# Lincoln U.S. Growth Funds

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# Reference Guide

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# **About this Reference Guide**

This Reference Guide ("RG") has been prepared and issued by Equity Trustees Limited ("Equity Trustees", "we" or "Responsible Entity"). The information in this document forms part of the Product Disclosure Statements ("PDS") for the Lincoln U.S. Growth Fund Unhedged and Lincoln U.S. Growth Fund Hedged (each referred to as a "Fund") dated 21 September 2020.

The information provided in this RG is for general information only and does not take into account your individual objectives, financial situation or needs. You should obtain financial and taxation advice tailored to your personal circumstances.

# **Updated information**

Information in the PDS and this RG is subject to change. Before making an investment in the Fund, you should ensure that you have read the PDS and RG current as at the date of your investment.

You can request a copy of the PDS and RG by calling Lincoln Indicators Pty Limited on 1300 676 333. A paper copy of the updated information will also be provided free of charge on request.

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# 1. Investing in the Lincoln U.S. Growth Funds

### Application cut-off times

If we receive a correctly completed Application Form, identification documents (if applicable) and cleared application money:

- before or on 2pm on a Business Day and your application for units is accepted, you will generally receive the Application Price calculated for that Business Day; or
- after 2pm on a Business Day and your application for units is accepted, you will generally receive the Application Price calculated for the next Business Day.

Please see the PDS for information regarding how to apply.

### **Application terms**

We will only start processing an application if:

- we consider that you have correctly completed the Application Form;
- you have provided us with the relevant identification documents if required; and
- we have received the application money (in cleared funds) stated in your Application Form.

### **BPAY®**

BPAY® is available as a method of payment in the online banking portals of most Australian banks and financial institutions. We recommend that you contact your bank or financial institution to confirm that you can use BPAY® to make a payment from your account, or if you are unable to locate BPAY® in your online banking portal.

To facilitate the use of this service you will need to use your online banking service from your participating Australian financial institution.

You will be given your Customer Reference Number (CRN) after your initial application to allow you to make additional investments by using BPAY®. Please take note that the BPAY® facility is only available to existing investors wishing to add to a fund they already have units in, and when making the payment via BPAY®, you do not need to complete an additional investment form. Please take note that the Biller Code is different for each fund. You can obtain further information about your CRN from your managed fund online portal and the Fund Biller Codes by contacting Lincoln directly on 1300 676 333.

# **Direct Debit Requests**

# **Definitions**

In this Direct Debit Request terms and conditions, the following terms have the meaning set out below:

- Account means the account held at Your Financial Institution from which we are authorised to arrange for funds to be debited.
- Business Day means a day any other than a Saturday, Sunday, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day; and any other day which ASX Settlement Pty Ltd (or any replacement, substitute or successor entity) notifies users of the settlement facility provided by it, is not a business day for the purposes of that facility.
- Debit Day means the day that payment by you to Equity Trustees is due.

- Debit Payment means a particular transaction where a debit is made.
- **Direct Debit Request** means the direct debit request between Equity Trustees and you.
- Your Financial Institution means the financial institution nominated by you on the Direct Debit Request at which the account is maintained.

### **Direct Debit Request - Terms and Conditions**

By requesting a direct debit in your Application Form, you acknowledge that the following terms and conditions shall apply where Equity Trustees has agreed to effect automatic deductions from your account under the Savings Plan.

This is your Direct Debit Request arrangement with Equity Trustees (Direct Debit User ID 477105). It explains what your obligations are when undertaking a direct debit arrangement with us. It also details what our obligations are to you as a direct debit provider.

Please keep this Reference Guide for future reference. It forms part of the terms and conditions of your Direct Debit Request and should be read in conjunction with your Direct Debit Request authorisation.

### Savings Plan

You can increase your investment in the Fund through a monthly direct debit from your nominated bank account. The minimum additional monthly contribution for the Fund under the Savings Plan is AU\$250. Please refer to the Direct Debit Request - Terms and Conditions. The Direct Debit Request form can be used to set up your Savings Plan. The form can be sent with your Application Form or at a later time.

Monthly payments will be made on or about the 20th of each month.

### **Debiting your account**

By signing a Direct Debit Request or by providing Equity Trustees with a valid instruction, you have authorised Equity Trustees to arrange for money to be debited from your account. You should refer to the Direct Debit Request and this Reference Guide for the terms of the arrangement between Equity Trustees and you.

Equity Trustees will only arrange for money to be debited from your account as authorised in the Direct Debit Request. If the Debit Day falls on a day that is not a Business Day, Equity Trustees may direct Your Financial Institution to debit your account on the following Business Day. If you are unsure about the day your account has been, or will be, debited, you should ask Your Financial Institution.

# **Changes by Equity Trustees Limited**

Equity Trustees may vary any details of these terms and conditions or a Direct Debit Request at any time by giving you at least fourteen (14) days written notice.

# Changes by investor

Subject to this clause, you may vary the amount of your Savings Plan arrangements under a Direct Debit Request by contacting Lincoln on 1300 676 333 or enquiries@lincolnindicators.com.au. Changing the bank account from which you wish your amounts to be debited will require completion of a new Direct Debit Request form.

You may change, stop or defer a Debit Payment by notifying Equity Trustees in writing at least fourteen (14) days before the next Debit Day.

You may change your account details by arranging it through Your Financial Institution, which is required to act promptly on your instructions in providing us with those details.

You may also cancel your authority for Equity Trustees to debit your account at any time by giving Equity Trustees fourteen (14) days notice in writing before the next Debit Day.

### Investor obligations

It is your responsibility to ensure that there is sufficient cleared money available in your account to allow a Debit Payment to be made in accordance with the Direct Debit Request.

If there is insufficient cleared money in your account to meet a Debit Payment:

- you may be charged a fee and/or interest by Your Financial Institution;
- you may also incur fees or charges imposed or incurred by Equity Trustees; and/or
- you must arrange for the Debit Payment to be made by another method or arrange for sufficient cleared funds to be available in your account by an agreed time so that we can process the Debit Payment.

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

If Equity Trustees is liable to pay GST on a supply made in connection with this arrangement, then you agree to pay Equity Trustees on demand an amount equal to the consideration payable for the supply multiplied by the prevailing GST rate.

### **Dispute**

If you believe that there has been an error in debiting your account, you should notify **Lincoln Indicators directly** on **1300 676 333** and confirm that notice in writing to them as soon as possible so that they can resolve your query more quickly. Alternatively you can take it up directly with Your Financial Institution.

If Equity Trustees concludes as a result of its investigations that your account has been incorrectly debited, Equity Trustees will respond to your query by arranging for Your Financial Institution to adjust your account (including interest and charges) accordingly. Equity Trustees will also notify you in writing of the amount by which your account has been adjusted.

If Equity Trustees concludes as a result of its investigations that your account has not been incorrectly debited, Equity Trustees will respond to your query by providing you with reasons and any evidence for this finding.

### Your Financial Institution's account

You should check:

- with Your Financial Institution whether direct debiting is available from your account;
- your account details which you have provided to Equity Trustees are correct by checking them against a recent account statement; and
- with Your Financial Institution before completing the Direct Debit Request if you have any queries about how to complete the Direct Debit Request.

### Confidentiality

Subject to the Privacy Statement set out in this Reference Guide (See "Your privacy"), Equity Trustees will keep confidential any information (including your account details) in your Direct Debit Request. Equity Trustees will make reasonable efforts to keep any such information that it has about you secure and to ensure that any of its employees or agents who have access to information about you do not make any unauthorised use, modification, reproduction or disclosure of that information.

Equity Trustees will disclose information that it has about you:

- in accordance with the "Your privacy" section of this Reference Guide:
- in connection with any query or claim (including relating to an alleged incorrect or wrongful debit); and
- · to the extent specifically required by law.

### **Notice**

If you wish to notify Equity Trustees in writing about anything relating to Direct Debit Requests, you should write to:

# Equity Trustees Limited, GPO Box 2307, Melbourne VIC 3001

Equity Trustees will notify you by sending a notice in the ordinary post to the address you have given Equity Trustees in the Direct Debit Request form.

Any notice will be deemed to have been received on the third Business Day after posting.

# 2. Managing your investment

### **Authorised signatories**

You can appoint a person, partnership or company as your agent. To do so, please nominate them on the Application Form and have them sign the relevant sections. Please note that each agent must be appointed under an instrument or contract, such as a Power of Attorney, for the appointment to be valid. If a company is appointed, the powers extend to any director and officer of the company. Such appointments will only be cancelled or changed once we receive written instructions from you to do so.

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

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

If you do appoint an agent:

- · you are bound by their acts;
- you release, discharge and indemnify us from and against any losses, liabilities, actions, proceedings, claims and demands arising from instructions received from your agent; and
- you agree that our acting on any instructions received from your agent shall amount to complete satisfaction of our obligations, even if these instructions were made without your knowledge or authority.

Alternatively, you can appoint an authorised representative by nominating them on the Application Form, and having them sign the relevant sections. While an authorised representative will not be able to transact on your behalf, they will be given access to enable them to view your investment account.

# **Reports**

Investors will be provided with the following reports:

- · application and withdrawal confirmation statements;
- · transaction statements; and
- (where applicable), distribution and tax statements.

Annual audited financial accounts are available on Equity Trustees' website.

# 3. Withdrawing your investment

### Withdrawal cut-off times

If we receive a withdrawal request:

- before 2pm on a Business Day and your withdrawal request is accepted, you will generally receive the Withdrawal Price calculated for that Business Day; or
- on or after 2pm on a Business Day and your withdrawal request is accepted, you will generally receive the Withdrawal Price calculated for the next Business Day.

Please see the relevant PDS for information regarding how to request a withdrawal.

### Withdrawal terms

Once we receive your withdrawal request, we may act on your instruction 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).

We may contact you to check your details before processing your withdrawal request but are not obliged to. 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.

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.

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

- · Withdrawals will only be paid to the investor.
- We reserve the right to fully redeem your investment if, as a result of processing your request, your investment balance in the Fund falls below the minimum balance set out in the PDS.
- If we cannot satisfactorily identify you as the withdrawing investor, we may 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,
  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 on your behalf, shall have no claim against us with regards to such payment.

### Withdrawal restrictions

Under the Corporations Act, you do not have a right to withdraw from the Fund if the Fund is illiquid. In such circumstances, you will only be able to withdraw your investment if Equity Trustees makes a withdrawal offer in accordance with the Corporations Act. Equity Trustees is not obliged to make such offers.

The Fund will be deemed liquid if at least 80% of its assets are liquid assets (generally cash and marketable securities). In addition, we may at any time suspend consideration of withdrawal requests or defer our obligation to pay withdrawal proceeds if it is not possible, or not in the best interests of investors or former investors for us to do so, due to circumstances outside our control (such as restricted or suspended trading in a Fund asset).

# 4. Additional information on fees and costs

### Performance fee example

The example below is provided for illustrative purposes only and does not represent any actual or prospective performance of the Fund. We do not provide any assurance that the Fund will achieve the performance used in the example and you should not rely on this example in determining whether to invest in the Fund.

### Performance fees

## Lincoln U.S. Growth Fund Hedged

20% of outperformance of the S&P 500 Total Return Index (USD)

# Lincoln U.S. Growth Fund Unhedged

20% of outperformance of the S&P 500 Total Return Index converted to Australian Dollars

### **Key Features:**

Performance fees include a high watermark feature, which ensures that no performance fee is payable until:

- the NAV of the Fund as at the end of the relevant performance fee period is greater than the NAV of the Fund as at the end of the last performance fee period for which a performance fee was paid; and/or
- any accrued underperformance (in dollar terms), as against the Benchmark, from prior periods has been made up.

There is no reset clause, which means if the Investment Manager fails to meet its investment objectives one year, it will not be given a second chance until the underperformance has been recouped. The Fund will make payment on performance fees (if any) annually (in line with Fund distribution policies).

# **Example**

In the below example, we have assumed the following:

- · average holding balance \$100,000
- Fund performance (after ongoing fees) 5.00%
- Relevant S&P 500 Total Return Index 3.00%

# Calculation of Fee

Outpeformance = (5.00% - 3.00% = 2.00%)

Performance fee percentage = (Outperformance \* 20% fee) (2.00% \* 20% = 0.40%)

Performance fee in dollars = (performance fee % \*average holding balance) (0.40% \* \$100,000 = \$400)

In these circumstances, the Fund's return above Benchmark is 2% (5% - 3%) for the performance fee period. The performance fee referable to your investment for that performance fee period will be \$400 (that is, 20% x 2% x \$100,000).

If the Fund's performance is lower than the Benchmark, a performance fee is not charged, and that underperformance will need to be recouped before a performance fee can be charged. Please note that the example is used for illustrative purposes only and the performance of the Fund, and the performance fees, may be higher or lower or not payable in the future.

# 5. Other important information

### **Taxation**

The following information summarises some of the Australian taxation issues you may wish to consider before making an investment in the Fund and assumes that you hold your investment in the Fund on capital account and are not considered to be carrying on a business of investing, trading in investments or investing for the purpose of profit making by sale. The information should be used as a guide only and does not constitute professional tax advice as individual circumstances may differ.

A number of tax reform measures are currently under review by the Australian Government. These reforms may impact on the tax position of the Fund and its investors. Accordingly, it is recommended that investors seek their own professional advice, specific to their own circumstances, of the taxation implications of investing in the Fund.

### General

The Fund is an Australian resident trust for Australian tax purposes. Therefore, the Fund is required to determine its net income (taxable income) for the year of income. On the basis that investors are presently entitled (which is the intention of Equity Trustees) to the net income of the Fund (including net taxable capital gains) or will be attributed their share of assessable income, exempt income, non-assessable non-exempt income and tax offsets (i.e. credits) of the Fund 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 share of the Fund's net taxable income or the amount attributed to them, and the Fund should not be subject to Australian income tax.

In the case where the Fund makes a loss for Australian tax purposes, the Fund cannot distribute the tax loss to investors. However, the tax loss may be carried forward by the Fund for offset against taxable income of the Fund in subsequent years, subject to the operation of the trust loss rules.

# Attribution Managed Investment Trust ("AMIT") - core rules

The Fund may qualify as an eligible Attribution Managed Investment Trust (AMIT), and if so, intends to elect into the AMIT regime. The AMIT legislation applies an attribution model whereby Equity Trustees as the Responsible Entity of the Fund attributes amounts of trust components of a particular character to investors on a fair and reasonable basis consistent with the operation of the Fund's Constitution, which includes provisions in relation to AMIT. Under the AMIT rules, the following will apply:

Fair and reasonable attribution: Each year, the Fund's determined trust components of assessable income, exempt income, non-assessable non-exempt income and tax offsets (i.e. credits) will be allocated to investors on a "fair and reasonable" attribution basis, rather than being allocated proportionally based on each investor's present entitlement to the income of the Fund.

Unders or overs adjustments: Where the Fund's determined trust components for a year are revised in a subsequent year (e.g. due to actual amounts differing to the estimates of income, gains / losses or expenses), then unders and overs may arise. Unders and overs will generally be carried forward and adjusted in the year of discovery.

Cost base adjustments: Where the distribution made is less than (or more than) certain components attributed to investors, then 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 annual tax statement, referred to as an AMIT Member Annual Statement ("AMMA").

Large withdrawals: In certain circumstances, gains may be attributed to a specific investor, for example, gains on disposal of assets to fund a large withdrawal being attributed to the redeeming investor.

Penalties: In certain circumstances (e.g. failure to comply with certain AMIT rules), specific penalties may be imposed.

The new rules are intended to reduce complexity, increase certainty and reduce compliance costs for managed investment trusts and their investors. Where the Fund does not elect into the AMIT regime, or has made the election but the election is not effective for the income year (e.g. the Fund does not satisfy the requirements to be a managed investment trust for the income year), the Tax Law applicable to non-AMITs should be relevant. In particular, the Fund should not generally pay tax on behalf of its investors and instead, investors should be assessed for tax on any income and capital gains generated by the Fund to which they become presently entitled.

# Deemed Capital Gains Tax ("CGT") Election

Eligible managed investment trusts ("MITs") may make an election to apply a deemed capital account treatment for gains and losses on disposal of certain eligible investments (including equities and units in other trusts but excluding derivatives, debt securities and foreign exchange contracts). Where the election is made, the Fund should hold its eligible investments on capital account and gains/(losses) from the disposal of eligible investments should be treated as capital gains/(losses). Capital gains arising on the disposal of eligible investments held for 12 months or greater may be eligible to be treated as discount capital gains.

Where the CGT election is not made, the Fund should hold its eligible investments on revenue account and gains/(losses) from the disposal of eligible investments should be treated as revenue gains or losses.

# Controlled Foreign Company ("CFC") Provisions

There are certain tax rules (i.e. the CFC provisions) which may result in assessable income arising in the Fund in relation to investments in foreign equities, where certain control thresholds are met. If such interests were to be held at the end of the income year, the taxable income of the Fund may include a share of net income and gains (i.e. CFC attributable income) from such investments.

### Taxation of Financial Arrangements ("TOFA")

The TOFA rules may apply to certain "financial arrangements" held by the Fund. In broad terms, the TOFA regime seeks to recognise "sufficiently certain" returns on certain financial arrangements on an accruals basis for tax purposes rather than on a realisation basis. Where returns from derivative instruments are not "sufficiently certain" they will continue to be recognised on a realisation basis, unless specific tax timing elections are made.

### **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.

# Tax File Number ("TFN") and Australian Business Number ("ABN")

It is not compulsory for an investor to quote their TFN or ABN. If an investor is making this investment in the course of a business or enterprise, the investor may quote an ABN instead of a TFN. Failure by an investor to quote an ABN or TFN or claim an exemption may cause the Responsible Entity to withhold tax at the top marginal rate, plus the Medicare Levy, on gross payments including distributions or attribution of income to the investor. The investor may be able to claim a credit in their tax return for any TFN or ABN tax withheld. Collection of TFNs is permitted under taxation and privacy legislation.

By quoting their TFN or ABN, the investor authorises Equity Trustees to apply it in respect of all the investor's investments with Equity Trustees. If the investor does not want to quote their TFN or ABN for some investments, Equity Trustees should be advised.

# GST

The Fund is registered for GST. The issue or withdrawal of units in the Fund and receipt of distributions are not subject to GST.

The Fund may be required to pay GST included in management and other fees, charges, costs and expenses incurred by the Fund. However, to the extent permissible, the Responsible Entity will claim on behalf of the Fund a proportion of this GST as a reduced input tax credit. Unless otherwise stated, fees and charges quoted in this PDS are inclusive of GST and take into account any available reduced input tax credits. The Fund may be entitled to as yet undetermined additional input tax credits on the fees, charges or costs incurred. If the Responsible Entity is unable to claim input tax credits on behalf of the Fund, the Responsible Entity retains the ability to recover the entire GST component of all fees and charges.

The impact of GST payments and credits will be reflected in the unit price of the Fund. Investors should seek professional advice with respect to the GST consequences arising from their unit holding.

### **Australian Taxation of Australian Resident Investors**

### Distributions

For each year of income, each Australian resident investor will be required to include within their own tax calculations and tax return filings the assessable income, exempt income, non-assessable non-exempt income and tax offsets (i.e. credits) of the Fund attributed to them by Equity Trustees as the Responsible Entity of the Fund.

The tax consequences for investors in the Fund depends on the tax components of assessable income, exempt income, non-assessable non-exempt income and tax offsets (i.e. credits) of the Fund attributed to them.

Investors will receive an Annual Tax Statement (or an "AMMA" for an AMIT) detailing all relevant taxation information concerning attributed amounts and cash distributions, including any Foreign Income Tax Offset ("FITO") and franking credit entitlements, returns of capital, assessable income, and any upwards or downwards cost base adjustment in the capital gains tax cost base of their units in the Fund (in the case of an AMIT).

An investor may receive their share of attributed tax components of the Fund or net income in respect of distributions made during the year or where they have made a large withdrawal from the Fund, in which case their withdrawal proceeds may include their share of net income or attributed tax components of assessable income, exempt income, non-assessable non-exempt income and tax offsets (i.e. credits). In addition, because Australian investors can move into and out of the Fund at different points in time, there is the risk that taxation liabilities in respect of gains that have benefited past investors may have to be met by subsequent investors.

### Foreign Income

The Fund may derive foreign source income that is subject to tax overseas, for example withholding tax. Australian resident investors should include their share of both the foreign income and the amount of the foreign tax withheld in their assessable income. In such circumstances, investors may be entitled to a FITO for the foreign tax paid, against the Australian tax payable on the foreign source income. To the extent the investors do not have sufficient overall foreign source income to utilise all of the FITOs relevant to a particular year of income, the excess FITOs cannot be carried forward to a future income year.

# Disposal of Units by Australian Resident Investors

If an Australian resident investor transfers or redeems their units in the Fund, this may constitute a disposal for tax purposes depending on their specific circumstances.

Where an investor holds their units in the Fund on capital account, a capital gain or loss may arise on disposal and each investor should calculate their capital gain or loss according to their own particular facts and circumstances. As noted above, proceeds on disposal may include a component of distributable income. In calculating the taxable amount of a capital gain, a discount of 50% for individuals and trusts or 33 & 1/3% for complying Australian superannuation funds may be allowed where the units in the Fund have been held for 12 months or more. No CGT discount is available to corporate investors.

Any capital losses arising from the disposal of the investment may be used to offset other capital gains the investor may have derived. Net capital losses may be carried forward for offset against capital gains of subsequent years but may not be offset against ordinary income.

The discount capital gains concession may be denied in certain circumstances where an investor (together with associates) holds 10% or more of the issued units of the Fund, the Fund has less than 300 beneficiaries and other requirements are met. Investors who together with associates are likely to hold more than 10% of the units in the Fund should seek advice on this issue.

### **Australian Taxation of Non-Resident Investors**

### Tax on Income

The Fund expects to derive income which may be subject to Australian withholding tax when attributed by Equity Trustees as the Responsible Entity of the Fund to non-resident investors.

Australian withholding tax may be withheld from distributions of Australian source income and gains attributed to a non-resident investor. The various components of the net income of the Fund which may be regarded as having an Australian source include Australian sourced interest, Australian sourced other gains, Australian sourced dividends and CGT taxable Australian property.

We recommend that non-resident investors seek independent tax advice before investing, taking into account their particular circumstances and the provisions of any relevant Double Taxation Agreement/ Exchange of Information Agreement ("EOI") between Australia and their country of residence.

## **Disposal of Units by Non-Resident Investors**

Based on the Fund's investment profile, generally non-resident investors holding their units on capital account should not be subject to Australian capital gains tax on the disposal of units in the Fund unless the units were capital assets held by the investor in carrying on a business through a permanent establishment in Australia. Australian tax may apply in certain circumstances if the non-resident holds their units on revenue account. CGT may also apply in some cases where the Fund has a direct or indirect interest in Australian real property. We recommend that non-resident investors seek independent tax advice in relation to the tax consequences of the disposal of their units.

### 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 are available at 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.

# **The Constitution**

The Fund is governed by a constitution that sets out the Fund's operation (the "Constitution"). The Constitution, together with the Fund's PDS, the Corporations Act and other laws, regulate our legal relationship with investors in the Fund. If you invest in the Fund, you agree to be bound by the terms of the Fund's PDS and the Fund's Constitution. You can request a copy of the Constitution free of charge from Equity Trustees. Please read these documents carefully before investing in the Fund.

We may amend the Constitution from time to time in accordance with the provisions in the Constitution and the Corporations Act.

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

# **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 and not the Application Form accompanying the PDS. This will mean that you are an Indirect Investor in the Fund and not an investor or member of the Fund. Indirect Investors do not acquire the rights of an investor 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 IDPS Guide or other disclosure document issued by the IDPS Operator.

# 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.

# 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 Australian Taxation Office ("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 Cooperation 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.

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# **Application Form**

The application form that accompanies the PDS.

### **ATO**

Australian Taxation Office

### **AUSTRAC**

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre

### **BPAY**®

BPAY® is an electronic bill payment system in Australia which enables payments to be made through a financial institution's online, mobile or telephone banking facility to organisations which are registered BPAY® billers.

### **Business Day**

A day other than:

- a Saturday, Sunday, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day; and
- any other day which ASX Settlement Pty Ltd (or any replacement, substitute or successor entity) notifies users of the settlement facility provided by it, is not a business day for the purposes of that facility.

# **Gross Asset Value (GAV)**

The value of the assets of the Fund without taking into account the liabilities of that Fund.

### **High Water Mark**

No performance fees are payable until:

- any accrued underperformance (in dollar terms) from prior periods has been made up; and
- the NAV of the Fund at the end of the performance fee period is greater than the NAV of the Fund at the end of the last performance fee period for which a performance fee was paid.

# **Indirect Investors**

Individuals who invest in the Fund through an IDPS.

# <u>IDPS</u>

Investor-Directed Portfolio Service or investor-directed portfoliolike managed investment scheme. An IDPS is generally the vehicle through which an investor purchases a range of underlying investment options from numerous investment managers.

# **IDPS** Guide

Investor-Directed Portfolio Service guide

### **IDPS Operator**

An entity responsible for operating an IDPS.

# Net Asset Value (NAV)

The value of the assets of the Fund less the value of the liabilities of that Fund.

# **Retail Client**

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

### **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.

### We, us

Refers to Equity Trustees

# Wholesale Client

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

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