

# Magellan High Conviction Trust

## **Annual Report**

For the year ended 30 June 2023

ABN 25 531 724 961

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## **Chairman's Report**

for the year ended 30 June 2023

Dear Unitholders,

We are pleased to present the Annual Report for Magellan High Conviction Trust (the "Fund"). The Fund is a managed investment scheme for which Magellan Asset Management Limited ("MAM") acts as both Responsible Entity and Investment Manager.

The Fund is an open-ended active ETF quoted on the ASX under the AQUA Rules (ticker code: MHHT). As at 30 June 2023, the Fund had net assets of \$449 million and a net asset value of \$1.5342 per unit after providing for a distribution of 2.340 cents per unit for the six months to 30 June 2023 (six months to 30 June 2022: 2.460 cents per unit). The Fund paid total distributions of 4.780 cents per unit (30 June 2022: 4.840 cents per unit) for the year. This is consistent with MAM's stated intention to target a cash distribution yield of 3% per annum of the average of the month-end NAV per Unit over the two year rolling period ending on the last Business Day of the prior distribution period.

The Fund's portfolio is actively managed by MAM and aims to achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns over the medium to long term for unitholders through investment in a concentrated portfolio. During the period, the Fund invested in in a portfolio of between 10 and 20 high-quality global equity stocks, as assessed by MAM, and had the ability to manage equity market risk by holding up to 50% of its net assets in cash.

The Fund continues to be weighted towards MAM's highest conviction ideas and, in addition, reflects MAM's desire to:

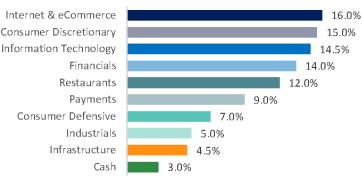
- invest in high-quality businesses having a smaller market capitalisation where potential returns may be greater;
- increase position sizing flexibility and portfolio balance;
- · improve risk management and the diversification of common exposures; and
- enhance MAM's ability to respond to corporate actions undertaken by portfolio companies.

For the 12 months to 30 June 2023, the Fund returned 23.3% net of fees.

We encourage you to read Magellan's Year InReview 2023, our annual investor communication published in July each year, which shares a collection of thought-provoking investment perspectives from across the Magellan investment teams. You can access Year InReview 2023 at: <a href="https://www.magellangroup.com.au/year-inreview-2023">https://www.magellangroup.com.au/year-inreview-2023</a>. We also encourage you to read our monthly and quarterly Fund Reports which provide valuable insight into our investment strategies and portfolio managers' thoughts. These are released on ASX and can also be found on our website at: <a href="https://www.magellangroup.com.au">www.magellangroup.com.au</a>.

As per the 30 June 2023 Fund Update, the Fund consisted of investments in 14 companies. The Fund's cash position was 3% and was predominantly held in US Dollars. The Fund's top five investments and its industry exposure by source of revenues are highlighted below.





## **Chairman's Report**

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The following report contains relevant financial statements and information which we recommend you read carefully.

Yours sincerely,

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**Robert Fraser** 

Chairman

Sydney, 28 August 2023

for the year ended 30 June 2023

The Directors of Magellan Asset Management Limited (ABN 31 120 593 946) ("MAM"), the Responsible Entity of Magellan High Conviction Trust (the "Fund") present their annual report on the Fund for the period ended 30 June 2023.

#### 1. Directors

The following persons were Directors of MAM during the period and up to the date of this report:

		Appointed	Resigned
Robert Fraser	Chairman	23 April 2014	
David Dixon	Deputy Chairman and Non-Executive Director <sup>1</sup>	1 November 2022	
John Eales	Non-Executive Director	1 July 2017	
Andrew Formica	Non-Executive Director <sup>2</sup>	26 July 2023	
Colette Garnsey	Non-Executive Director	30 November 2020	
David George	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer <sup>3</sup>	19 July 2022	
Hamish McLennan	Non-Executive Director	1 March 2016	
Kirsten Morton	Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer <sup>4</sup>	5 October 2018	3 July 2023
Karen Phin	Non-Executive Director	23 April 2014	20 October 2022

Mr Dixon was appointed Deputy Chairman and Non-Executive Director on 1 November 2022.

#### 2. Principal Activity

The Fund is a registered managed investment scheme, domiciled in Australia, with the principal place of business at Level 36, 25 Martin Place, Sydney, New South Wales, 2000 and quoted on the Australian Securities Exchange ("ASX") under the AQUA Rules (ticker code: MHHT).

MAM, as Responsible Entity, is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Fund. MAM is also Investment Manager, responsible for selecting and managing the assets of the Fund. In addition, the Responsible Entity, on behalf of the Fund, may also provide trading liquidity to investors on the ASX under the AQUA Rules by acting as a buyer and seller of units in the Fund. The Responsible Entity has appointed an independent market participant to act as its agent to execute its market making activities.

The Portfolio will typically comprise 10 to 20 investments and is weighted towards MAM's highest conviction ideas, as assessed by the Portfolio Managers. MAM seeks to invest in a focused portfolio of outstanding global companies and seeks to purchase investments when they are trading at a discount to MAM's assessment of their intrinsic value. MAM undertakes extensive fundamental analysis on the individual companies and the industries in which they operate.

While the Fund adopts a largely unhedged approach to foreign currency exposures arising from portfolio investments in foreign markets, the Fund retains the flexibility to occasionally utilise hedging to reduce the impact of foreign currency exposures associated with identified event risks.

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns over the medium to long term, while reducing the risk of permanent capital loss, in accordance with its investment strategy (as detailed in the Product Disclosure Statement ("PDS") issued on 16 December 2022).

### 3. Significant Changes in State of Affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund during the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Mr Formica was appointed Non-Executive Director on 26 July 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Mr George was appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer on 19 July 2022. Mr George was Chief Investment Officer from 17 October 2022 to 18 August 2023.

Ms Morton resigned as Director on 3 July 2023.

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#### 4. Review of Financial Results and Operations

#### 4.1. Financial Results for the Period

The performance of the Fund, as represented by the results of its operations for the periods ended 30 June, was as follows:

	30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2022
Results		
Total net investment income/(loss) (\$'000)	105,503	(151,136)
Total expenses (\$'000)	7,962	14,179
Profit/(Loss) (\$'000)	97,541	(165,315)
<b>Distributions</b> Distribution paid and payable (\$'000) Distribution paid and payable (CPU) <sup>1</sup>	15,372 4.78	21,160 4.84
Unit Price (NAV Per Unit) (\$) <sup>2</sup> ASX Reported NAV Per Unit (\$) <sup>3</sup>	1.5342 1.5576	1.2882 1.3128

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cents per unit.

#### Distribution Components

Distribution components, which can be found in the 'Our Funds' section of the Magellan Financial Group ("MFG") website, <a href="https://www.magellangroup.com.au">www.magellangroup.com.au</a>, are as follows:

	31 Dec 2022 Interim Distribution CPU	30 Jun 2023 Final Distribution CPU	31 Dec 2021 Interim Distribution CPU	30 Jun 2022 Final Distribution CPU
Other non-attributable amounts (tax deferred amounts)	2.4400	2.3400	2.3800	2.4600
Attribution Amount	2.4400	2.3400	2.3800	2.4600
Cash Distribution	2.4400	2.3400	2.3800	2.4600

#### 4.2. Total Indirect Cost Ratio

The Total Indirect Cost Ratio ("ICR") is the ratio of the Fund's actual management costs over the average portfolio value expressed as a percentage. Management costs, accrued within the Fund's unit prices on a daily basis, include management and performance fees but do not include transactional and operational costs such as brokerage or foreign withholding tax.

	30 Jun 2023 %	30 Jun 2022 %
Management fee	1.50	1.50
Performance fee <sup>1</sup>	-	0.13
Total Indirect Cost Ratio	1.50	1.63

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Performance fees are calculated on six monthly measurement periods ending on 30 June and 31 December of each calendar year. The Performance fees component of the ICR is calculated on an accrual basis for each measurement period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Net Asset Value ("NAV") per unit represents the net assets of the Fund presented in the Statement of Financial Position at balance date divided by the number of units on issue at balance date (refer Note 10 of the Financial Statements).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The NAV per unit reported to the ASX differs to the NAV per unit at balance date due to distributions payable and fee accruals.

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#### 4.3. Performance Returns

The performance returns have been calculated using the redemption unit price for the Fund, which is after fees and expenses, assuming the reinvestment of distributions. The returns are calculated daily, compounded to produce longer period returns.

	30 Jun 2023 %	30 Jun 2022 %
Growth return <sup>1</sup>	19.1	(25.7)
Distribution return <sup>2</sup>	4.2	2.4
Total Return <sup>3</sup>	23.3	(23.3)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Growth return is calculated daily as a percentage by dividing the unit price (ex-distribution) by the previous day's unit price (ex-distribution) minus 1; the daily Growth returns are then compounded to produce longer period returns.

#### 5. Strategy and Future Outlook

The Fund's investment objective is unchanged. The results of the Fund's operations will be affected by a number of factors, including the performance of investment markets in which the Fund invests. Therefore, investment performance is not guaranteed and future returns may differ from past returns. As investment conditions change over time, past returns should not be used to predict future returns.

The Fund provides daily unit prices, monthly fund updates, quarterly portfolio disclosures and annual investor reports, which can be found in the 'Our Funds' section of the MFG website, <a href="www.magellangroup.com.au">www.magellangroup.com.au</a> and also the ASX website. Fund updates and investor reports include detailed discussions in relation to some investee companies from time to time along with general outlook commentary.

#### 6. Interest in the Fund

The movement in units on issue in the Fund is disclosed in Note 8 to the Financial Statements.

### 7. Likely Developments and Expected Results of Operations

The Fund will continue to invest in companies and businesses in accordance with the investment strategy as set out in the PDS.

The method of operating the Fund is not expected to change in the foreseeable future. However the results of the Fund's operations may be affected by a number of factors, including the performance of investment markets in which the Fund invests.

#### 8. Subsequent Events

On 25 July 2023, it was announced that Mr Andrew Formica was appointed as a Non-Executive Director with effect from 26 July 2023.

On 17 August 2023, it was announced that Mrs Deborah Page AM will be appointed as a Non-Executive Director with effect from 3 October 2023.

NAV moves as a result of a number of factors including movements in asset prices, exchange rates, unitholder subscriptions and redemptions. Subsequent to balance date, as at 24 August 2023, the Fund had a NAV per unit of \$1.5778 with a net asset value of \$445,868,000 and 282,590,000 units. Asset prices move daily and intraday indicative NAV per unit and daily NAV per unit are available on the MFG website <a href="https://www.magellangroup.com.au">www.magellangroup.com.au</a> and also the ASX website.

Other than the above and items disclosed throughout this Responsible Entity's Report, there have been no matters or circumstances arising after the end of the period that have significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the Fund's operations, the results of its operations, or the Fund's state of affairs in future financial periods.

#### 9. Indemnification and Insurance of Directors and Officers

The Directors and Officers of the Responsible Entity in office are insured to the extent permitted by law for losses, liabilities, costs and charges in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in their capacity as Directors and Officers of the Responsible Entity, other than for conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Responsible Entity.

During the period, MAM paid an insurance premium to insure the Directors and Officers of the Responsible Entity. The terms of the contract prohibit the disclosure of the premiums paid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Distribution return is calculated as a percentage by subtracting the Growth return from the Total Return.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Total Return is calculated daily as a percentage by dividing the unit price (cum-distribution) by the previous day's unit price (ex-distribution)minus 1; the daily Total Returns are then compounded to produce longer period returns.

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#### 10. Rounding of Amounts

The Fund is of a kind referred to in the ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 and consequently amounts in the Responsible Entity's Report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with that Legislative Instrument, or in certain cases, the nearest dollar.

#### 11. Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 9.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of the Responsible Entity.

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**Robert Fraser** 

Chairman

Sydney, 28 August 2023



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## Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Magellan Asset Management Limited as Responsible Entity for Magellan High Conviction Trust

As lead auditor for the audit of Magellan High Conviction Trust for the financial year ended 30 June 2023, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit;
- b. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit; and
- c. No non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

**Ernst & Young** 

Ernste Young

**Clare Sporle**Partner

Sydney, 28 August 2023

## **Statement of Profit or Loss and Comprehensive Income**

for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note ( )	30 Jun 2023 \$'000	30 Jun 2022 \$'000
Investment Income		
Dividend and distribution income	3,570	4,523
Interest income	525	41
Net change in fair value of investments	100,402	(162,200)
Net gains/(losses) on foreign exchange settlements, derivative contracts and cash	1,006	6,500
Total Net Investment Income/(Loss)	105,503	(151,136)
Expenses		
Management fees 11	7,222	12,095
Performance fees 11	-	1,052
Withholding tax on dividends and distributions	496	678
Transaction costs	244	345
Finance costs	-	3
Other expenses	-	6
Total Expenses	7,962	14,179
Profit/(Loss)	97,541	(165,315)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	97,541	(165,315)
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Basic Earnings Per Unit (Cents) 9	27.70	(35.94)
<b>Diluted Earnings Per Unit (Cents)</b> 9	27.70	(35.94)

The above Statement of Profit or Loss and Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

## **Statement of Financial Position**

as at 30 June 2023

	Note	30 Jun 2023 \$'000	30 Jun 2022 \$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	8,902	100,735
Receivables	5	3,997	324
Investments	6	444,713	433,452
Total Assets		457,612	534,511
Liabilities			
Distributions payable	2	6,847	9,982
Payables	7	1,852	1,788
Total Liabilities		8,699	11,770
Total Unitholders' Equity		448,913	522,741

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

## **Statement of Changes in Equity**

for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note	30 Jun 2023 \$'000	30 Jun 2022 \$'000
Total Unitholders' Equity at the beginning of the Period	522,741	1,006,205
Transactions with Unitholders in their Capacity as Owners:		
Units issued	305	1,936
Units issued under Distribution Reinvestment Plan 2	4,234	6,382
Units redeemed	(160,536)	(304,840)
Units bought back on-market and cancelled 8	-	(639)
	(155,997)	(297,161)
MFG contribution to offset dilutionary impact of DRP discount	-	172
Distributions paid and payable 2	(15,372)	(21,160)
Total Transactions with Unitholders	(171,369)	(318,149)
Profit/(loss)	97,541	(165,315)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	97,541	(165,315)
Total Unitholders' Equity at the end of the Period	448,913	522,741

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

## **Statement of Cash Flows**

for the year ended 30 June 2023

Note	30 Jun 2023 \$'000	30 Jun 2022 \$'000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Dividends and distributions received (net of withholding tax)	3,108	3,970
Interest received	516	18
Management and performance fees paid	(7,277)	(23,502)
Transaction costs paid	(244)	(354)
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities 4	(3,897)	(19,868)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of investments	(322,249)	(284,648)
Proceeds from sale of investments	407,607	683,699
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)	4,069	2,913
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Investing Activities	89,427	401,964
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Receipts from issue of units	305	1,936
MFG contribution to offset dilutionary impact of DRP discount	-	172
Payments for redemption of units	(160,345)	(303,790)
Payments for buyback of units	-	(639)
Distributions paid	(14,273)	(17,857)
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Financing Activities	(174,313)	(320,178)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(88,783)	61,918
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	100,735	35,930
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents	(3,050)	2,887
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Period 3	8,902	100,735

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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#### **Overview**

The Magellan High Conviction Trust (the "Fund") is a registered managed investment scheme under the *Corporations Act 2001* and quoted on the ASX under the AQUA Rules (ticker code: MHHT). The Fund was registered on 16 July 2019 and in accordance with the Fund's Constitution, commenced on the date that the first unit was issued, which was 11 October 2019. The Fund terminates on the earlier of the time provided by the Fund's Constitution or by law.

MAM (ABN 31 120 593 946) is the Responsible Entity of the Fund.

This financial report was authorised for issue by the Directors of the Responsible Entity on 28 August 2023. The Directors have the power to amend and reissue this financial report.

The Fund is considered a for-profit unit trust for the purpose of this financial report.

#### 1. Basis of Preparation

This general purpose financial report is presented in Australian Dollars and has been prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standards ("AASB") and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board, other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the Fund's Constitution. The financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The Statement of Financial Position is presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and are not distinguished between current and non-current. All material balances are expected to be recovered or settled within 12 months, except for financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. These fair value assets and liabilities comprise mainly investments that are managed based on the economic circumstances at any given point in time, as well as to meet any liquidity requirements. Consequently, the investments that may be realised within 12 months cannot be determined at balance date.

All amounts in the financial statements are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000) or in certain cases, the nearest dollar, unless otherwise stated in accordance with the ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191.

#### 1.1. Accounting Policies

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this financial report are contained within the notes to which they relate. The policies adopted in the preparation of this financial report are consistent with those of the previous financial period. The Fund has not early adopted any accounting standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective at balance date.

#### 1.2. Foreign Currency Translation

The functional and presentation currency of the Fund is the Australian Dollar, as determined in accordance with AASB 121 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Australian Dollars at the foreign currency exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated to Australian Dollars at the foreign currency closing exchange rate at balance date.

Foreign currency exchange differences arising on translation, and realised gains and losses on disposals or settlements of monetary assets and liabilities are recognised in profit or loss. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are translated to Australian Dollars at the foreign currency closing exchange rates at the dates that the values were determined. Foreign currency exchange differences relating to monetary items, including cash and cash equivalents, are presented separately in profit or loss.

#### 1.3. Investment Income

#### Dividend and Distribution Income

Dividend and distribution income is recognised on the applicable ex-dividend/distribution date gross of withholding tax, which is recorded as an expense in profit or loss. Dividends and distributions received are presented net of withholding tax in the Statement of Cash Flows.

#### Net Change in Fair Value of Investments

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments measured at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Comprehensive Income. The net change in fair value does not include dividend and distribution income.

#### Interest Income

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest rate method.

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#### 1.4. Expenses

All expenses are recognised in profit or loss on an accruals basis.

#### 1.5. Income Tax

On 5 May 2016, the Attribution Managed Investment Trust ("AMIT") regime was established under the *Tax Laws Amendment* (New Tax System for Managed Investment Trusts) Act 2016. The AMIT regime allows Managed Investment Trusts that meet certain requirements to make an irrevocable choice to be an AMIT. The Fund elected into the AMIT regime effective from the date of registration.

Under current income tax legislation, the Fund is not subject to income tax provided the Fund attributes the entirety of its taxable income to unitholders.

The Fund currently incurs withholding tax imposed by certain countries on investment income. Such income is recorded gross of withholding tax in profit or loss. The benefits of foreign withholding tax paid, and of imputation credits attaching to Australian franked dividends, are passed onto unitholders.

#### 1.6. Goods and Services Tax

The Goods and Services Tax ("GST") incurred on the costs of various services provided to the Fund by third parties, such as custodial services and management fees, have been passed onto the Fund. The Fund qualifies for Reduced Input Tax Credits ("RITC") at a rate of 55%-75% and is also eligible to recover GST on offshore transactions. Management and performance fees and other expenses have been recognised in profit or loss net of the amount of GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included in the Statement of Financial Position as a receivable or payable. Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis.

#### 1.7. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of the Fund's financial statements required the Directors to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. The Directors base their judgements and estimates on historical experience and various other factors they believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, but which are inherently uncertain and unpredictable. As a result, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Where listed equities have no active market the Directors determine fair value with reference to external observable information and conditions existing at balance date. Fair values may however move materially with movements in market prices (refer Note 12). As all investments are valued with reference to the listed quoted prices and the Fund's cash is held at strongly rated financial institutions, the Fund's financial assets and liabilities are not subject to significant judgement or complexity.

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#### 2. Distributions to Unitholders

Distributions are determined by the Responsible Entity of the Fund and are payable as set out in the Fund's PDS. Distributable income includes capital gains arising from the disposal of financial assets and liabilities. Unrealised gains and losses on financial assets and liabilities that are recognised as income are transferred to unitholders' equity and are not assessable or distributable until realised. Net realised capital losses and tax losses are not distributed to unitholders but are retained to be offset against any realised capital gains and future assessable income respectively. The Responsible Entity may attribute an amount to a unitholder on redemption.

The Fund intends to target a cash distribution yield of 3% per annum, paid semi-annually for the periods ended June and December. The Target Cash Distribution ("TCD") for each period will be determined by using the average of the month-end NAV per unit over a two year rolling period ending on the last business day of the prior distribution period.

Distributions to unitholders are recognised directly in equity and presented in the Statement of Changes in Equity. A distribution payable is recognised in the Statement of Financial Position where the distribution has been declared but remains unpaid at balance date.

Distributions for the periods ended 30 June are as follows:

	\$'000	CPU	Date Paid
Period ended 30 June 2023			
Interim distribution paid	8,525	2.440	18 Jan 2023
Final distribution payable	6,847	2.340	21 Jul 2023

	\$'000	CPU	Date Paid
Period ended 30 June 2022			
Interim distribution paid	11,178	2.380	19 Jan 2022
Final distribution payable	9,982	2.460	21 Jul 2022

On 6 July 2023, MAM announced the TCD for the six month period ended 31 December 2023 will be 2.27CPU.

#### Distribution Reinvestment Plan

The Fund's Distribution Reinvestment Plan ("DRP") was available to eligible unitholders during the period.

Under the terms of the DRP, eligible unitholders are able to elect to reinvest all or part of their cash distributions in additional units in the Fund, free of any brokerage or other transaction costs. Units are issued and/or transferred to DRP participants at a price determined by MAM in accordance with the DRP Rules.

Details of the DRP for the interim and final distributions are as follows:

	31 Dec 2022 Interim Distribution	30 Jun 2023 Final Distribution	31 Dec 2021 Interim Distribution	30 Jun 2022 Final Distribution
DRP issue price (\$)	1.2569	1.5342	1.8059	1.2882
DRP unitholder participation rate (%)	23.15	23.30	27.81	22.64
Number of units issued under DRP	1,570,551	1,039,911	1,721,342	1,754,277
Value of ordinary issued under DRP (\$'000)	1,974	1,595	3,109	2,260
DRP issue date	18 Jan 2023	21 Jul 2023	19 Jan 2022	21 Jul 2022

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#### 3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	30 Jun 2023 \$'000	30 Jun 2022 \$'000
Cash at bank - denominated in Australian Dollars	2,827	2,942
Cash at bank - denominated in foreign currency:		
United States Dollars	5,983	97,768
Canadian Dollars	45	-
British Pounds	20	-
Euro	17	16
Hong Kong Dollars	10	9
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	8,902	100,735

Cash comprises cash at bank. Cash equivalents are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### 4. Statement of Cash Flows Reconciliation

	30 Jun 2023 \$'000	30 Jun 2022 \$'000
Reconciliation of Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Profit/(Loss)	97,541	(165,315)
Net change in fair value of investments	(100,402)	162,200
Net (gain)/loss on foreign exchange settlements, derivative contracts and cash	(972)	(6,506)
Net (increase)/decrease in receivables	63	1,287
Net increase/(decrease) in payables	(127)	(11,534)
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities	(3,897)	(19,868)
Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activities  Distributions reinvested into units in the Fund	4,234	6,382

#### 5. Receivables

30 Jun 2023 \$'000	30 Jun 2022 \$'000
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold 3,736	-
Recoverable GST and foreign withholding tax 229	301
Interest receivable 32	23
Total Receivables 3,997	324

Receivables comprise amounts due from brokers for sales of assets unsettled at balance date, dividends and trust distributions declared but not yet received, and reclaimable taxes. They are recognised and carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method and adjusted for changes in foreign exchange rates where applicable. A provision is deducted from receivables for uncollectible amounts based on expected credit losses, if applicable. Expected credit losses are calculated as the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Fund expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The Fund applies the simplified approach for receivables whereby the loss allowance is based on lifetime expected credit losses at each balance date.

At balance date, the Fund's receivables, excluding recoverable GST and foreign withholding tax, were due within 0 to 30 days (June 2022: 0 to 30 days). Recoverable GST is due within 30 to 90 days (June 2022: 30 to 90 days). Foreign withholding tax is due within 2 to 4 years (June 2022: 2 to 4 years) depending on the jurisdiction. No amounts are impaired or past due at 30 June 2023 or 30 June 2022.

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#### 6. Investments and Derivatives

The Fund classifies its equity securities, derivative assets and derivative liabilities as financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund discloses the fair value measurements of financial assets and financial liabilities using a three-level fair value hierarchy to reflect the source of valuation inputs used when determining the fair value as follows:

- Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. The fair value of these securities is based on the closing price for the security as quoted on the relevant exchange.
- Level 2: valuation techniques using observable inputs either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices). The fair value
  of derivatives is based on a discounted cash flow analysis using quoted market inputs (spot and forward rates, volatility) adjusted
  for specific features of the instruments and applied debit and credit valuation adjustments based on the Fund's, or the derivative
  counterparties' current credit worthiness.
- Level 3: valuation techniques using non-market observable inputs.

The equity securities, including stock exchange domicile, held by the Fund are:

	Domicile	30 Jun 2023 Holding	30 Jun 2022 Holding	30 Jun 2023 \$'000	30 Jun 2022 \$'000
Investments (Level 1)					
Microsoft	United States	92,077	171,033	47,105	63,879
Visa - Class A	United States	120,648	192,990	43,043	55,257
Intercontinental Exchange	United States	249,934	322,071	42,459	44,045
Amazon.com	United States	206,480	314,335	40,437	48,550
Yum! Brands	United States	176,957	282,099	36,832	46,566
Booking Holdings	United States	8,931	-	36,230	-
Lowe's	United States	98,097	-	33,261	-
Alphabet - Class C	United States	169,721	19,153	30,844	60,927
Diageo	United Kingdom	474,809	-	30,643	-
Safran	France	100,552	220,294	23,643	31,553
WEC Energy Group	United States	166,562	-	22,080	-
Salesforce.com	United States	62,721	-	19,906	-
Brookfield	Canada	381,535	-	19,319	-
Chipotle Mexican Grill	United States	5,885	-	18,911	-
SAP	Germany	-	354,297	-	46,824
Meta Platforms - Class A	United States	-	77,483	-	18,169
Netflix	United States	-	69,531	-	17,682
Total Investments				444,713	433,452

The Fund does not hold any level 2 or 3 assets or liabilities. There have been no transfers between any of the three levels in the hierarchy during the period and the Fund's policy is to recognise transfers into and out of fair value hierarchy levels as at balance date.

Financial assets and liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss are measured initially at fair value, which in the case of the Fund is the transaction price. Brokerage costs are expensed immediately in the profit or loss. Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and liabilities classified at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss. The net change in fair value does not include dividend or distribution income.

Purchases and sales are recognised on trade date, being the date the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the assets expire or are transferred. A transfer occurs when substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are passed to a third party. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired.

The fair value of equity securities traded in active markets is based on their quoted market prices at balance date without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. The quoted market price used for securities held by the Fund is the closing price for the security as quoted on the relevant stock exchange. If a quoted market price is not available on a recognised stock exchange or from a broker/dealer for non-exchange-traded financial instruments, the fair value of the instrument is estimated using valuation techniques including recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of other instruments that are

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substantially the same, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants.

During the period 240 listed security transactions were made, incurring brokerage costs of \$244,000.

#### 7. Payables

Note	30 Jun 2023 \$'000	30 Jun 2022 \$'000
Redemptions payable	1,242	1,051
Management fees payable 11	610	737
Total Payables	1,852	1,788

Payables comprise trade creditors and accrued expenses owing by the Fund at balance date. Amounts due to brokers relating to the purchase of investments are usually settled between two and five days after trade date. Payables and accruals are recognised at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method, at the point where the Fund becomes obliged to make payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services.

At balance date, all payables mature in 0 to 90 days (June 2022: 0 to 90 days).

#### 8. Unitholders' Equity

Note	30 Jun 2023 No. of Units '000	30 Jun 2022 No. of Units '000
Units on Issue		
Opening balance	405,789	580,492
Units issued	230	868
Units issued under DRP 2	3,325	3,709
Units redeemed	(116,731)	(178,899)
Units bought back on-market and cancelled	-	(381)1
Units on Issue at end of the Period	292,613	405,789

<sup>1</sup> As a result of the Fund's transition from a closed-ended unit trust to an active ETF on 31 August 2021, the on-market buy-back was cancelled.

As the Fund has elected into the AMIT regime, units in the Fund are classified as equity under AASB 132: *Financial Instruments: Presentation.* As a result, equity transactions including distributions have been included in the Statement of Changes in Equity.

#### **Ordinary Units**

Applications received for units in the Fund are recorded net of entry fees. Redemptions from the Fund are recorded gross of exit fees. The Fund recognises units issued or redeemed when settled, which is trade date.

Each unit confers upon the unitholder an equal interest in the Fund and is of equal value to other units in the Fund. A unit does not confer upon the holder any interest in any particular asset or investment of the Fund. The rights of unitholders are contained in the Fund's Constitution and include:

- the right to receive a distribution determined in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution;
- the right to attend and vote at meetings of unitholders;
- the right to participate in the termination and winding up of the Fund; and
- the right to redeem units, subject to restrictions disclosed in the Fund's PDS. Those restrictions may include where trading in units on the ASX are suspended for five consecutive business days. In this case, unitholders may apply to the Responsible Entity to make an off-market withdrawal of their investment from the Fund when the Fund is liquid. Where the Fund ceases to be liquid, units may only be withdrawn once an offer is made to all investors in the Fund in accordance with the Fund's Constitution.

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There may be other circumstances where off-market withdrawals from the Fund are suspended for up to 28 days, including where:

- it is impracticable for the Responsible Entity, or the Responsible Entity is unable, to calculate the NAV of the Fund;
- the payment of withdrawal proceeds involves realising a significant portion of the Fund's assets which would, in the Responsible Entity's opinion, result in remaining investors bearing a disproportionate amount of capital gains tax or expenses, or suffering any other disadvantage or diminution of the value of units held;
- · the Responsible Entity reasonably considers it would be in the interests of investors, or
- it is otherwise permitted by law; or the Responsible Entity receives withdrawal requests of an aggregate value that in its reasonable estimate exceeds 5% of the Fund's assets.

There are no separate classes of units and each unit in the Fund has the same rights attaching to it as all other units of the Fund.

### 9. Earnings per Unit

Basic Earnings Per Unit ("EPU") is calculated as profit/(loss) for the period divided by the weighted average number of units on issue. Diluted earnings per unit is calculated by adjusting the basic earnings per unit to take into account the effect of any changes in income or expense associated with dilutive potential units and the weighted average number of additional ordinary units that would have been outstanding assuming the conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary units.

	30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2022
Basic EPU		
Profit/(loss) attributable to unitholders (\$'000)	97,541	(165,315)
Weighted average number of units for basic EPU ('000)	352,198	460,009
Basic EPU (Cents)	27.70	(35.94)
Diluted EPU		
Profit/(loss) attributable to unitholders (\$'000)	97,541	(165,315)
Weighted average number of units for diluted EPU ('000)	352,198	460,009
Diluted EPU (Cents)	27.70	(35.94)
Earnings Reconciliation		
Profit/(loss) used in the calculation of basic and diluted EPU (\$'000)	97,541	(165,315)

As the Fund has no potential dilutive units basic and diluted EPU are equal. Since the end of the period, the Fund has issued ordinary units under the DRP (refer Note 2).

#### 10. Net Asset Value per Unit

The NAV per unit represents the net assets of the Fund presented in the Statement of Financial Position at balance date divided by the number of units on issue at balance date (refer Note 8).

	30 Jun 2023 \$	30 Jun 2022 \$
NAV per unit	1.5342	1.2882

The NAV per unit at balance date may differ from the NAV per unit reported to the ASX due to distributions payable and fee accruals.

NAV moves as a result of a number of factors including movements in asset prices, exchange rates, units bought back and unitholder subscriptions and redemptions. Asset prices move daily and intraday indicative NAV per unit and daily NAV per unit are available on the MFG website and also the ASX website. Subsequent to balance date, as at 24 August 2023, the Fund had a NAV per unit of \$1.5778 with net asset value of \$445,868,000 and 282,590,000 units.

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#### 11. Related Parties

#### Responsible Entity

The Responsible Entity of the Fund is MAM. MAM is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MFG, the immediate and ultimate parent entity of the Responsible Entity and both are considered to be related parties of the Fund.

#### Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel ("KMP") are those persons or corporate entities who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Fund. The Responsible Entity is responsible for managing the activities of the Fund and is considered to be a KMP. The Fund does not employ personnel in its own right.

The Directors of MAM are considered to be KMP. The Directors of MAM during the period and up to the date of this report are: Mr David Dixon (appointed 1 November 2022), Mr John Eales, Mr Andrew Formica (appointed 26 July 2023), Mr Robert Fraser, Ms Colette Garnsey, Mr David George (appointed 19 July 2022), Mr Hamish McLennan, Ms Kirsten Morton (resigned 3 July 2023) and Ms Karen Phin (resigned 20 October 2022). The Fund did not pay any compensation to the Directors of the Responsible Entity.

#### Responsible Entity Fees

Compensation is paid to the Responsible Entity in the form of fees as follows:

#### Management Fees

The Responsible Entity is entitled to receive management fees from the Fund for managing the assets and overseeing the operations of the Fund. The management fee is 1.50% per annum (excluding GST) of the value of the Fund, calculated daily. The Responsible Entity pays operating expenses of the Fund, such as audit and tax compliance fees, distribution costs, investor reporting, custody and fund administration costs. Management fees are calculated daily based on the NAV (before fees) of the Fund reflected in the daily unit prices of the Fund and are payable at the end of each month.

#### Performance Fees

The Responsible Entity is entitled to Performance fees of 10% of excess return of the Fund above the Absolute Return Performance Hurdle (10% per annum), subject to exceeding the applicable high watermark and an overall cap. Performance fees crystallise at the end of a calculation period, or when units are redeemed, subject to a performance fee entitlement existing at the date of redemption. The estimated NAV of the Fund includes a performance fee accrual equal to the amount that would be payable if it were the end of a calculation period. Further details of the performance fees can be found in the Fund's PDS which is available at <a href="https://www.magellangroup.com.au">www.magellangroup.com.au</a>.

#### Total Management and Performance Fees

The fees paid/payable by the Fund are net of any applicable reduced input tax credits (refer Note 1.6). The management and performance fees paid/payable by the Fund are as follows:

	30 Jun 2023 \$	30 Jun 2022 \$
Management fees	7,221,503	12,094,983
Performance fees	-	1,052,120
<b>Total Fees Expensed in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Comprehensive Income</b>	7,221,503	13,147,103
Total Fees Payable in the Statement of Financial Position	610,090	737,354

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#### Transactions with Related Parties

The number of units held and related transactions during the period by each KMP, including their personally-related parties, in the Fund is as follows:

				30 Jun 2022				30 Jun 2023
	Acquired/ disposed Number <sup>1</sup>	Holding Number	%	Distribution paid/payable \$2	Acquired/ disposed Number <sup>1</sup>	Holding Number	%	Distribution paid/payable \$²
MFG	4,561,060	25,918,240	6.39	1,254,443	-	25,918,240	8.86	1,238,892
Directors								
Brett Cairns <sup>3</sup>	2,558	189,759	na	-	-	-	na	-
John Eales	6,078	231,012	_4	11,036	8,984	239,996	_4	11,253
Robert Fraser	7,035	267,398	_4	12,775	10,397	277,795	_4	13,025
Paul Lewis⁵	35,000	1,531,053	na	-	-	-	na	-
Hamish McLennan	1,012	38,452	_4	1,837	1,495	39,947	_4	1,873
Kirsten Morton	607	23,071	_4	1,102	897	23,968	_4	1,124
Karen Phin <sup>6</sup>	2,023	124,737	_4	5,989	1,469	126,206	na	-

Includes DRP units allotted.

Transactions between the Fund and related parties are subject to the same terms and conditions as those entered into by other unitholders. Unless specified above, no other KMP held units in the Fund.

#### 12. Capital and Financial Risk Management

#### Financial Risk Management

The Fund's investment portfolio primarily comprises listed equity investments. The investment objectives of the Fund are to achieve attractive risk-adjusted returns over the medium to long-term, whilst reducing the risk of permanent capital loss, in accordance with its investment strategy (as detailed in the current PDS). The Fund's investing activities expose it to various types of risks including concentration risk, market risk, liquidity risk and credit risk.

Financial risk management is carried out under policies approved by the Responsible Entity. The risk management programme focuses on ensuring compliance with the Fund's PDS and seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Fund is exposed.

The following disclosures in relation to the various risks of the Fund's portfolio have been based on the Fund's direct holdings.

#### Concentration Risk

Concentration risk indicates the relative sensitivity of the Fund's performance to developments affecting a particular industry or geographical location. The Fund holds a concentrated portfolio of investments, and the returns of the Fund may be dependent upon the performance of individual companies. The concentrated exposure may lead to increased volatility in the Fund's unit price, and also increases the risk of poor performance.

The Fund's concentration risk is managed in accordance with the portfolio risk controls for the Fund, which are approved by MAM's Investment Committee.

### Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market variables such as equity prices, foreign exchange rates, and interest rates.

#### Equity Price Risk

Equity price risk is the risk that the fair value of equities decreases as a result of changes in market prices, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual stock or factors affecting all instruments in the market. The size and diversification of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Represents the interim distribution paid and final distribution payable for the period, comprising cash paid and DRP units issued.

Holdings and distributions received shown at date of resignation, 6 December 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Holding less than 0.1%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Holdings and distribution received shown at date of resignation, 30 September 2021.

Holdings and distributions received shown at date of resignation, 20 October 2022.

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portfolio is sufficient to ensure the Fund's returns are not overly correlated to a single company, industry specific or macroeconomic risk but the returns of the portfolio are not expected to be perfectly correlated to any market or sector index. If equity markets as a whole rise or fall by 5%, the return of the Fund may increase or decrease by different amounts.

For illustrative purposes an increase of 5% in the market prices of each of the Fund's investments held at balance date, assuming all other variables remain constant, would have had the following impact on the Fund's profit/(loss) and unitholders' equity.

	30 Jun 2023 \$'000	30 Jun 2022 \$'000
Impact on unitholders' equity and profit/(loss)	22,236	21,673

A decrease of 5% in the market price of each of the Fund's investments would have had an equal but opposite effect on the Fund's profit/(loss) and unitholders' equity.

#### Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value of financial assets and liabilities will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. Assets and liabilities that the Fund may typically own and that can be affected by foreign exchange rate fluctuations include equities listed on foreign exchanges, cash, forward foreign currency contracts, outstanding broker settlements, and outstanding receipts of income from foreign companies.

The Fund's total net exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, in Australian Dollars at balance date is:

	30 Jun 2023 \$'000	30 Jun 2022 \$'000
Assets and liabilities denominated in:		
United States Dollars	379,612	451,964
British Pounds	30,663	-
Euro	23,660	78,393
Canadian Dollars	19,364	-
Hong Kong Dollars	10	9

For illustrative purposes the changes in profit or loss and unitholders' equity that would arise from a 5% increase or decrease in the Australian Dollar relative to each currency to which the Fund is exposed (based on assets and liabilities) are as follows:

	5% increase A\$'000	30 Jun 2023 5% decrease A\$'000	5% increase A\$'000	30 Jun 2022 5% decrease A\$'000
Assets and liabilities denominated in:				
United States Dollars	(18,077)	19,980	(21,522)	23,788
Pound Sterling	(1,460)	1,614	-	-
Euro	(1,127)	1,245	(3,733)	4,126
Canadian Dollars	(922)	1,019	-	-
Hong Kong Dollars	-	1	-	-

#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

The primary exposure to interest rate movements arises on the Fund's cash balances. The value of cash balances is sensitive to the RBA and US Federal Reserve cash rate.

Interest rate movements have an insignificant impact upon the Fund's recorded net profit or equity.

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#### Market Making Risk

The Responsible Entity, on behalf of the Fund, may provide liquidity to investors on the ASX by acting as a buyer and seller of units in the Fund. At the end of each Business Day, the Responsible Entity, on behalf of the Fund, may create or cancel units by applying for or redeeming its net position in units bought or sold on the ASX. The Responsible Entity has appointed an independent market participant to act as its agent to transact and facilitate settlement on its behalf.

Market making risk comprises:

- the risk that the market making agent makes an error in executing the Fund's market making services. If the market making agent does not fulfil its settlement processing obligations in a correct and timely manner, the Fund could suffer a loss; and
- the risk of an error in the execution of market making activities, or in the price at which units are transacted on the ASX. As many overseas stock exchange markets in which the Fund invests are closed during the ASX trading day, it is not possible for the Responsible Entity to hedge the Fund's market making activities. This may result in either a cost or a benefit to the Fund.

In order to mitigate this risk, the Responsible Entity, on behalf of the Fund, has the discretion to increase the spread at which it makes a market and also has the right to cease making a market subject to its obligations under the AQUA Rules and ASX Operating Rules.

#### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities on the due date or will be forced to sell financial assets at a value which is less than they are worth.

This risk is managed by the Fund maintaining sufficient cash reserves to meet its normal operating requirements and holding investments that are traded in active markets and can be readily disposed. The majority of the Fund's listed securities are considered readily realisable as they are listed on stock exchanges around the world.

In addition, the Fund's Constitution and PDS allow the Responsible Entity to suspend capital withdrawals from the Fund for up to 28 days, at its discretion, if withdrawal requests would require the disposal of 5% or more of the Trust Property of the Fund, the payment of withdrawals would disadvantage remaining unitholders by imposing a disproportionate share of capital gains tax liabilities, or if the Responsible Entity reasonably considers it to be in the interests of remaining unitholders of the Fund.

At balance date, the Fund had an obligation to settle payables (including distribution payable) of \$8,699,000 (June 2022: \$11,770,000) within 30 days. The Fund had cash and receivables totalling \$12,899,000 (June 2022: \$101,059,000) to cover these liabilities.

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will fail to meet its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Fund. Market prices generally take counterparty credit into account and therefore the risk of loss is implicitly provided for in the carrying value of financial assets and liabilities held at fair value.

The Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying amount of all cash and cash equivalents, financial assets and receivables recognised in the Statement of Financial Position as well as the value of any financial commitments which the Fund would assume in the event of counterparty default.

The Fund minimises concentrations of credit risk by undertaking transactions with numerous reputable brokers, and by ensuring cash balances are held with and managed by financial intermediaries with acceptable credit ratings as determined by a recognised rating agency. To further mitigate this risk, the credit rating and financial positions of the brokers used by the Fund are regularly monitored. Credit risk relating to outstanding settlements is considered low due to the short settlement periods involved.

The Fund is also exposed to the credit risk of The Northern Trust Company ("NT") which is the appointed custodian of the Fund. In acting as custodian, NT is required to comply with the relevant provisions of the *Corporations Act 2001*, applicable ASIC regulatory guides and class orders relating to registered managed investment schemes property arrangements with custodians. The credit quality of NT's long-term deposit/debt is rated at balance date, by Standard and Poor's as AA- and by Moody's as Aa2 (June 2022: Standard and Poor's as AA- and by Moody's as Aa2).

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#### 13. Segment Information

An operating segment is a distinguishable component of the Fund that is engaged in business activity from which the Fund earns revenues and incurs expenses, whose operating results are regularly reviewed by the Fund's chief operating decision maker in order to make decisions about the allocation of resources to the segment and assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available. The chief operating decision maker has been determined as the Chief Executive Officer.

The Fund's investments are managed on a single portfolio basis and in one business segment being equity investment, as well as in one geographic segment being Australia. The Fund continues to have foreign exposures as it invests in companies which operate internationally.

#### 14. Auditor's Remuneration

The following amounts were paid or payable by the Responsible Entity on behalf of the Fund for services provided by the auditor of the Fund, Ernst & Young Australia:

	30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2022
Fees for audit and review of statutory financial reports	28,770	27,400
Fees for audit related assurance services <sup>1</sup>	1,292	1,279
Fees for other services:		
Taxation compliance services <sup>2</sup>	7,900	7,900
Total Auditor Remuneration	37,962	36,579
% of non-audit fees paid to auditor	24.2%	25.1%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Comprises review of ICR calculations.

#### **Auditor Tenure**

MAM as Responsible Entity or Trustee has appointed Ernst & Young as auditor. Ernst & Young is the auditor of all Funds where MAM is the Responsible Entity or Trustee. The external audit was last put out to tender in 2018, which aligned to the auditor's 10 year anniversary, and Ernst & Young was reappointed auditor (where relevant to a Fund that was formed prior to 2018) as it scored highest across all requirements and the Board of the Responsible Entity or Trustee was satisfied that appropriate safeguards were in place to ensure the required independence of Ernst & Young. Ms Clare Sporle has served as lead audit partner since August 2019. In accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* the next rotation of the lead audit partner is planned to occur after the completion of the 30 June 2024 financial year audit.

#### 15. Contingent Assets, Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

At balance date, the Fund has no contingent assets, liabilities or commitments (June 2022: nil).

#### 16. Subsequent Events

On 25 July 2023, it was announced that Mr Andrew Formica was appointed as a Non-Executive Director with effect from 26 July 2023.

On 17 August 2023, it was announced that Mrs Deborah Page AM will be appointed as a Non-Executive Director with effect from 3 October 2023.

Other than the above and items disclosed throughout this financial report, there have been no matters or circumstances arising after the end of the period that have significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the Fund's operations, the results of its operations, or the Fund's state of affairs in future financial periods.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Comprises review of income tax returns and distribution calculations.

## **Directors' Declaration**

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In the Directors' opinion,

- a. the financial statements and notes set out on pages 10 to 25 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - i. giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 2023 and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows for the period ended on that date; and
  - ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001,* International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
- b. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration has been made after receiving the declarations required to be made to the Directors in accordance with section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the year ended 30 June 2023.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of the Responsible Entity.

**Robert Fraser** 

Chairman

Sydney, 28 August 2023



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#### Independent auditor's report to the unitholders of Magellan High Conviction Trust

#### Report on the audit of the financial report

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of Magellan High Conviction Trust (the Fund), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Fund is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- a. Giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

#### Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, but we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit 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 report* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying financial report.

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#### Why significant

#### 1. Investment existence and valuation

The Fund has a significant investment portfolio consisting of listed equities. As at 30 June 2023, the fair values of these investments was 97.2% of the total assets of the Fund.

As detailed in the Fund's accounting policy, disclosed in Note 6 of the financial report, these financial assets are recognised at fair value through profit or loss in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Pricing, exchange rates and other market drivers can have a significant impact on the value of these financial assets and the financial report, therefore the existence and valuation of the investment portfolio was a key audit matter.

#### 2. Management and performance fees

For the year ended 30 June 2023, management fees totalled \$7.22m which equates to 90.7% of total expenses and performance fees were nil. Management fees, paid to the investment manager, Magellan Asset Management Limited, are the most significant expense for the Fund.

The Fund's accounting policy for management and performance fees is disclosed in Note 11 of the financial report. All expenses are recognised on an accrual basis, with performance fees recognised in the financial report if the performance hurdles for the Fund have been met at the end of the relevant measurement period.

Due to the complexity of the performance fee arrangements this was considered to be a key audit matter.

#### How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Our audit procedures included the following:

Assessed the effectiveness of the controls relating to the recognition and valuation of investments.

Obtained and assessed the assurance report on the controls of the Fund's administrator in relation to Fund Administration Services for the year ended 30 June 2023 and evaluated the auditor's qualifications, competence and objectivity and the results of their procedures.

Obtained third party confirmations of the balances of investment holdings, including cash accounts, at 30 June 2023.

Assessed the fair value of all listed investments in the portfolio held at 30 June 2023 by comparing to independently sourced market prices.

Our audit procedures included the following:

Assessed the effectiveness of the controls in relation to the calculation of management and performance fees.

Obtained and assessed the assurance report on the controls of the Fund's administrator in relation to Fund Administration Services for the period ended 30 June 2023 and evaluated the auditor's qualifications, competence and objectivity and results of their procedures.

Recalculated management fees in accordance with contractual arrangements.

Assessed the performance fee calculation, including testing the inputs into the calculation model, and assessed whether the calculation was in line with the relevant agreement.

Assessed the adequacy of the disclosures in Note 11 of the financial report.

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#### Information other than the financial report and auditor's report thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Fund's 2023 annual report, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

If, based on 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.

#### Responsibilities of the directors for the financial report

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

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is 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 the Australian Auditing Standards 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 this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform
  audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our
  opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud
  may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated to the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current year and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Ernst & Young

Clare Sporle Partner

Sydney, 28 August 2023

## **Unitholder Information**

for the year ended 30 June 2023

#### Distribution of Unitholders

The distribution of unitholders of the Fund as at 16 August 2023 are as follows:

	Number of Unitholders	Number of Units	Percentage of Units on Issue %
1-1,000	658	304,407	0.11
1,001-5,000	1,498	4,261,042	1.50
5,001-10,000	1,145	8,355,929	2.93
10,001-100,000	5,242	171,991,524	60.38
100,001 and over	154	99,955,347	35.08
Total	8,697	284,868,249	100.00
Number of holders with less than a marketable parcel of units	183	15,859	-

### Twenty Largest Unitholders

The names of the 20 largest Unitholders of the Fund as at 16 August 2023 are as follows:

	Number of Units	Percentage of Units on Issue %
Magellan Financial Group	25,918,240	9.10
Netwealth Investments (Wrap Services A/C)	15,311,938	5.38
HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia)	8,595,491	3.02
AZQ Investments (AZQ Discretionary A/C)	7,216,605	2.53
Nulis Nominees (Australia) (Navigator Mast Plan A/C)	3,770,568	1.32
Navigator Australia (MLC A/C)	3,699,784	1.30
Nota Bene Investments	3,416,667	1.20
BNP Paribas Nominees Hub24 Custodial Services (DRP A/C)	2,619,449	0.92
Cormack Foundation	1,200,000	0.42
Citicorp Nominees	1,055,152	0.37
IOOF Investment Services (IPS Superfund A/C)	1,026,743	0.36
Netwealth Investments (Super Services A/C)	980,233	0.34
Toolebuc Investments (Burran Super Fund A/C)	766,151	0.27
BNP Paribas Nominees (IB AU Nominees Retail Client DRP A/C)	758,990	0.27
J P Morgan Nominees Australia	757,935	0.27
Invia Custodian (PAJ Lewis Super Fund A/C)	569,229	0.20
Bucklet	550,594	0.19
Hobson Wealth Custodians (Resident Cash A/C)	540,173	0.19
Mr John Robert Keir & Mrs Sandra Therese Keir (The Keir Super Fund A/C)	452,500	0.16
Walmsley Halligan & CO (Operations) (MJ Walmsley F/S SSF A/C)	425,354	0.15
Total Units held by the 20 largest unitholders	79,631,796	27.96
Total Units On Issue	284,868,249	

All issued units carry one vote per unit and the right to distributions.

## **Corporate Information**

#### **Directors**

Robert Fraser - Chairman
David Dixon - Deputy Chairman
John Eales AM
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