



Private Wealth Series

Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2024

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Statements of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Cash Fund		NZ Fixed Interest Fund		International Fixed Interest Fund		Australasian Equity Fund		International Equity Fund	
		2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Income											
Interest income on financial assets at amortised cost	6.2	19	9	10	6	27	14	16	9	35	36
Dividend and distribution income		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140,064
Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6.2	7,939	4,914	7,521	(959)	21,861	(31,134)	8,500	(6,900)	130,305	(135,469)
Total income/(loss)		7,958	4,923	7,531	(953)	21,888	(31,120)	8,516	(6,891)	130,340	4,631
Expenses											
Management fees	6.1	370	395	681	708	1,847	1,900	1,452	1,516	4,551	4,444
Total expenses		370	395	681	708	1,847	1,900	1,452	1,516	4,551	4,444
Operating profit/(loss)		7,588	4,528	6,850	(1,661)	20,041	(33,020)	7,064	(8,407)	125,789	187
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to Scheme Participants		7,588	4,528	6,850	(1,661)	20,041	(33,020)	7,064	(8,407)	125,789	187

The accounting policies and other notes form part of, and should be read in conjunction with, these Financial Statements.

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Scheme Participants

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Cash Fund		NZ Fixed Interest Fund		International Fixed Interest Fund		Australasian Equity Fund		International Equity Fund	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Net assets attributable to Scheme Participants at the beginning of the year	140,856	164,221	179,091	187,524	457,645	515,641	299,105	322,559	634,040	664,455
Proceeds from units issued	31,005	22,588	14,793	17,455	43,084	34,322	25,927	21,583	33,342	43,669
Redemption of units	(44,941)	(50,481)	(27,797)	(24,227)	(54,259)	(59,298)	(36,526)	(36,630)	(123,643)	(74,271)
Movements in Net assets attributable to Scheme Participants	(13,936)	(27,893)	(13,004)	(6,772)	(11,175)	(24,976)	(10,599)	(15,047)	(90,301)	(30,602)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to Scheme Participants	7,588	4,528	6,850	(1,661)	20,041	(33,020)	7,064	(8,407)	125,789	187
Net assets attributable to Scheme Participants at the end of the year	134,508	140,856	172,937	179,091	466,511	457,645	295,570	299,105	669,528	634,040

	Cash Fund		NZ Fixed Interest Fund		International Fixed Interest Fund		Australasian Equity Fund		International Equity Fund	
	2024 Units '000	2023 Units '000	2024 Units '000	2023 Units '000	2024 Units '000	2023 Units '000	2024 Units '000	2023 Units '000	2024 Units '000	2023 Units '000
Units on issue at the beginning of the year	126,453	152,122	165,368	171,800	440,863	465,146	177,650	186,896	375,327	394,580
Units issued	27,086	20,620	13,564	16,297	40,996	33,055	15,703	13,369	18,162	27,685
Units redeemed	(39,276)	(46,289)	(25,447)	(22,729)	(51,895)	(57,338)	(22,030)	(22,615)	(68,357)	(46,938)
Units on issue at the end of the year	114,263	126,453	153,485	165,368	429,964	440,863	171,323	177,650	325,132	375,327

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Statements of Financial Position

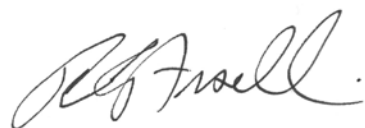
As at 31 March 2024

Notes	Cash Fund		NZ Fixed Interest Fund		International Fixed Interest Fund		Australasian Equity Fund		International Equity Fund	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Financial assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	333	387	168	44	617	87	101	146	325	272
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5 134,238	140,730	172,878	179,032	466,076	457,514	295,468	298,955	669,353	634,355
Outstanding settlements receivable	-	-	-	1,160	-	2,738	175	2,205	461	4,107
Total financial assets	134,571	141,117	173,046	180,236	466,693	460,339	295,744	301,306	670,139	638,734
Financial liabilities										
Management fees payable	6.1 31	32	57	60	160	157	125	128	407	381
Withdrawals payable	32	229	52	1,085	22	2,537	49	2,073	204	4,313
Total financial liabilities	63	261	109	1,145	182	2,694	174	2,201	611	4,694
Net assets attributable to Scheme Participants	134,508	140,856	172,937	179,091	466,511	457,645	295,570	299,105	669,528	634,040

The accounting policies and other notes form part of, and should be read in conjunction with, these Financial Statements.

The Directors of BNZ Investment Services Limited authorised these Financial Statements for issue on 18 July 2024.

For and on behalf of the Manager



Director



Director

Statements of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Notes	Cash Fund		NZ Fixed Interest Fund		International Fixed Interest Fund		Australasian Equity Fund		International Equity Fund	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities										
Proceeds from the sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	25,462	34,990	20,597	15,111	38,559	40,012	28,043	24,363	109,792	82,662
Purchase of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(11,031)	(6,762)	(5,762)	(8,802)	(22,522)	(15,676)	(14,026)	(9,898)	(10,839)	(70,183)
Dividends and distributions received	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,043
Interest income received	19	9	10	6	27	14	16	9	35	35
Management fees paid	(371)	(401)	(684)	(711)	(1,844)	(1,922)	(1,455)	(1,527)	(4,525)	(4,464)
Net cash inflows from operating activities	14,079	27,836	14,161	5,604	14,220	22,428	12,578	12,947	94,463	26,093
Cash flows from financing activities										
Proceeds from units issued	31,005	22,588	14,793	17,455	43,084	34,322	25,927	21,583	33,342	43,669
Redemption of units	(45,138)	(50,454)	(28,830)	(23,222)	(56,774)	(57,136)	(38,550)	(34,703)	(127,752)	(70,245)
Net cash (outflows) from financing activities	(14,133)	(27,866)	(14,037)	(5,767)	(13,690)	(22,814)	(12,623)	(13,120)	(94,410)	(26,576)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(54)	(30)	124	(163)	530	(386)	(45)	(173)	53	(483)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	387	417	44	207	87	473	146	319	272	755
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	333	387	168	44	617	87	101	146	325	272

The accounting policies and other notes form part of, and should be read in conjunction with, these Financial Statements.

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

1. General information

1.1 Reporting entities

These Financial Statements are for the Private Wealth Series Managed Investment Scheme (the “Scheme”) which comprises the following five Funds (each a “Fund”, together the “Funds”):

- Cash Fund
- NZ Fixed Interest Fund
- International Fixed Interest Fund
- Australasian Equity Fund, and the
- International Equity Fund.

The Scheme was registered as a Managed Investment Scheme in accordance with the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (“FMCA”) on 1 February 2017.

The Funds, which are separate legal entities, are open-ended investment funds domiciled in New Zealand and established under a Managed Investment Schemes Governing Document (the “Governing Document”), dated 20 December 2016. Each Fund was established on the date of registration and will terminate in accordance with the provisions of the Governing Document. All of the Funds commenced operations on 8 February 2017.

The Supervisor of the Scheme is The New Zealand Guardian Trust Company Limited (the “Supervisor”). The registered office of the Supervisor is Level 6, 191 Queen Street, Auckland 1010. The Supervisor is responsible for supervising the performance of the Manager and for the custody of Funds’ assets.

The principal activity of the Funds is investment via investments in other managed funds.

The objectives of the Funds are as follows:

- Cash Fund: The Fund aims to achieve stable returns over the short term and provide a gross return in excess of its benchmark index, the Bloomberg NZBond Bank Bill Index.
- NZ Fixed Interest Fund: The Fund aims to provide a gross return in excess of its benchmark index, the Bloomberg NZBond Composite 0+ Years Index, over the medium term.
- International Fixed Interest Fund: The Fund aims to provide a gross return in excess of its benchmark index, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index (100% hedged to New Zealand dollars), over the medium term.
- Australasian Equity Fund: The Fund aims to provide a gross return in excess of its benchmark index, the S&P/NZX 50 Index (including imputation credits), over the long term.
- International Equity Fund: The Fund aims to provide a gross return in excess of its benchmark index, the MSCI All Country Index (60% hedged to New Zealand dollars), over the long term.

The Funds’ investment activities are managed by BNZ Investment Services Limited (the “Manager”). The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of New Zealand (“BNZ”) incorporated in New Zealand, which in turn is wholly owned by National Australia Bank (“NAB”), a licensed bank in Australia. The registered office of the Manager is Level 4, 80 Queen Street, Auckland 1010.

1.2 Statutory base

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the FMCA and the Governing Document.

These Financial Statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors of the Manager on 18 July 2024.

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements continued

2. Summary of material accounting policy information

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these Financial Statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied throughout the reporting periods presented, unless otherwise stated.

2.1 Basis of preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand (“NZ GAAP”). For the purposes of complying with NZ GAAP, the Funds are profit-oriented entities. These Financial Statements comply with New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (“NZ IFRS”), and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). These Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost method, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

The Financial Statements have been prepared for the year ended 31 March 2024, with comparative information for the year ended 31 March 2023.

(a) Presentation

The Financial Statements are presented in New Zealand dollars, which is the Funds’ functional currency and reflects the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Funds operate, compete for funds and are regulated. Units are denominated in New Zealand dollars and the performance of the Funds is also measured in New Zealand dollars. All amounts are rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise stated.

(b) New standards and amendments

There are no new standards or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2023 that have a material effect on the Financial Statements of the Scheme. There were also no standards, except for NZ IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements (“NZ IFRS 18”), issued but not yet effective that could have a material effect on the Scheme.

NZ IFRS 18 was issued in May 2024 as a replacement for NZ IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements (“NZ IAS 1”) and applies to an annual reporting period beginning on or after 1 January 2027. Most of the presentation and disclosure requirements would largely remain unchanged together with other disclosures carried forward from NZ IAS 1. NZ IFRS 18 primarily introduces the following:

- a defined structure for the Statements of Comprehensive Income by classifying items into one of the five categories: operating, investing, financing, income taxes, and discontinued operations. Entities will also present expenses in the operating category by nature, function, or a mix of both, based on facts and circumstances
- disclosure of management-defined performance measures in a single note together with reconciliation requirements, and
- additional guidance on aggregation and disaggregation principles (applied to all primary financial statements and notes).

The Manager is currently assessing the impact of adopting the standard.

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements continued

2. Summary of material accounting policies continued

2.2 Financial instruments

(a) Classification

The Funds classify their investments based on both the Funds' business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The Funds are primarily focused on fair value information and use that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The Funds' financial assets are categorised as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial assets at amortised cost as follows:

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss comprise of **unlisted funds** as these investments are managed and evaluated on a fair value basis.

Financial assets whose cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest and which meet the hold to collect criteria are categorised as **financial assets at amortised cost**. These consist of:

1. **Cash and cash equivalents** includes cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, denominated in New Zealand dollars.
2. **Receivables** includes amounts due for contributions receivables and outstanding settlement receivables.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost comprise of **payables** including related party fees and withdrawals payable.

(b) Recognition, derecognition, and measurement

The Funds recognise financial assets and financial liabilities on the date that they become party to the contractual agreement (trade date). All financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value. Transaction costs on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are expensed as incurred in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value with gains or losses recognised in the Statements of Comprehensive Income when they arise. Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment for expected credit losses. Any impairment charge is recognised in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. Financial liabilities at amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the instrument have expired or the Funds have transferred substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership. Any gain or loss arising on the derecognition of a financial asset is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income in the reporting period that the item is derecognised. Financial liabilities at amortised cost are derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled, or has expired.

(c) Fair value estimation

Fair value is the price that would be either received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Fair value in an active market

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. The quoted market price used by the Funds is the last traded market price for financial assets where the last traded prices fall within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, the Manager will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value.

Fair value in an inactive market

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. The Manager uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing as at each reporting date. Valuation techniques used include the use of recent comparable arm's length market transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models, and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity specific inputs.

The Funds' investments in other funds are subject to the terms and conditions of the respective funds' offering documentation. The investments in other funds are primarily valued based on the latest available redemption price of such units for each other fund investment, as determined by the other funds' administrators. The Manager reviews the details of the reported information obtained from the other funds and considers: the liquidity of the other fund or its underlying investments; the value date of the net asset value provided; restrictions on redemptions; and the basis of accounting and, in instances where the basis of accounting is other than fair value, any fair valuation information, if it is obtained from the other funds' advisors.

If necessary, the Manager makes adjustments to the net asset value of various other fund investments in order to obtain the best estimate of fair value. Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss reported in the Statements of Comprehensive Income includes the change in fair value of other funds.

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements continued

2. Summary of material accounting policies continued

2.3 Net assets attributable to Scheme Participants

The Funds issue units that are redeemable at the Scheme Participants' option and have identical features. Along with other criteria under New Zealand Equivalents to International Accounting Standards 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation ("NZ IAS 32"), the units meet the requirements of being classified as equity. Redemption may take place at the redemption price on any business day after appropriate notice. The fair value of redeemable units is measured at the redemption amount that is payable (based on the redemption unit price) as at the reporting date, if the Scheme Participants had exercised their right to put the units back to the Funds.

Each unit represents a right to an individual share in the respective Fund and does not extend to a right in the underlying assets of the respective Fund. There are no separate classes of units within each Fund and each unit has the same rights attaching to it as all other units in the respective Fund.

Applications received for units in the Funds are recorded net of any entry fees or spreads payable prior to the issue of units in the Funds and initial service fee (if any). Redemptions from the Funds are recorded gross of any exit fees or spreads payable after the cancellation of the units redeemed. Units are issued and redeemed at the Scheme Participants' option at prices based on either the Funds' net asset value per unit at the time of issue or redemption adjusted for a margin spread ranging from 0 bps to 21 bps (31 March 2023: 0 bps to 21 bps) for the Funds. The margin spreads on applications and redemptions are to cover costs associated with the transactions. In accordance with the provisions of the Governing Document, investment positions are valued based on the appropriate market value for the purpose of determining the net asset value per unit for applications and redemptions.

2.4 Investment income

Interest income

Interest earned on financial assets at amortised cost, including cash and cash equivalents, is recognised in the Statements of Comprehensive Income using the effective interest method.

Dividend and distribution income

Dividend and distribution income is recognised on the ex-dividend date with any related foreign withholding tax recorded in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Scheme Participants as a Scheme Participants' tax liability. Unlisted trust distributions are recognised on a present entitlement basis.

Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Realised and unrealised gains or losses on investments are reflected in the Statements of Comprehensive Income as Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

2.5 Expenses

All expenses, including the Funds' management fees, are recognised in the Statements of Comprehensive Income on an accruals basis.

2.6 Foreign currency translation

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign currency assets and liabilities are translated into the functional currency using the London 4pm World Market Reuters exchange rate prevailing as at the reporting date.

Foreign exchange gains or losses resulting from translation are included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Foreign exchange gains or losses relating to the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are presented in the Statements of Comprehensive Income within Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

2.7 Income tax

The Funds qualify as and have each elected to be a Portfolio Investment Entity ("PIE") for tax purposes. Under the PIE regime income is effectively taxed in the hands of the Scheme Participants, and therefore, the Funds have no income tax expense. Accordingly, no income tax expense is recognised in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. Income is disclosed gross of any resident and foreign withholding taxes deducted at source and the taxes are included in Scheme Participants' tax liabilities in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Scheme Participants.

Under the PIE regime, the Manager attributes the taxable income of the Funds to Scheme Participants in accordance with the proportion of their interest in the Funds. The income attributed to each Scheme Participant is taxed at the Scheme Participant's "prescribed investor rate" on redemptions and annually on or around 31 March each year.

Scheme Participants' tax liabilities disclosed in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Scheme Participants consist of withdrawals to meet Scheme Participants' tax liabilities under the PIE regime and any resident and foreign withholding taxes deducted at source.

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements continued

2. Summary of material accounting policies continued

2.8 Distribution to Scheme Participants

Distributions may be made from the Funds in accordance with the terms of the Governing Document and the distribution policy for the Fund. Amounts that are not distributed, remain invested as part of the assets of the relevant Fund. Proposed distributions to Scheme Participants are recognised in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Scheme Participants when they are appropriately authorised and no longer at the discretion of the Funds' Manager.

Scheme Participants have the choice to automatically reinvest their distributions. The reinvestment is made on the first available ex-distribution net asset value price for the relevant Fund.

2.9 Goods and services tax ("GST")

The Funds are not registered for GST. The Statements of Comprehensive Income and Statements of Cash Flows have been prepared so that all components are stated inclusive of GST. All items in the Statements of Financial Position are stated inclusive of GST.

2.10 Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the Financial Statements. These changes did not have a material impact on the presentation of the Financial Statements.

3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Manager of the Funds makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities are outlined below. Estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience among other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fair value of securities not quoted in an active market

The valuation models employed use observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk, volatilities, and correlations require the Manager to make estimates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial assets.

The fair value of investments in other funds have been estimated in accordance with the policies set out above in Note 2.2(c).

4. Financial risk management

4.1 Financial risk factors

The Governing Document for the Funds requires the Manager to invest the assets of each Fund in accordance with the Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives ("SIPO") investment guidelines, as notified to the Supervisor from time to time. The Manager monitors compliance with the investment policies on a daily basis as part of its operational risk and mandate monitoring processes. The Manager reviews the appropriateness of the Funds' authorised investments as outlined in the SIPO on an annual basis, or more frequently if market conditions change, or changes to the nature or characteristics of the authorised investments, warrant it.

The Funds' activities expose them to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including price risk, foreign exchange risk, cash flow, and fair value interest rate risk), credit risk, and liquidity risk. The Funds' overall risk management programme seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Funds are exposed and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Funds' financial performance. This includes, where relevant, holding a diversified investment portfolio across countries, sectors, security types, and styles of investing through its ownership of unlisted unit trusts managed by the Manager and external investment managers. Further information of the risks that investors are exposed to are set out in the Private Wealth Series Product Disclosure Statement and Other Material Information, available on www.bnz.co.nz.

All securities investments present a risk of loss of capital. The Funds hold unlisted unit trusts where the maximum loss of capital is limited to the carrying value of those positions.

The Funds are also indirectly exposed to risk factors such as liquidity risk, credit risk, foreign exchange risk, and interest rate risk via its investments in the underlying investment funds. However, under NZ IFRS, the risk management section outlined below is not prepared on a look through basis. This means that the explanation of risks is limited to the Fund's direct investments and does not take account of the specific risks in the underlying investment funds. For further information on risks that investors are exposed to, please refer to the above mentioned Product Disclosure Statement and Other Material Information.

In addition to internal risk management, which is carried out by the Manager and the underlying investment managers, financial risk is also managed by the setting of an investment policy, agreed with and monitored by the Supervisor and set out in the Funds' SIPO.

The Manager uses different methods to measure and manage the various types of risk to which the Funds are exposed; these methods are explained below.

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements continued

4. Financial risk management continued

4.1 Financial risk factors continued

4.1.1 Market risk

(a) Price risk

The Funds are exposed to price risk due to their investments in unlisted unit trusts, for which prices in the future are uncertain. This risk includes, but is not limited to, indirect foreign currency exposure, indirect interest rate exposure, and indirect valuation exposure. The Funds manage their price risk by ensuring that all activities are transacted in accordance with mandates, overall investment strategy and within approved limits.

The table below summarises the sensitivity of the Funds' Net assets attributable to Scheme Participants to price movements in non-monetary assets as at the reporting date (units in unlisted unit trusts). The analysis is based on a price movement of 5% which represents the Manager's best estimate of a reasonable shift in prices with regard to historic volatility. If prices for the Funds' investments which the Funds invest in as at the reporting date had either increased or decreased by 5% with all other variables held constant, this would have had the following impact on both the Statements of Comprehensive Income and Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Scheme Participants:

	Cash Fund		NZ Fixed Interest Fund		International Fixed Interest Fund		Australasian Equity Fund		International Equity Fund	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
As at 31 March										
Price increased by 5%	6,712	7,037	8,644	8,952	23,304	22,876	14,773	14,948	33,468	31,718
Price decreased by 5%	(6,712)	(7,037)	(8,644)	(8,952)	(23,304)	(22,876)	(14,773)	(14,948)	(33,468)	(31,718)

(b) Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk, as defined in NZ IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosure ("NZ IFRS 7"), arises on financial instruments that are denominated in a foreign currency, i.e. in a currency other than the functional currency in which they are measured. Foreign currency exposure arising from the underlying fund that the Funds invest into, is considered as a component of market price risk (which forms part of the Price risk sensitivity (see Note 4.1.1(a) Price risk), not foreign currency risk).

In accordance with the NZ IFRS 7 definition, the Scheme held no direct monetary assets denominated in foreign currency as at the reporting date. The Funds are indirectly exposed to foreign exchange risk when their holdings in underlying unlisted unit trusts have investment securities denominated in a foreign currency. The Manager and the investment manager of the underlying Fund monitors this exposure on a daily basis and may enter into foreign exchange derivatives to hedge the foreign exchange risk in accordance with the policies included within the SIPO and agreed with the Supervisor.

As at the reporting date, the Funds had the following foreign currency exposures due to holdings of non-monetary assets (expressed in New Zealand dollar equivalents):

	Cash Fund		NZ Fixed Interest Fund		International Fixed Interest Fund		Australasian Equity Fund		International Equity Fund	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
As at 31 March										
Non-monetary assets										
Australian exposure (converted to New Zealand dollars)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	199	307

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements continued

4. Financial risk management continued

4.1 Financial risk factors continued

4.1.1 Market risk continued

(b) Foreign exchange risk continued

The table below summarises the sensitivity impact on both the Statements of Comprehensive Income and Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Scheme Participants had the relevant exchange rates between the New Zealand dollar and the foreign currencies either increased or decreased by 5% with all other variables held constant. The analysis is based on the Manager's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in exchange rates with regard to historical volatility.

	Cash Fund		NZ Fixed Interest Fund		International Fixed Interest Fund		Australasian Equity Fund		International Equity Fund	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
As at 31 March										
Non-monetary assets										
Exchange rates increased by 5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(9)	(15)
Exchange rates decreased by 5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	16

(c) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities and future cash flows.

The Funds hold cash and cash equivalents in New Zealand dollars that expose the Funds to cash flow interest rate risk.

The table below summarises the sensitivity impact on both the Statements of Comprehensive Income and Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Scheme Participants had the relevant interest rates either increased or decreased by 1% as at the reporting date with all other variables held constant. The analysis is based on the Manager's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in interest rates with regard to historical volatility.

	Cash Fund		NZ Fixed Interest Fund		International Fixed Interest Fund		Australasian Equity Fund		International Equity Fund	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
As at 31 March										
Interest rate increased by 1%	3	4	2	-	6	1	1	1	3	3
Interest rate decreased by 1%	(3)	(4)	(2)	-	(6)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(3)	(3)

These movements arise substantially from the cash flow variability from cash and cash equivalents, held in on-call bank accounts with BNZ.

In addition to the Funds' direct exposure to interest rate changes on the cash flows of cash and cash equivalents shown above, the Funds are indirectly affected by the impact of interest rate changes on the value of their investments in BNZ Wholesale NZ Cash Fund, BNZ Wholesale NZ Fixed Interest Fund and BNZ Wholesale International Fixed Interest Fund, BNZ Wholesale Australasian Equities Fund, BNZ Wholesale Australasian Equities (Index) Fund, and BNZ Wholesale International Equities Fund respectively. These indirect exposures form part of the Price risk sensitivity (see Note 4.1.1(a) Price risk). Therefore, the above sensitivity analysis may not fully indicate the total effect on the Fund's Net assets attributable to Scheme Participants of future movements in interest rates. The Manager and the investment manager of the underlying Funds, monitors interest rate exposure on a daily basis and compliance with the policies included within the SIPO and agreed with the Supervisor.

4.1.2 Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty or issuer of a security will be unable to pay amounts in full when they fall due (known as default risk). The Funds are primarily invested in unlisted unit trusts, and as such, their direct exposure to credit risk is limited to their bank account balances held with BNZ. BNZ has a credit rating of AA- as at 31 March 2024 (31 March 2023: AA-); as measured by Standard & Poor's Global Ratings Pty Limited.

The initial Fund set up and ongoing regular review of underlying investments consider credit risk and the probability of default. By ensuring the significant majority of its fixed interest investments in the underlying investment funds are held in investment grade securities, management consider default risk to be very low. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on expected credit losses as any such impairment is likely to be immaterial to the Fund.

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements continued

4. Financial risk management continued

4.1 Financial risk factors continued

4.1.2 Credit risk continued

The Funds are indirectly exposed to credit risk through their investments in unlisted unit trusts, who in turn, invest in direct assets such as debt instruments issued by domestic and international companies and governments or currency hedging. The Funds are indirectly exposed to credit risk through their investments in the BNZ Wholesale NZ Cash Fund, BNZ Wholesale NZ Fixed Interest Fund, and BNZ Wholesale International Fixed Interest Fund, BNZ Wholesale Australasian Equities Fund, BNZ Wholesale Australasian Equities (Index) Fund, and the BNZ Wholesale International Equities Fund, which forms part of the Price risk sensitivity (see Note 4.1.1(a) Price risk).

4.1.3 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Funds may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle their obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous.

The Funds are exposed to daily redemptions of units. The liquidity policy applied by the Manager is to be fully invested in unlisted unit trusts that provide adequate liquidity to match the Funds' redemption policy given normal market conditions. However, underlying funds may be subject to discretionary redemption restrictions exercisable by the Manager, including the ability to suspend withdrawals or withhold varying amounts of any withdrawals requested by the Funds, which in turn, may impact their own ability to meet redemption requests. These measures are only in place to ensure that all Scheme Participants are treated equitably. Each of the Funds also holds an allocation of cash and cash equivalents to help the Manager meet redemption of units and expenses.

Liquidity risk is managed within the underlying Funds by investing in authorised investments that have satisfactory levels of liquidity themselves.

Management fees payable and Redemption of units payable are due for settlement within one month of the reporting date. The Manager does not expect any significant levels of withdrawals in the short to medium term for any Fund within the Scheme, however, higher levels of cash are held during periods of extreme market volatility to support the increased risk.

4.2 Capital risk management

The Funds' capital is represented by the Net assets attributable to Scheme Participants. The Net assets attributable to Scheme Participants can change significantly on a daily basis as the Funds are subject to daily contributions and withdrawals, which are at the discretion of Scheme Participants. The Managers' objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for Scheme Participants and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Scheme. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Scheme's policy is to perform the following:

- (a) Monitor the level of daily contributions and redemptions to allow for adequate liquidity within the Funds to meet Members' redemption obligations.
- (b) Redeem and issue new units in accordance with the Governing Document of the Scheme, which includes the ability to restrict withdrawals and require certain minimum holdings and applications.

The minimum initial investment amount in any Fund is \$50,000, with minimum additional incremental investments of \$5,000. The minimum withdrawal amount in any Fund is \$5,000, with payments made generally within ten business days of receiving the redemption notice.

The Manager may suspend redemptions for up to 60 business days (or longer if agreed by the Supervisor) if the Manager determines that the withdrawal is not desirable, or would be prejudicial to the interests of Scheme Participants of any of the Funds, or would threaten the relevant Fund's PIE status.

All investments made with the monies of a Fund are held exclusively for that Fund and for the exclusive benefit of the Scheme Participants who have units in that Fund. This means that all liabilities incurred in relation to a Fund are met only from the assets held for that Fund. The Manager does not permit the assets or liabilities of any Fund to become intermingled with those of any other Fund and maintains separate accounting records in respect of each Fund.

The Funds do not have any externally imposed capital requirements.

Neither the Supervisor, the Manager, BNZ, their Directors or any members of their groups of companies nor any other party guarantee the units offered by the Funds, the performance or returns of the Funds or the repayment of capital.

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements continued

4. Financial risk management continued

4.3 Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date. A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, or pricing service, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. The Manager uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing as at each reporting date.

NZ IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement requires the Funds to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

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

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the Manager. The Manager considers observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable, and verifiable and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

All Funds primarily invest in unlisted unit trusts. The values of these underlying unit trusts are determined by the manager of the underlying unit trust, and therefore, these investments are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The Funds hold no financial assets that are classified as Level 1 or Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy. There were no transfers between any of the levels for the year ended 31 March 2024 (31 March 2023: Nil).

Due to the short-term nature of the financial assets and financial liabilities at amortised cost, the carrying amount of these financial instruments approximates their fair value.

5. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

As at the reporting date, the Funds invested into the following investment products:

	Cash Fund		NZ Fixed Interest Fund		International Fixed Interest Fund		Australasian Equity Fund		International Equity Fund	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
As at 31 March										
Unlisted funds/trusts	134,238	140,730	172,878	179,032	466,076	457,514	295,468	298,955	669,353	634,355
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	134,238	140,730	172,878	179,032	466,076	457,514	295,468	298,955	669,353	634,355

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements continued

6. Related parties

6.1 General

The Manager is responsible for the administration of the Funds. The Manager is ultimately owned by NAB, a licensed bank in Australia. On 30 April 2024, the Manager was sold by BNZ to Harbour Asset Management Limited, becoming part of the FirstCape Group (see Note 9 Events occurring after the reporting date). All dealings with NAB and its subsidiaries are conducted on standard commercial terms.

Management fees are a related party expense paid to the Manager and are shown in the Statements of Comprehensive Income under Management fees. Where the Funds have invested in other funds, the management fees and other in-fund costs charged to those funds, if any, are rebated and are disclosed under Management fee rebates in the Statements of Financial Position. Management fees payable and Management fee rebates receivable, if any, are shown in the Statements of Financial Position.

Management fees are calculated and accrued daily based on a percentage of the Net asset value of the Funds. The rates are exclusive of GST.

As at 31 March	Cash Fund		NZ Fixed Interest Fund		International Fixed Interest Fund		Australasian Equity Fund		International Equity Fund	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Management fee percentage per annum	0.27	0.27	0.39	0.39	0.40	0.40	0.50	0.50	0.71	0.71

Each Fund operates a bank account with BNZ on normal commercial terms.

Contributions receivable and withdrawals payable are held in client monies bank accounts with BNZ.

The Supervisor is considered a related party. Supervisory fees and audit fees have been paid by the Manager on behalf of the Funds.

The Directors of the Manager and other related entities may invest in the Funds. They contribute on the same basis and have the same rights as other Scheme Participants.

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements continued

6. Related parties continued

6.2 Related party investments

The Funds invest in on-call Treasury bank deposits with BNZ and BNZ Wholesale Funds that are also managed by the Manager. There are no management fees charged in the BNZ Wholesale Funds and transactions with these Funds are made at the prevailing unit prices at the time of the transaction. BNZ operates as a subsidiary of NAB.

As at the reporting date, all related party investments were as follows:

	Cash Fund		NZ Fixed Interest Fund		International Fixed Interest Fund		Australasian Equity Fund		International Equity Fund	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
As at 31 March										
BNZ Wholesale NZ Cash Fund	134,238	140,730	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BNZ Wholesale NZ Fixed Interest Fund	-	-	172,878	179,032	-	-	-	-	-	-
BNZ Wholesale International Fixed Interest (Index) Fund	-	-	-	-	466,076	457,514	-	-	-	-
BNZ Wholesale Australasian Equities Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	148,149	149,797	-	-
BNZ Wholesale Australasian Equities (Index) Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	147,319	149,158	-	-
BNZ Wholesale International Equities Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	669,154	634,047
BNZ bank accounts	333	387	168	44	617	87	101	146	325	272
Total	134,571	141,117	173,046	179,076	466,693	457,601	295,569	299,101	669,479	634,319

The total income or gains earned or losses incurred on the investments with related parties were as follows:

	Cash Fund		NZ Fixed Interest Fund		International Fixed Interest Fund		Australasian Equity Fund		International Equity Fund	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
For the year ended 31 March										
BNZ Wholesale NZ Cash Fund	7,939	4,914	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BNZ Wholesale NZ Fixed Interest Fund	-	-	7,521	(959)	-	-	-	-	-	-
BNZ Wholesale International Fixed Interest (Index) Fund	-	-	-	-	21,861	(31,134)	-	-	-	-
BNZ Wholesale Australasian Equities Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,260	(3,585)	-	-
BNZ Wholesale Australasian Equities (Index) Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,240	(3,315)	-	-
BNZ Wholesale International Equities Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	130,326	34,612
BNZ bank accounts	19	9	10	6	27	14	16	9	35	36
Total	7,958	4,923	7,531	(953)	21,888	(31,120)	8,516	(6,891)	130,361	34,648

There are no other related parties transactions aside from those already disclosed above during the year ended 31 March 2024 (31 March 2023: Nil).

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements continued

7. Reconciliation of operating profit/(loss) to net cash inflows from operating activities

	Cash Fund		NZ Fixed Interest Fund		International Fixed Interest Fund		Australasian Equity Fund		International Equity Fund	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
For the year ended 31 March										
Operating profit/(loss)	7,588	4,528	6,850	(1,661)	20,041	(33,020)	7,064	(8,407)	125,789	187
Adjustments for non-cash items										
Net unrealised changes in the fair value of financial assets	(6,083)	(3,948)	(7,841)	159	(26,358)	24,873	(8,546)	5,993	(117,893)	30,034
Distributions received as units rather than cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(122,021)
	(6,083)	(3,948)	(7,841)	159	(26,358)	24,873	(8,546)	5,993	(117,893)	(91,987)
Movements in working capital items										
(Increase) in trade and other receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	(1)	(6)	(3)	(3)	3	(22)	(3)	(11)	27	(20)
Decrease in purchases and sales of investments at cost	12,575	27,262	15,155	7,109	20,534	30,597	14,063	15,372	86,541	117,914
	12,574	27,256	15,152	7,106	20,537	30,575	14,060	15,361	86,567	117,893
Net cash inflows from operating activities	14,079	27,836	14,161	5,604	14,220	22,428	12,578	12,947	94,463	26,093

8. Commitments or contingent liabilities

There were no material commitments or contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2024 (31 March 2023: Nil).

9. Events occurring after the reporting date

On 30 April 2024, the Manager was sold by BNZ to Harbour Asset Management Limited, becoming part of the FirstCape Group. The FirstCape Group is a joint venture, with NAB owning 44.86% of the parent entity, FirstCape Group Limited. There is no expected change to day-to-day operations and activity of the Scheme, which would either have a direct impact on the Scheme's members or the financial position of the Scheme.

There are no other significant events that have occurred since the reporting date which would have either impacted the financial position of the Funds disclosed in the Statements of Financial Position as at 31 March 2024 or the results and cash flows of the Funds for the reporting period ended on that date.

Independent Auditor's Report



Chartered Accountants

Independent auditor's report to the Scheme Participants of Private Wealth Series

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cash Fund, NZ Fixed Interest Fund, International Fixed Interest Fund, Australasian Equity Fund and International Equity Fund (each a "Fund", together the "Funds") of Private Wealth Series (the "Scheme"), on pages 2 to 17, which comprise the statements of financial position of each Fund as at 31 March 2024, and the statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in net assets attributable to Scheme participants and statements of cash flows for the year then ended of each Fund, and the notes to the financial statements including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the financial statements on pages 2 to 17 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each Fund as at 31 March 2024 and their financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

This report is made solely to each Fund's Scheme participants, as separate bodies. Our audits have been undertaken so that we might state to each Fund's Scheme participants those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than each Fund and each Fund's Scheme participants, as separate bodies, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

We are independent of the Funds in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

Ernst & Young provides agreed upon procedures in relation to the Funds. Partners and employees of our firm may deal with the Funds on normal terms within the ordinary course of trading activities of the business of the Funds. We have no other relationship with, or interest in, the Funds.



Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audits of the financial statements of the current year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audits of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinions thereon, but we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audits addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of the audit report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audits included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinions on the accompanying financial statements.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")

Why significant	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Each Fund's financial assets at FVTPL (being investments) exceeded 99% of the respective Fund's total assets. ▶ Market volatility can have a significant impact on the value of these financial assets, therefore the recognition and measurement of assets at FVTPL is considered a key area of audit focus. As detailed in the accounting policies, as described in Note 2 to the financial statements, financial assets at FVTPL are recognised in accordance with NZ IFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i> and NZ IFRS 13 <i>Fair Value Measurement</i>. ▶ Disclosures regarding each Fund's financial assets at FVTPL are included in Note 5 to the financial statements. 	<p>Our audit procedures included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Gaining an understanding of the processes used to record investment transactions and to value the portfolio. As the Administrator, Custodian and Registrar (which are all external parties) are involved in the management of the investments, this included evaluating the service organisation reports issued by an independent auditor on the design and operation of the controls at the Administrator, Custodian and Registrar throughout the reporting period. Our procedures focussed on the nature and significance of services provided by these service organisations, the relevant internal controls and the implications of any identified control deficiencies relevant to our audit of the financial statements.

Independent Auditor's Report continued



Why significant	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Receiving confirmation, directly from the Registrar, of the number of units held in the unlisted funds/trusts in which each Fund invests as at 31 March 2024. ▶ Receiving confirmations, directly from the custodian or counterparty, of the investments held by the unlisted funds/trusts in which each Fund invests as at 31 March 2024. ▶ Recalculating each Fund's proportionate share of investments held by the unlisted funds/trusts, based on the confirmations above. ▶ Independently re-pricing a sample of investments held by the unlisted funds/trusts in which each Fund invests as at 31 March 2024 and ensuring appropriate fair value measurement in accordance with NZ IFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i> and NZ IFRS 13 <i>Fair Value Measurement</i>. In the case of more complex instruments we engaged internal valuation specialists to assist in assessing the values of these investments. ▶ Assessing the disclosures in the financial statements, including whether they appropriately reflect each Fund's exposure to financial instrument risk with reference to NZ IFRS 7 <i>Financial Instruments: Disclosures</i>.

Information other than the financial statements and auditor's report

The Manager of the Funds is responsible for the annual report, which includes information other than the financial statements and auditor's report.

Our opinions on the financial statements do not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.



In connection with our audits of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the audits, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based upon the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

The Manager's responsibilities for the financial statements

The Manager is responsible, on behalf of each Fund, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Manager is responsible for assessing on behalf of each Fund, each Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Manager either intends to liquidate a Fund or cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the External Reporting Board's website: <https://www.xrb.govt.nz/standards-for-assurance-practitioners/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-2/>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Brent Penrose.

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