect certain identification information (including beneficial owner information) and documentation ("KYC Documents") from new investors. Existing investors may also be asked to provide KYC Documents as part of an ongoing customer due diligence/verification process to comply with AML/CTF laws. If applicants or investors do not provide the applicable KYC Documents when requested, Equity Trustees may be unable to process an application, or may be unable to provide products or services to existing investors until such time as the information is provided.

In order to comply with AML/CTF Laws, Equity Trustees may also disclose information including your personal information that it holds about the applicant, an investor, or any beneficial owner, to its related bodies corporate or service providers, or relevant regulators of AML/CTF Laws (whether inside or outside Australia). Equity Trustees may be prohibited by law from informing applicants or investors that such reporting has occurred.

Equity Trustees and the Investment Manager shall not be liable to applicants or investors for any loss you may suffer because of compliance with the AML/CTF laws.

If you apply for units via mFund you may be required to provide the KYC documents to your broker (rather than the Administrator).

### **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA")**

In April 2014, the Australian Government signed an intergovernmental agreement ("IGA") with the United States of America ("U.S."), which requires all Australian financial institutions to comply with the FATCA Act enacted by the U.S. in 2010.

Under FATCA, Australian financial institutions are required to collect and review their information to identify U.S. residents and U.S. controlling persons that invest in assets through non-U.S. entities. This information is reported to the ATO. The ATO may then pass that information onto the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

In order to comply with the FATCA obligations, we may request certain information from you. Failure to comply with FATCA obligations may result in the Fund, to the extent relevant, being subject to a 30% withholding tax on payment of U.S. income or gross proceeds from the sale of certain U.S. investments. If the Fund suffers any amount of FATCA withholding and is unable to obtain a refund for the amounts withheld, we will not be required to compensate investors for any such withholding and the effect of the amounts withheld will be reflected in the returns of the Fund.

### **Common Reporting Standard ("CRS")**

The CRS is developed by the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development and requires certain financial institutions resident in a participating jurisdiction to document and identify reportable

accounts and implement due diligence procedures. These financial institutions will also be required to report certain information on reportable accounts to their relevant local tax authorities.

Australia signed the CRS Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement and has enacted provisions within the domestic tax legislation to implement CRS in Australia. Australian financial institutions need to document and identify reportable accounts, implement due diligence procedures and report certain information with respect to reportable accounts to the ATO. The ATO may then exchange this information with foreign tax authorities in the relevant signatory countries.

In order to comply with the CRS obligations, we may request certain information from you. Unlike FATCA, there is no withholding tax that is applicable under CRS.

## Your privacy

The Australian Privacy Principles contained in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) ("Privacy Act") regulate the way in which we collect, use, disclose, and otherwise handle your personal information. Equity Trustees is committed to respecting and protecting the privacy of your personal information, and our Privacy Policy details how we do this.

It is important to be aware that, in order to provide our products and services to you, Equity Trustees may need to collect personal information about you and any other individuals associated with the product or service offering. In addition to practical reasons, this is necessary to ensure compliance with our legal and regulatory obligations (including under the Corporations Act, the AML/CTF Act and taxation legislation). If you do not provide the information requested, we may not be able to process your application, administer, manage, invest, pay or transfer your investment(s).

You must therefore ensure that any personal information you provide to Equity Trustees is true and correct in every detail. If any of this personal information (including your contact details) changes, you must promptly advise us of the changes in writing. While we will generally collect your personal information from you, your broker or adviser or the Investment Manager and Administrator directly, we may also obtain or confirm information about you from publicly available sources in order to meet regulatory obligations.

In terms of how we deal with your personal information, Equity Trustees will use it for the purpose of providing you with our products and services and complying with our regulatory obligations. Equity Trustees may also disclose it to other members of our corporate group, or to third parties who we work with or engage for these same purposes. Such third parties may be situated in Australia or offshore, however we take reasonable steps to ensure that they will comply with the Privacy Act when collecting, using or handling your personal information.

The types of third parties that we may disclose your information to include, but are not limited to:

- stockbrokers, financial advisers or adviser dealer groups, their service providers and/or any joint holder of an investment;
- those providing services for administering or managing the Fund, including the Investment Manager, Custodian and Administrator, auditors, or those that provide mailing or printing services;
- our other service providers;

- regulatory bodies such as ASIC, ATO, APRA and AUSTRAC; and
- other third parties who you have consented to us disclosing your information to, or to whom we are required or permitted by law to disclose information to.

Equity Trustees or the Investment Manager may from time to time provide you with direct marketing and/or educational material about products and services they believe may be of interest to you. You have the right to "opt out" of such communications by contacting us using the contact details below.

In addition to the above information, Equity Trustees' Privacy Policy contains further information about how we handle your personal information, and how you can access information held about you, seek a correction to that information, or make a privacy-related complaint.

Full details of Equity Trustees' Privacy Policy is available at [www.eqt.com.au](http://www.eqt.com.au). You can also request a copy by contacting Equity Trustees' Privacy Officer on +61 3 8623 5000 or by email to [privacy@eqt.com.au](mailto:privacy@eqt.com.au).

## Information on underlying investments

Information regarding the underlying investments of the Fund will be provided to an investor of the Fund on request, to the extent Equity Trustees is satisfied that such information is required to enable the investor to comply with its statutory reporting obligations. This information will be supplied within a reasonable timeframe having regard to these obligations.

## Indirect Investors

You may be able to invest indirectly in the Fund via an IDPS by directing the IDPS Operator to acquire units on your behalf. If you do so, you will need to complete the relevant forms provided by the IDPS Operator. This will mean that you are an Indirect Investor in the Fund and not a unitholder or member of the Fund. Indirect Investors do not acquire the rights of a unitholder as such rights are acquired by the IDPS Operator who may exercise, or decline to exercise, these rights on your behalf.

Indirect Investors do not receive reports or statements from us and the IDPS Operator's application and withdrawal conditions determine when you can direct the IDPS Operator to apply or redeem. Your rights as an Indirect Investor should be set out in the disclosure document issued by the IDPS Operator.

## NZ Selling Restriction

The offer made to New Zealand investors is available only to, and may only be accepted by, a Wholesale Investor who has completed a Wholesale Investor Certification. Each New Zealand investor acknowledges and agrees that:

- (a) he, she or it has not offered, sold, or transferred, and will not offer, sell, or transfer, directly or indirectly, any units in the Fund; and
- (b) he, she or it has not granted, issued, or transferred, and will not grant, issue, or transfer, any interests in or options over, directly or indirectly, any units in the Fund; and
- (c) he, she or it has not distributed and will not distribute, directly or indirectly, a PDS or any other offering materials or advertisement in relation to any offer of any units in the Fund,

in each case in New Zealand other than to a person who is a Wholesale Investor; and

(d) he, she or it will notify Equity Trustees Limited if he, she, or it ceases to be a Wholesale Investor.

All references to Wholesale Investor in this document are a reference to an investor who is both a Wholesale Client under the Australian Corporations Act 2001 and

Wholesale Investor in terms of clause 3(2) of Schedule 1 of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (New Zealand).

## 12. Glossary of Important Terms

### **AFSL**

Australian Financial Services Licence.

### **Application Form**

The Application Form that accompanies the PDS.

### **ASIC**

Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

### **ATO**

Australian Taxation Office.

### **AUSTRAC**

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre.

### **Bottom-up**

An investment strategy in which companies are considered based on their own merit, without regard for the sectors they are part of, or the current economic conditions.

### **Business Day**

A day other than Saturday or Sunday on which banks are open for general banking business in Melbourne or Sydney or if the administrator of the Fund primarily performs its administrative functions in respect of the Fund in a city other than Melbourne, the city in which the administrator performs such functions.

### **Buy/Sell Spread**

The difference between the Application Price and Withdrawal Price of units in the Funds, which reflects the estimated transaction costs associated with buying or selling the assets of the Fund, when investors invest in or withdraw from the Funds.

### **Constitution**

The document which describes the rights, responsibilities and beneficial interest of both investors and the Responsible Entity in relation to the Fund, as amended from time to time.

### **Corporations Act**

The Corporations Act 2001 and Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth), as amended from time to time.

### **Derivative**

A financial contract whose value is based on, or derived from, an asset class such as shares, interest rates, currencies or currency exchange rates and commodities. Common Derivatives include options, futures and forward exchange contracts.

### **Equity Trustees**

Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) who possess an AFSL No. 240975.

### **Fund**

Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund ARSN 621 244 559

### **Fund Benchmark**

RBA cash + 5%

### **Gross Asset Value (GAV)**

Value of the investments of the Fund before deducting certain liabilities including income entitlements and contingent liabilities.

### **GST**

Goods and Services Tax.

### **Hedge**

An investment made in order to reduce the risk of adverse price movements in a security by taking an offsetting position in another investment.

### **Indirect Investors**

Individuals who invest in the Fund through an IDPS.

### **mFund**

The mFund Settlement Service

### **Net Asset Value (NAV)**

Value of the investments of the Fund after deducting certain liabilities including income entitlements and contingent liabilities.

### **PDS**

This Product Disclosure Statement, issued by Equity Trustees.

### **RBA Cash Rate**

The rate calculated by the Reserve Bank of Australia which it charges for overnight unsecured loans between banks settled in the Reserve Bank information and Transfer System.

### **Responsible Entity**

Equity Trustees Limited.

### **Retail Client**

Persons or entities defined as such under section 761G of the Corporations Act.

### **RITC**

Reduced Input Tax Credit. Equity Trustees will apply for reduced input tax credits where applicable to reduce the cost of GST to a Fund.

### **US Person**

A person so classified under securities or tax law in the United States of America ("US") including, in broad terms, the following persons:

(a) any citizen of, or natural person resident in, the US, its territories or possessions; or

(b) any corporation or partnership organised or incorporated under any laws of or in the US or of any other jurisdiction if formed by a US Person (other than by accredited investors who are not natural persons, estates or trusts) principally for the purpose of investing in securities not registered under the US Securities Act of 1933; or

(c) any agency or branch of a foreign entity located in the US; or

(d) a pension plan primarily for US employees of a US Person; or

(e) a US collective investment vehicle unless not offered to US Persons; or

(f) any estate of which an executor or administrator is a US Person (unless an executor or administrator of the estate who is not a US Person has sole or substantial investment discretion over the assets of the estate and such estate is governed by non-US law) and all the estate income is non-US income not liable to US income tax; or

(g)any Fund of which any trustee is a US Person (unless a trustee who is a professional fiduciary is a US Person and a trustee who is not a US Person has sole or substantial investment discretion over the assets of the trust and no beneficiary (or settlor, if the trust is revocable) of the trust is a US Person); or

(h)any discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary for the benefit or account of a US Person; or

(i)any non-discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary organised, incorporated or (if an individual) resident in the US for the benefit or account of a US Person.

**Wholesale Client**

Person or entity which is not a Retail Client under Australian law.

**Wholesale Investor**

In the case of a New Zealand investor, means a Wholesale Client who also meets the definition of wholesale investor in terms of clause 3(2) of Schedule 1 of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (New Zealand) and (unless otherwise agreed with the Responsible Entity) who invests in the Fund via a custody service providing New Zealand Foreign Investment Fund tax reporting.



**MILFORD**

# MILFORD AUSTRALIAN ABSOLUTE GROWTH FUND APPLICATION FORM

**Dated: 29 September 2021**

This application form accompanies the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) relating to units in the following product/s issued by Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 000, AFSL 400000). The PDS contains information about investing in the Fund/Trust. You should read the PDS in its entirety before applying.

- Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund – Class W
- Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund – Class R

The law prohibits any person passing this Application Form on to another person unless it is accompanied by a complete PDS.

- If completing by hand, use a black or blue pen and print within the boxes in BLOCK LETTERS, if you make a mistake, cross it out and initial. DO NOT use correction fluid
- The investor(s) must complete and sign this form
- Keep a photocopy of your completed Application Form for your records

U.S. Persons – This offer is not open to any U.S. Person. Please refer to the PDS for further information.

## **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and Common Reporting Standard (CRS)**

We are required to collect certain information to comply with FATCA and CRS, please ensure you complete section 6.

### **If investing with an authorised representative, agent or financial adviser**

Please ensure you, your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser also complete Section 6.

### **Provide certified copies of your identification documents**

Please refer to section 6 on AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements.

### **Send your documents & make your payment**

See section 6 for payment options and where to send your application form.



## SECTION 1 – YOUR CONSUMER ATTRIBUTES

In relation to our Design and Distribution Obligations (DDO) under the Corporations Act, we seek the following information about your attributes as an investor (please tick only 1 box for each question below)

Further information in relation to these questions can be found in the Target Market Determination (TMD) for the Fund. If you wish to access the TMD, please visit <https://milfordasset.com.au/forms-documents>

### 1. Have you received advice prior to applying to invest in the Fund?

- I/We have received personal advice in relation to my investment in this Fund
- I/We have received general advice in relation to my investment in this Fund
- I/We have not received any advice in relation to my investment in this Fund

### 2. What is your primary investment objective(s)?

- Capital growth  Capital preservation
- Capital guaranteed  Income Distribution

### 3. Please select the intended use of this Fund in your investment portfolio

- Solution/Standalone – A large allocation (□□□ □100□ of portfolio)
- Core component – A medium allocation (□□□ □□□□ of portfolio)
- Satellite/Small Allocation – A small allocation (<□□□ of portfolio)

### 4. Please select the Intended investment timeframe

- Short term (<□□ years)  Medium term (>□ years)
- Long term (>□ years)

### 5. What is your tolerance for risk?

- Low □I/we can tolerate up to 1 period of underperformance over □0 years  Medium □I/we can tolerate up to 4 periods of underperformance over □0 years.
- High □I/we can tolerate up to 6 periods of underperformance over □0 years  Very High □I/we can tolerate more than 6 periods of underperformance over □0 years

### 6. What do you anticipate your withdrawal needs may be?

- Daily  Weekly
- Monthly  Quarterly
- Annually or longer

#### Please note:

1. Failure to complete the above questions may result in your application not being accepted□
- Acceptance of your application should not be taken as a representation or confirmation that an investment in the Fund is, or is likely to be, consistent with your intentions, objectives and needs as indicated in your responses to these questions□and
3. For further information on the suitability of this product, please refer to your financial adviser and/or the TMD

## SECTION 1.2 – ARE YOU AN EXISTING INVESTOR IN THE FUND/TRUST AND WISH TO ADD TO YOUR INVESTMENT?

Do you have an existing investment in the Fund and the information provided remains current and correct?

**Yes**, if you can tick both of the boxes below, complete Sections 3 and 4

I/We confirm there are no changes to our identification documents previously provided and that these remain current and valid.

I/We confirm there have been no changes to our FATCA or CRS status

Existing investor number

If there have been changes in your identification documents or FATCA/CRS status since your last application, please complete the full Application Form as indicated below.

**No**, please complete sections relevant to you as indicated below

### Investor Type:

**Individuals/Joint:** complete section 3, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8, 9

**Companies:** complete section 4, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8, 9

**Custodians on behalf of underlying clients:** complete section 4, 7, 8, 9, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8, 9

**Trusts/superannuation funds:**

- with an individual trustee – complete sections 3, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8, 9
- with a company as a trustee – complete sections 4, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8, 9

If you are an Association, Co-operative, Partnership, Government Body or other type of entity not listed above, please contact Equity Trustees.

## SECTION 2 – INVESTMENT DETAILS

Investment to be held in the name(s) of (must include name(s) of investor(s))

Postal address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country

Email address

Contact no.

| FUND/TRUST NAME                                   | APIR CODE | MINIMUM INITIAL INVESTMENT AMOUNT (AUD) | APPLICATION AMOUNT (AUD) |
|---|-----------|---|--------------------------|
| Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund – Class W | ETL100AU  | 100,000,000                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund – Class R | ETL1000AU | 100,000                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Distribution Instructions

If you do not select a distribution option, we will automatically reinvest your distribution. If you select cash, please ensure you provide your bank details below.

#### Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund – Class W

- Reinvest distributions** if you select this option your distribution will be reinvested in the Fund
- Pay distributions to the bank** if you select this option your distribution will be paid to the bank account below
- Split distributions**

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| <input type="text"/> | % reinvest    |
| <input type="text"/> | % pay to bank |

#### Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund – Class R

- Reinvest distributions** if you select this option your distribution will be reinvested in the Fund
- Pay distributions to the bank** if you select this option your distribution will be paid to the bank account below
- Split distributions**

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| <input type="text"/> | % reinvest    |
| <input type="text"/> | % pay to bank |

### Investor bank details

For withdrawals and distributions (if applicable), these must match the investor(s)' name and must be an AUD denominated bank account with an Australian domiciled bank.

Financial institution name and branch location

BSB number

Account number

Account name

## Payment method

Direct credit – pay to

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Financial institution name and branch location | <input type="checkbox"/> ational Australia Bank Limited, 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Miller Street, <input type="checkbox"/> orth Sydney, <input type="checkbox"/> SW <input type="checkbox"/> 060 |
| BSB number                                     | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 401  |
| Account number                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 3   |
| Account name                                   | Equity Trustees Limited as RE Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund Application Account  |
| Reference                                      | <Investor name>  |

Regular savings plan – please ensure you complete and sign the direct debit section below

| Fund name   | Regular savings plan amount (AUD) | Regular savings plan start date  |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund – Class W | <input type="checkbox"/>          | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Milford Australian Absolute Growth Fund – Class R | <input type="checkbox"/>          | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/> |

Funds will be deducted on or around the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. The minimum amount is 100 per month.

Direct debit – complete below

I/We request and authorise <Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd> (Direct Debit User ID 364011) to arrange, through its own financial institution, a debit to my/our nominated account any amount Equity Trustees has deemed payable by me/us. This debit or charge will be made through the Bulk Electronic Clearing System (“BECS”) from my/our account held at the financial institution I/we have nominated below and will be subject to the “Direct Debit terms and conditions” (contained in the PDS).

Financial institution name and branch location

BSB number

Account number

Account name

Acknowledgement

By signing and/or providing Equity Trustees with a valid instruction in respect to my/our direct debit request, I/we have understood and agreed to the terms and conditions governing the debit arrangements between me/us and Equity Trustees as set out in the “Direct Debit terms and conditions” (contained in the PDS).

Signature – Investor 1

Date

Signature – Investor

Date

If signing for a company please include full name and capacity for signing (e.g. director)

## Source of investment

Please indicate the source of the investment amount (e.g. retirement savings, employment income)

### Send your completed Application Form to:

Mainstream Fund Services

Client Services Registry Team

GPO Box 46 Sydney NSW 001

Additional applications may be faxed to 61 44 116

Please ensure you have completed all relevant sections and signed the Application Form

### How did you hear about Milford?

- Newspaper/Magazine
- Online advertising
- Online research
- Radio
- Referral
- Other – please specify

**SECTION 3 – INVESTOR DETAILS – INDIVIDUALS/JOINT**

Please complete if you are investing individually, jointly or you are an individual or joint trustee.

**See Group A AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements in Section 9****Investor 1**

|                      |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Title                | First name(s)        | Surname              |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

|                      |                      |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Suburb               | State                | Postcode             | Country              |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Email address

(Statements will be sent to this address, unless you elect otherwise in Section 6)

Contact no.

|                      |                      |
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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
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Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Tax File Number or exemption code

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Country of birth

Occupation

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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
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Does the investor named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person?

 No  Yes, please give details
**Investor 2**

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| Title                | First name(s)        | Surname              |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

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| Suburb               | State                | Postcode             | Country              |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Email address

(Statements will be sent to this address, unless you elect otherwise in Section 6)

Contact no.

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Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Tax File Number or exemption code

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Country of birth

Occupation

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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
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**If there are more than 2 registered owners, please provide details as an attachment.**

Does the investor named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person?

 No  Yes, please give details

## SECTION 4 – INVESTOR DETAILS – COMPANIES/CORPORATE TRUSTEE

Please complete if you are investing for a company or where the company is acting as trustee.

See Group B AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements in Section 9

Full company name (as registered with ASIC or relevant foreign registered body)

Registered office address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country





Australian Company Number

Tax File Number – or exemption code



Australian Business Number (if registered in Australia) or equivalent foreign company identifier

### Contact Person

Title

First name(s)

Surname




Email address

(Statements will be sent to this address, unless you elect otherwise in Section 6)

Contact no.



**Principal place of business:** If the principal place of business is the same as the registered office street address, state 'As above' below. Otherwise provide address details. For foreign companies registered with ASIC please provide a local agent name and address if you do not have a principal place of business in Australia.

**Principal Place of Business Address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)**

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country





### Registration details

Name of regulatory body

Identification number (e.g. ARB)



### Controlling Persons, Directors and Beneficial Owners

All beneficial owners who own, hold or control either directly or indirectly 10% or more of the issued capital of a proprietary or private company that is not regulated i.e. does not have an AFSL or ACL etc., will need to provide Group A AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements specified in Section 4. In the case of an unregulated public company not listed on a securities exchange, provide the details of the senior managing official(s) as controlling person(s) (e.g. managing director, senior executive(s) etc. who is/are authorised to sign on the company's behalf, and make policy, operational and financial decisions) in the following sections. All proprietary and private companies, whether regulated or unregulated, must provide the names of all of the directors.

## Names of the Directors of a Proprietary or Private Company whether regulated or unregulated

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| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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If there are more than 4 directors, please write the other names below.

### Names of the Beneficial Owners or Senior Managing Official(s)

Select:

- Beneficial owner 1 of an unregulated proprietary or private company  OR
- Senior Managing Official of an unregulated, unlisted, public (e.g. Limited) company

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| Title                | First name(s)        | Surname              |
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Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

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| Suburb               | State                | Postcode             | Country              |
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Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Does the beneficial owner named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person

- No  Yes, please give details

Select:

- Beneficial owner  of an unregulated proprietary or private company  OR
- Senior Managing Official of an unregulated, unlisted, public (e.g. Limited) company

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Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

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Does the beneficial owner named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person

- No  Yes, please give details

**If there are more than 2 beneficial owners or managing officials, please copy and complete this page for the other persons or alternatively, provide the additional details as an attachment.**



## SECTION 5 – INVESTOR DETAILS – TRUSTS/SUPERANNUATION FUNDS

Please complete if you are investing for a trust or superannuation fund.

**See Group C AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements in section 9**

Full name of trust or superannuation fund

Full name of business (if any)

Country where established

Australian Business Number (if obtained)

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Tax File Number – or exemption code

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Trustee details – How many trustees are there

- Individual trustee(s)** – complete Section 3 – Investor details – Individuals/Joint
- Company trustee(s)** – complete Section 4 – Investor details – Companies/Corporate Trustee
- Combination** – trustee(s) to complete each relevant section

### Type of Trust

- Registered Managed Investment Scheme**

Australian Registered Scheme Number (ARS)

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- Regulated Trust** (including self-managed superannuation funds and registered charities that are trusts)

Name of Regulator (e.g. ASIC, APRA, ATO, ACC)

Registration/Licence details or ABN

- Other Trust** (unregulated)

Please describe

#### Beneficiaries of an unregulated trust

Please provide details below of any beneficiaries who directly or indirectly are entitled to an interest of 100% or more of the trust.

|   |   |
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| 1 |   |
| 3 | 4 |

If there are no beneficiaries of the trust, describe the class of beneficiary (e.g. the name of the family group, class of unit holders, the charitable purpose or charity name)

**Other Trust** (unregulated) Continued**Settlor details**

Please provide the full name and last known address of the settlor of the trust where the initial asset contribution to the trust was greater than \$10,000.

- This information is not required if the initial asset contribution was less than \$10,000, and/or
- This information is not required if the settlor is deceased

Settlor's full name and last known address

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Beneficial owners of an unregulated trust

Please provide details below of any beneficial owner of the trust. A beneficial owner is any individual who directly or indirectly has a 10% or greater interest in the trust or is a person who exerts control over the trust. This includes the appointer of the trust who holds the power to appoint or remove the trustees of the trust.

**All beneficial owners will need to provide Group A AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements in Section 9**

**Beneficial owner 1 or Controlling Person 1**

Select

Beneficial owner 1  OR

Controlling Person – What is the role e.g. Appointer

Title

First name(s)

Surname




Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country





Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Does the beneficial owner named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person

No  Yes, please give details

**Beneficial owner 2 or Controlling Person 2**

Select

Beneficial owner  OR

Controlling Person – What is the role e.g. Appointer

Title

First name(s)

Surname




Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country





Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

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**If there are more than 2 beneficial owners, please provide details as an attachment.**

Does the beneficial owner named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person?

 No

 Yes, please give details

**If there are more than 2 beneficial owners or controlling persons, please copy and complete this page for the other persons or alternatively, provide the additional details as an attachment.**

## **SECTION 5.1 – CUSTODIAN ATTESTATION: CHAPTER 4, PARTS 4.4.18 AND 4.4.19 OF THE AML/CTF RULES**

**If you are a Company completing this Application Form on behalf of an individual, another company, a trust or other entity, in a Custodial capacity, please complete this section.**

In accordance with Chapter 4, part 4.4.1(1)(a) to (d) of the AML/CTF Rules, does the Custodian meet the definition (see 'Section 10 – Glossary') of a Custodian?

 No

 Yes

In accordance with Chapter 4, part 4.4.1(e) of the AML/CTF Rules, do you, in your capacity as Custodian attest that prior to requesting this designated service from Equity Trustees, it has carried out and will continue to carry out, all applicable customer identification procedures on the underlying account holder named or to be named in the Fund's register, including conducting ongoing customer due diligence requirements in accordance with Chapter 1 of the AML/CTF Rules?

 No

 Yes

If you answered YES to all of the above questions, then Equity Trustees is able to apply the Chapter 4, part 4.4 Custodian rules to this account and will rely upon the customer due diligence conducted by the Custodian on the underlying account holder named or to be named in the Fund's register.

If requested to do so at any time after the provision of this designated service, the Custodian agrees to honour any reasonable request made by Equity Trustees for information or evidence about the underlying account holder in order to allow Equity Trustees to meet its obligations under the AML/CTF Act.

 No

 Yes

Excepting the below circumstances where the custodian answered No or did not complete any of the above questions, no other information about the underlying account holder is required to be collected. However, further information about you as the Custodian and as a company is required to be collected and verified as required by the AML/CTF rules. Please complete the rest of this form for the Custodian.

### **Excepting circumstances:**

If you answered No or did not complete any of the above questions, then we are unable to apply the Chapter 4, part 4.4 Custodian rules to this application. We are therefore obligated to conduct full Know Your Client procedures on the underlying account holder named or to be named in the Fund's register including any named nominee, as well as the trustees, beneficial owners and controlling persons of the underlying named account in addition to the Custodian. Therefore, please complete the relevant forms and provide identity documents for all parties connected to this account.

## SECTION 6 – AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT AND/OR FINANCIAL ADVISER

Please complete if you are appointing an authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser.

See Group D AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements in Section 9

- I am an **authorised representative or agent** as nominated by the investor(s)

You must attach a valid authority such as Power of Attorney, guardianship order, grant of probate, appointment of bankruptcy etc. that is a certified copy. The document must be current and complete, signed by the investor or a court official and permits the authorised representative or agent to transact on behalf of the investor.

Full name of authorised representative or agent

Role held with investor(s)

Signature

Date



- I am a **financial adviser** as nominated by the investor

Name of adviser

AFSL number



Dealer group

Name of advisory firm



Postage address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country





Email address

Contact no.



### Financial Advice (only complete if applicable)

- The investor has received personal financial product advice in relation to this investment from a licensed financial adviser and that advice is current.

### Financial Adviser Declaration

- I/We hereby declare that I/we are not a US Person as defined in the PDS/IM.
- I/We hereby declare that the investor is not a US Person as defined in the PDS/IM.
- I/We have completed an appropriate Customer Identification Procedure (CIP) on this investor which meets the requirements (per type of investor) set out above,
- I/We have attached the relevant CIP documents

Signature

Date

## Access to information

Unless you elect otherwise, your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser will also be provided access to your investment information and/or receive copies of statements and transaction confirmations. By appointing an authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser you acknowledge that you have read and agreed to the terms and conditions in the PDS/IM relating to such appointment.

- Please tick this box if you DO NOT want your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser to have access to information about your investment.
- Please tick this box if you DO NOT want copies of statements and transaction confirmations sent to your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser.
- Please tick this box if you want statements and transaction confirmations sent ONLY to your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser.

## SECTION 7 – FOREIGN ACCOUNT TAX COMPLIANCE ACT (FATCA), COMMON REPORTING STANDARD (CRS) SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM – ALL INVESTORS MUST COMPLETE

### Sub-Section I – Individuals

Please fill this Sub-Section I only if you are an individual. If you are an entity, please fill Sub-Section II.

#### 1. Are you a US tax resident (e.g. US citizen or US resident)?

- Yes provide your US Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and continue to question 2

Investor 1

Investor 2

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- No continue to question 2

#### 2. Are you a tax resident of any other country outside of Australia?

- Yes state each country and provide your TIN or equivalent (or Reason Code if no TIN is provided) for each jurisdiction below and skip to question 3

##### Investor 1

| Country/Jurisdiction of tax residence | TIN | If no TIN available enter Reason A, B or C |
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| 1                                     |     |  |
| 2                                     |     |  |

##### Investor 2

| Country/Jurisdiction of tax residence | TIN | If no TIN available enter Reason A, B or C |
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| 1                                     |     |  |
| 2                                     |     |  |

If more space is needed please provide details as an attachment.

- No skip to question 3

#### Reason Code:

If TIN or equivalent is not provided, please provide reason from the following options

- Reason A The country/jurisdiction where the investor is resident does not issue TINs to its residents.
- Reason B The investor is otherwise unable to obtain a TIN or equivalent number (Please explain why the investor is unable to obtain a TIN in the below table if you have selected this reason).
- Reason C No TIN is required. (Note. Only select this reason if the domestic law of the relevant jurisdiction does not require the collection of the TIN issued by such jurisdiction).

If Reason B has been selected above, explain why you are not required to obtain a TIN

|            | Reason B explanation |
|------------|----------------------|
| Investor 1 |                      |
| Investor 2 |                      |

## Sub-Section II – Entities

Please fill this Sub-Section II only if you are an entity. If you are an individual, please fill Sub-Section I.

### 3. Are you an Australian complying superannuation fund?

- Yes  skip to question 1
- continue to question 4

## FATCA

### 4. Are you a US Person?

- Yes  continue to question
- skip to question 6

### 5. Are you a Specified US Person?

- Yes  provide your TIN  below and skip to question

- indicate exemption type and skip to question

### 6. Are you a Financial Institution for the purposes of FATCA?

- Yes  provide your Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN)

If you do not have a GIIN, please provide your FATCA status below and then continue to question . If you are a sponsored entity, please provide your GIIN above and your sponsor's details below and then continue to question .

- Exempt Beneficial Owner, provide type below

- Deemed-Compliant FFI (other than a Sponsored Investment Entity or a Trustee Documented Trust), provide type below

- Non-Participating FFI, provide type below

- Sponsored Entity. Please provide the Sponsoring Entity's name and GIIN:


- Trustee Documented Trust. Please provide your Trustee's name and GIIN


- Other, provide details

- continue to question

**CRS****7. Are you a tax resident of any country outside of Australia and the US?**

- Yes state each country and provide your TIN or equivalent (or Reason Code if no TIN is provided) for each jurisdiction below and continue to question 8

**Investor 1**

| Country/Jurisdiction of tax residence | TIN | If no TIN available enter Reason A, B or C |
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| 1                                     |     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>              |     |  |

**Investor 2**

| Country/Jurisdiction of tax residence | TIN | If no TIN available enter Reason A, B or C |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>              |     |  |

If more space is needed please provide details as an attachment.

**Reason Code:**

If TIN or equivalent is not provided, please provide reason from the following options

- Reason A The country/jurisdiction where the investor is resident does not issue TINs to its residents.
- Reason B The investor is otherwise unable to obtain a TIN or equivalent number (Please explain why the investor is unable to obtain a TIN in the below table if you have selected this reason).
- Reason C No TIN is required. (Note. Only select this reason if the domestic law of the relevant jurisdiction does not require the collection of the TIN issued by such jurisdiction).

If Reason B has been selected above, explain why you are not required to obtain a TIN

|                                   | Reason B explanation |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Investor 1                        |                      |
| Investor <input type="checkbox"/> |                      |

- No continue to question 8

**8. Are you a Financial Institution for the purpose of CRS?**

- Yes specify the type of Financial Institution below and continue to question 9

- Reporting Financial Institution
- Non-Reporting Financial Institution
- Trustee Documented Trust
- Other please specify

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- No skip to question 10

**9. Are you an investment entity resident in a non-participating jurisdiction for CRS purposes and managed by another financial institution?**

- Yes skip to question 11
- No skip to question 10



## Non-Financial Entities

### 10. Are you an Active Non-Financial Entity (Active NFE)?

- Yes – specify the type of Active NFE below and skip to question 11
- Less than 50% of the entity's gross income from the preceding calendar year is passive income (e.g. dividends, distribution, interests, royalties and rental income) and less than 10% of its assets during the preceding calendar year are assets held for the production of passive income
- Corporation that is regularly traded or a related entity of a regularly traded corporation
- Provide name of Listed Entity
- and exchange on which traded
- Governmental Entity, International Organisation or Central Bank
- Other – please specify
- No – you are a Passive Non-Financial Entity (Passive NFE). Continue to question 11

## Controlling Persons

### 11. Does one or more of the following apply to you:

- Is any natural person that exercises control over you (for corporations, this would include directors or beneficial owners who ultimately own 10% or more of the share capital) a tax resident of any country outside of Australia?
- If you are a trust, is any natural person including trustee, protector, beneficiary, settlor or any other natural person exercising ultimate effective control over the trust a tax resident of any country outside of Australia?
- Where no natural person is identified as exercising control of the entity, the controlling person will be the natural person(s) who holds the position of senior managing official.

- Yes. provide controlling person information below

#### Controlling person 1

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| Title   | First name(s)        | Surname              |                      |
| <input type="text"/>                              | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |                      |
| Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag) |                      |                      |                      |
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| Country/Jurisdiction of tax residence | TIN | If no TIN available enter Reason A, B or C |
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**Controlling person 2**

Title  First name(s)  Surname

Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb  State  Postcode  Country

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)  /  /

| Country/Jurisdiction of tax residence | TIN | If no TIN available enter Reason A, B or C |
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*If there are more than 2 controlling persons, please provide details as an attachment.*

**Reason Code:**

If TIN or equivalent is not provided, please provide reason from the following options

- Reason A The country/jurisdiction where the investor is resident does not issue TINs to its residents.
- Reason B The investor is otherwise unable to obtain a TIN or equivalent number (Please explain why the investor is unable to obtain a TIN in the below table if you have selected this reason).
- Reason C No TIN is required. (Note. Only select this reason if the domestic law of the relevant jurisdiction does not require the collection of the TIN issued by such jurisdiction).

If Reason B has been selected above, explain why you are not required to obtain a TIN

|                                   | Reason B explanation |
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| Investor 1                        |                      |
| Investor <input type="checkbox"/> |                      |

continue to question 1

**12. Signature and Declaration – ALL investors must sign**

- I undertake to provide a suitably updated self-certification within 30 days of any change in circumstances which causes the information contained herein to become incorrect.
- I declare the information above to be true and correct.

**Investor 1**

Name of individual/entity

Name of authorised representative

Signature

Date

**Investor 2**

Name of individual/entity

Name of authorised representative

Signature

Date

## SECTION 8 – DECLARATIONS – ALL INVESTORS MUST COMPLETE

In most cases the information that you provide in this form will satisfy the AML/CTF Act, the US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and the Common Reporting Standard (CRS). However, in some instances the Responsible Entity may contact you to request further information. It may also be necessary for the Responsible Entity to collect information (including sensitive information) about you from third parties in order to meet its obligations under the AML/CTF Act, FATCA and CRS.

### When you complete this Application Form you make the following declarations:

- I/We have received the PDS and made this application in Australia (and/or New Zealand for those offers made in New Zealand).
- I/We have read the PDS to which this Application Form applies and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the PDS and the Constitution of the relevant Fund in which I/we have chosen to invest.
- I/we have carefully considered the features of Fund as described in the PDS (including its investment objectives, minimum suggested investment timeframe, risk level, withdrawal arrangements and investor suitability) and, after obtaining any financial and/or tax advice that I/we deemed appropriate, am/are satisfied that my/our proposed investment in the Fund is consistent with my/our investment objectives, financial circumstances and needs.
- I/We have considered our personal circumstances and, where appropriate, obtained investment and/or taxation advice.
- I/We hereby declare that I/we are not a US Person as defined in the PDS.
- I/We acknowledge that (if a natural person) I am/we are 18 years of age or over and I am/we are eligible to hold units in the Fund in which I/We have chosen to invest.
- I/We acknowledge and agree that Equity Trustees has outlined in the PDS provided to me/us how and where I/we can obtain a copy of the Equity Trustees Group Privacy Statement.
- I/We consent to the transfer of any of my/our personal information to external third parties including but not limited to fund administrators, fund investment manager(s) and related bodies corporate who are located outside Australia for the purpose of administering the products and services for which I/we have engaged the services of Equity Trustees or its related bodies corporate and to foreign government agencies for reporting purposes (if necessary).
- I/we hereby confirm that the personal information that I/we have provided to Equity Trustees is correct and current in every detail, and should these details change, I/we shall promptly advise Equity Trustees in writing of the change(s).
- I/We agree to provide further information or personal details to the Responsible Entity if required to meet its obligations under anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism legislation, US tax legislation or reporting legislation and acknowledge that processing of my/our application may be delayed and will be processed at the unit price applicable for the Business Day as at which all required information has been received and verified.
- If I/we have provided an email address, I/we consent to receive ongoing investor information including PDS information, confirmations of transactions and additional information as applicable via email.
- I/We acknowledge that Equity Trustees does not guarantee the repayment of capital or the performance of the Fund or any particular rate of return from the Fund.
- I/We acknowledge that an investment in the Fund is not a deposit with or liability of Equity Trustees and is subject to investment risk including possible delays in repayment and loss of income or capital invested.
- I/We acknowledge that Equity Trustees is not responsible for the delays in receipt of monies caused by the postal service or the investor's bank.
- If I/we lodge a fact application request, I/we acknowledge and agree to release, discharge and agree to indemnify Equity Trustees from and against any and all losses, liabilities, actions, proceedings, account claims and demands arising from any fact application.
- If I/we have completed and lodged the relevant sections on authorised representatives, agents and/or financial advisers on the Application Form then I/we agree to release, discharge and indemnify Equity Trustees from and against any and all losses, liabilities, actions, proceedings, account claims and demands arising from Equity Trustees acting on the instructions of my/our authorised representatives, agents and/or financial advisers.
- If this is a joint application each of us agrees that our investment is held as joint tenants.
- I/We acknowledge and agree that where the Responsible Entity, in its sole discretion, determines that
  - I/we are ineligible to hold units in a Fund or have provided misleading information in my/our Application Form or
  - I/we owe any amounts to Equity Trustees, then I/we appoint the Responsible Entity as my/our agent to submit a withdrawal request on my/our behalf in respect of all or part of my/our units, as the case requires, in the Fund.
- **For Wholesale Clients** – I/We acknowledge that I am/we are a Wholesale Client (as defined in Section 61G of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)) and are therefore eligible to hold units in the Fund.
- **For New Zealand applicants** – I/we have read the terms of the offer relating to New Zealand investors, including the New Zealand warning statement.
- **For New Zealand Wholesale Investors** – I/We acknowledge and agree that
  - I/We have read the PDS and the “New Zealand Investors: Selling Restriction” for the Fund
  - I am/We are a Wholesale Investor investing via a custody service and am/are therefore eligible to hold units in the Fund and
  - I/We have not

- Offered, sold, or transferred, and will not offer, sell, or transfer, directly or indirectly, any units in the Fund
  - Granted, issued, or transferred, and will not grant, issue, or transfer, any interests in or options over, directly or indirectly, any units in the Fund
  - Distributed and will not distribute, directly or indirectly, the PDS or any other offering materials or advertisement in relation to any offer of units in the Fund, in each case in New Zealand, other than to a person who is a Wholesale Investor
- I/We will notify Equity Trustees if I/we cease to be a Wholesale Investor
- I/We have separately provided a signed Wholesale Investor Certification located at the end of this Application Form.

All references to Wholesale Investor in this Declaration are a reference to Wholesale Investor in terms of clause 3(1) of Schedule 1 of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (New Zealand).

Disregard if not applicable.

**\*Terms and conditions for collection of Tax File Numbers (TFN) and Australian Business Numbers (ABN)**

Collection of TFN and ABN information is authorised and its use and disclosure strictly regulated by tax laws and the Privacy Act. Investors must only provide an ABN instead of a TFN when the investment is made in the course of their enterprise. You are not obliged to provide either your TFN or ABN, but if you do not provide either or claim an exemption, we are required to deduct tax from your distribution at the highest marginal tax rate plus Medicare levy to meet Australian taxation law requirements.

For more information about the use of TFNs for investments, contact the enquiries section of your local branch of the ATO. Once provided, your TFN will be applied automatically to any future investments in the Fund where formal application procedures are not required (e.g. distribution reinvestments), unless you indicate, at any time, that you do not wish to quote a TFN for a particular investment. Exempt investors should attach a copy of the certificate of exemption. For super funds or trusts list only the applicable ABN or TFN for the super fund or trust.

**When you sign this Application Form you declare that you have read, agree to and make the declarations above**

**Investor 1**

Name of individual/entity

Capacity (e.g. Director, Secretary, Authorised signatory)

Signature

Date

Company Seal (if applicable)

**Investor 2**

Name of individual/entity

Capacity (e.g. Director, Secretary, Authorised signatory)

Signature

Date

## SECTION 9 – AML/CTF IDENTITY VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The AML/CTF Act requires the Responsible Entity to adopt and maintain an Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (AML/CTF) Program. The AML/CTF Program includes ongoing customer due diligence, which may require the Responsible Entity to collect further information.

- Identification documentation provided must be in the name of the investor.
- Non-English language documents must be translated by an accredited translator. Provide both the foreign language document and the accredited English translation.
- Applications made without providing this information cannot be processed until all the necessary information has been provided.
- If you are unable to provide the identification documents described please contact Equity Trustees.

These documents should be provided as an original or a CERTIFIED COPY of the original.

### Who can certify?

Below is an example of who can certify proof of ID documents under the AML/CTF requirements

- Bailiff
- Bank officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Chiropractor (licensed or registered)
- Clerk of court
- Commissioner for Affidavits
- Commissioner for Declarations
- Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Dentist (licensed or registered)
- Fellow of the National Tax Accountants Association
- Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Judge of a court
- Justice of the peace
- Legal practitioner (licensed or registered)
- Magistrate
- Marriage celebrant licensed or registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the Marriage Act 1961
- Master of a court
- Medical practitioner (licensed or registered)
- Member of Chartered Secretaries Australia
- Member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student
- Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants
- Member of the Australian Defence Force with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the Institute of Public Accountants
- Member of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, a State, a Territory Legislature, or a local government authority of a State or Territory
- Minister of religion licensed or registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the Marriage Act 1961
- Nurse (licensed or registered)
- Optometrist (licensed or registered)
- Permanent employee of Commonwealth, State or local government authority with at least 5 or more years of continuous service.
- Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Pharmacist (licensed or registered)
- Physiotherapist (licensed or registered)
- Police officer
- Psychologist (licensed or registered)
- Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court
- Sheriff
- Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution
- Veterinary surgeon (licensed or registered)

### When certifying documents, the following process must be followed:

- All copied pages of original proof of ID documents must be certified and the certification must not be older than 5 years.
- The authorised individual must ensure that the original and the copy are identical then write or stamp on the copied document “certified true copy”. This must be followed by the date and signature, printed name and qualification of the authorised individual.
- In cases where an extract of a document is photocopied to verify customer ID, the authorised individual should write or stamp “certified true extract”.

**GROUP A – Individuals/Joint**

Each individual investor, individual trustee, beneficial owner, or individual agent or authorised representative must provide one of the following primary photographic ID:

- A current Australian driver's licence (or foreign equivalent) that includes a photo and signature.
- An Australian passport (not expired more than 10 years previously).
- A foreign passport or international travel document (must not be expired)
- An identity card issued by a State or Territory Government that includes a photo.

If you do NOT own one of the above ID documents, please provide one valid option from Column A and one valid option from Column B.

**Column A**

- Australian birth certificate.
- Australian citizenship certificate.
- Pension card issued by Department of Human Services.

**Column B**

- A document issued by the Commonwealth or a State or Territory within the preceding 12 months that records the provision of financial benefits to the individual and which contains the individual's name and residential address.
- A document issued by the Australian Taxation Office within the preceding 12 months that records a debt payable by the individual to the Commonwealth (or by the Commonwealth to the individual), which contains the individual's name and residential address. Block out the TFID before scanning, copying or storing this document.
- A document issued by a local government body or utilities provider within the preceding 3 months which records the provision of services to that address or to that person (the document must contain the individual's name and residential address).
- If under the age of 18, a notice that was issued to the individual by a school principal within the preceding 3 months and contains the name and residential address and records the period of time that the individual attended that school.

## GROUP B – Companies

For Australian Registered Companies, provide one of the following (must clearly show the Company's full name, type (private or public) and ACN)

- A certified copy of the company's Certificate of Registration or incorporation issued by ASIC.
- A copy of information regarding the company's licence or other information held by the relevant Commonwealth, State or Territory regulatory body e.g. AFSL, RSE, ACL etc.
- A full company search issued in the previous 3 months or the company's last annual statement issued by ASIC.
- If the company is listed on an Australian securities exchange, provide details of the exchange and the ticker (issuer) code.
- If the company is a majority owned subsidiary of a company listed on an Australian securities exchange, provide details of the holding company name, its registration number e.g. ACN, the securities exchange and the ticker (issuer) code.

All of the above must clearly show the company's full name, its type (i.e. public or private) and the ACN issued by ASIC.

For Foreign Companies, provide one of the following

- A certified copy of the company's Certificate of Registration or incorporation issued by the foreign jurisdiction(s) in which the company was incorporated, established or formed.
- A certified copy of the company's articles of association or constitution.
- A copy of a company search on the ASIC database or relevant foreign registration body.
- A copy of the last annual statement issued by the company regulator.

All of the above must clearly show the company's full name, its type (i.e. public or private) and the ARBN issued by ASIC, or the identification number issued to the company by the foreign regulator.

**In addition, please provide verification documents for each beneficial owner or controlling person (senior managing official and shareholder) as listed under Group A.**

A beneficial owner of a company is any person entitled (either directly or indirectly) to exercise 10% or more of the voting rights, including a power of veto, or who holds the position of senior managing official (or equivalent) and is thus the controlling person.

## GROUP C – Trusts

For a Registered Managed Investment Scheme, Government Superannuation Fund or a trust registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC), or a regulated, complying Superannuation Fund, retirement or pension fund (including a self-managed super fund), provide one of the following

- A copy of the company search of the relevant regulator's website e.g. APRA, ASIC or ATO.
- A copy or relevant extract of the legislation establishing the government superannuation fund sourced from a government website.
- A copy from the ACNC of information registered about the trust as a charity
- Annual report or audited financial statements.
- A certified copy of a notice issued by the ATO within the previous 12 months.
- A certified copy of an extract of the Trust Deed (i.e. cover page and signing page and first two pages that describes the trust, its purpose, appointer details and settlor details etc.)

For all other Unregulated trust (including a Foreign trust), provide the following

- A certified copy of an extract of the Trust Deed (i.e. cover page and signing page and first two pages that describes the trust, its purpose, appointer details and settlor details etc.)

**If the trustee is an individual, please also provide verification documents for one trustee as listed under Group A.**

**If the trustee is a company, please also provide verification documents for a company as listed under Group B.**

## GROUP D – Authorised Representatives and Agents

In addition to the above entity groups

- If you are an **Individual Authorised Representative or Agent** – please also provide the identification documents listed under Group A.
- If you are a **Corporate Authorised Representative or Agent** – please also provide the identification documents listed under Group B.

All Authorised Representatives and Agents must also provide a certified copy of their authority to act for the investor e.g. the POA, guardianship order, Executor or Administrator of a deceased estate, authority granted to a bankruptcy trustee, authority granted to the State or Public Trustee etc.



## SECTION 10 – GLOSSARY

Custodian – means a company that

- a) is acting in the capacity of a trustee and
- b) is providing a custodial or depository service of the kind described in item 46 of table 1 in subsection 6(1) of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006 (AML/CTF Act) and
- c) either
  - i. holds an Australian financial services licence authorising it to provide custodial or depository services under the Corporations Act 2001 or
  - ii. is exempt under the Corporations Act 2001 from the requirement to hold such a licence and
- d) either
  - i. satisfies one of the 'geographical link' tests in subsection 6(6) of the AML/CTF Act; or
  - ii. has certified in writing to the relevant reporting entity that its name and enrolment details are entered on the Reporting Entities Roll and
- e) has certified in writing to the relevant reporting entity that it has carried out all applicable customer identification procedures and ongoing customer due diligence requirements in accordance with Chapter 1 of the AML/CTF Rules in relation to its underlying customers prior to, or at the time of, becoming a customer of the reporting entity.