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These financial statements cover Paragon Australian Long Short Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of Paragon Australian Long Short Fund is Paragon Funds Management Ltd (ABN 42 159 623 873) (AFSL 426800). The Responsible Entity's registered office is:

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**Paragon Australian Long Short Fund
Directors' Report
For the year ended 30 June 2017**

Directors' Report

The Directors of Paragon Funds Management Ltd, the Responsible Entity of Paragon Australian Long Short Fund, present their report together with the financial statements of Paragon Australian Long Short Fund (the 'Fund') for the year ended 30 June 2017.

Principal activities

The Fund's mandate is to invest in Australian listed equities focusing on core competencies in the resource and industrial sectors in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution. The objective of the Fund is to produce absolute returns and capital growth for unit holders over a 3 - 5 year investment horizon.

The Fund did not have any employees during the year.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the Fund's activities during the year.

The various service providers of the Fund are detailed below:

Service	Provider
Responsible Entity	Paragon Funds Management Ltd
Investment Manager	Paragon Funds Management Ltd
Prime Broker	UBS AG, Australia Branch
Custodian	UBS Nominees Pty Ltd
Statutory Auditor	Moore Stephens Victoria
Administrator and Registrar	Link Fund Solutions Pty Limited (formerly White Outsourcing Pty Limited)

Directors

The following persons held office as Directors of Paragon Funds Management Ltd during the year or since the end of the year and up to the date of this report:

Mr John Deniz
Mr Nick Reddaway
Ms Hillier Deniz

Nick Reddaway has resigned as a director of the company effective from 30 September 2017. Refer below for more details.

Review and results of operations

During the year, the Fund continued to invest in accordance with target asset allocations as set out in the governing documents of the Fund and in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The performance of the Fund, as represented by the results of its operations, was as follows:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2017	30 June 2016
	\$	\$
Operating (loss)/profit before finance costs attributable to unit holders	(19,252,118)	13,515,619

There were no distributions declared for the year ended 30 June 2017 and 30 June 2016.

Review and results of operations (continued)

The operating loss for the financial year was predominantly attributable to adverse performance in the second and third quarters of the financial year. Concentration in key themes, which has served the Fund well in prior years, also exposes it to volatility, particularly during major market turns. The magnitude and speed of the shift in the bond market in late 2016, resulting in a rise in bond yields, and amplified by Trump's surprise election victory in November, drove a rotation away from long duration, growth and gold stocks to cyclicals. The Fund was negatively impacted by this shift as it was exposed to sectors that were suddenly out of favour, including technology, healthcare and gold stocks.

Despite a continued conviction in these longer term themes and the stocks held, a de-risking of the portfolio was undertaken over the December quarter, along with some repositioning of specific stocks, to mitigate further decline. Net and gross exposures were reduced, in particular long duration and growth exposures. AUD gold exposure was hedged, and lastly, exposures to businesses expected to benefit from increased offshore spending and growth were also increased. Unfortunately, further stock specific issues across gold and lithium stocks in the March quarter added to the overall drawdown for the year.

The overall operating loss for the financial year was an aggregate of the realised losses generated from the divestment in stocks plus the reversal of prior unrealised gains in stocks impacted by the rotation both noted above.

Key structural theme-led stocks that are expected to serve the Fund well over time remain in the portfolio and the outlook overall remains strong. The directors are disappointed in the performance in the past year, and although partial recovery in the second half of the financial year was anticipated but not realised, catalysts supporting the investment cases of major holdings have started to crystallise post 30 June 2017.

Significant changes in state of affairs

The Fund changed its name to Paragon Australian Long Short Fund (formerly Paragon Fund) effective 8 December 2016.

The constitution of the Fund was amended and replaced on 15 December 2016. The main changes allow the implementation of the Tax Laws Amendment (New Tax System for Managed Investment Trusts) Act 2015, the new tax regime for managed investment trusts referred to as the Attribution Managed Investment Trust ('AMIT') regime. The AMIT regime has yet to be adopted by the Fund but is anticipated to be in the next financial year.

Unit pricing, applications and redemptions were changed from monthly to daily from 1st January 2017 and the Manager Expense Reimbursement was reduced from 0.5% pa to 0.25% pa (inclusive of GST net of RITC) capped of the Net Asset Value of the Fund on this same date. These changes do not affect how the Fund is managed by the investment manager and are considered favourable to unit holders.

In the opinion of the Directors, there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund that occurred during the financial year.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

Paragon Funds Management Ltd, the responsible entity of the Fund, announced changes in the company structure and the investment team of the Fund. Effective from 30th August 2017, the Fund is solely managed by John Deniz as Chief Investment Officer. Nick Reddaway has resigned from the investment team of the Fund and his executive director position at Paragon, officially from 30th September 2017. John Deniz is dedicated to executing the strategy of the Fund, with all other functions continuing to be outsourced to independent service providers.

The Fund's investment strategy and day to day operations of the Fund remain unchanged.

The liquidity levels of the Fund have enabled outflows resulting from the changes to be will be adequately met based on the liquidity levels in the Fundraising from the announced changes and are able to be managed without any adverse impact to the Fund's performance nor individual unit holders remaining in the Fund.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2017 that has significantly affected, or may have a significant effect on:

- (i) the operations of the Fund in future financial years,
- (ii) the results of those operations in future financial years, or
- (iii) the state of affairs of the Fund in future financial years.

Likely developments and expected results of operations

The Fund will continue to be managed in accordance with the investment objectives and guidelines as set out in the Product Disclosure Statement ('PDS') and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

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. 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.

Indemnification and insurance of officers

The Responsible Entity has paid an insurance premium to insure its Directors under a combined Professional Indemnity and Directors and Officers Insurance policy. Details of the indemnity insurance are as follows:

- The Directors, the Fund and the Responsible Entity are indemnified to an aggregate amount of \$5million, against any liability arising from a claim brought against them by a third party, for losses arising from a wrongful act (as defined in the policy), in relation to the provision of professional services provided by the Responsible Entity.
- The policy further indemnifies each of the following Directors against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending legal proceedings arising from their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Fund:

Mr John Deniz
Mr Nick Reddaway
Ms Hillier Deniz

The policy is a combined policy and as such, premiums for each Director cannot be quantified. Further disclosure of information relating to this policy is not permitted under the contract of insurance.

Indemnification of auditor

The auditor of the Fund is in no way indemnified out of the assets of the Fund.

Fees paid to and interests held in the Fund by the Responsible Entity and its associates

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its associates out of Fund property during the year are disclosed in Note 14 to the financial statements.

Fees paid to and interests held in the Fund by the Responsible Entity and its associates (continued)

No fees were paid out of Fund property to the Directors of the Responsible Entity during the year.

The number of interests in the Fund held by the Responsible Entity or its associates as at the end of the financial year are disclosed in Note 14 to the financial statements.

Interests in the Fund

The movement in units on issue in the Fund during the year is disclosed in Note 8 to the financial statements.

The value of the Fund's assets and liabilities is disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position and derived using the basis set out in Note 2 to the financial statements.

Environmental regulation

The operations of the Fund are not subject to any particular or significant environmental regulations under Commonwealth, State or Territory law.

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 6.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Paragon Funds Management Ltd.



Mr John Deniz
Director

Melbourne, VIC
27 September 2017

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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
UNDER S 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE DIRECTORS OF PARAGON FUNDS MANAGEMENT LIMITED, THE RESPONSIBLE ENTITY**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2017, there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



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GEORGE S. DAKIS
Partner
Audit & Assurance Services

Melbourne, Victoria

27 September 2017

**Paragon Australian Long Short Fund
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 30 June 2017**

Statement of Comprehensive Income

		Year ended	
		30 June	30 June
		2017	2016
	Notes	\$	\$
Investment income			
Interest income		353,374	218,233
Dividend income		724,597	218,102
Unit trust distributions		101,125	30,604
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	5	(18,154,112)	17,866,674
Total investment income/(loss)		(16,975,016)	18,333,613
Expenses			
Management fees	14	1,099,538	557,145
Performance fees	14	8,661	3,454,292
Interest expense		32,835	59,095
Custody fees		2,220	1,082
Transaction costs		238,041	119,316
Stock loan fees		166,789	85,966
Withholding tax on foreign dividends and interest		3,551	10,903
Establishment cost expense		16,968	33,939
Short dividend expense		421,858	301,992
Expense reimbursement fees	14	286,079	192,101
Other operating expenses		562	2,163
Total operating expenses		2,277,102	4,817,994
Operating profit/(loss)		(19,252,118)	13,515,619
Finance costs attributable to unit holders			
(Increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders	8	19,252,118	(13,515,619)
Profit/(loss) for the year		-	-
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Paragon Australian Long Short Fund
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2017

Statement of Financial Position

		As at	
		30 June	30 June
		2017	2016
	Notes	\$	\$
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	28,650,603	18,118,148
Receivables	11	1,310,004	379,663
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold		6,071,398	886,347
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	6	61,077,338	65,238,052
Total assets		97,109,343	84,622,210
Liabilities			
Payables	12	342,527	5,728,277
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased		3,292,917	5,680,714
Financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	7	20,840,450	15,446,410
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unit holders)		24,475,894	26,855,401
Net assets attributable to unit holders - liability		72,633,449	57,766,809

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**Paragon Australian Long Short Fund
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year ended 30 June 2017**

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Year ended	
	30 June 2017 \$	30 June 2016 \$
Total equity at the beginning of the year	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	-
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners	-	-
Total equity at the end of the year	-	-

Under Australian Accounting Standards, net assets attributable to unit holders are classified as a liability rather than equity. As a result, there was no equity at the start or the end of the year.

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Paragon Australian Long Short Fund
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2017

Statement of Cash Flows

	Year ended	
	30 June	30 June
	2017	2016
Notes	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Proceeds from sale of financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	227,352,918	102,673,300
Purchase of financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	(241,377,543)	(112,972,772)
Payments for settlement of financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	125,626,006	99,988,946
Proceeds from sale of financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	(128,492,872)	(94,583,013)
Interest income received	341,874	209,165
Dividends and distributions received	617,336	342,187
Performance fees paid	(3,054,039)	(989,727)
Management fees paid	(1,132,111)	(540,380)
Transaction costs paid	(253,594)	(123,164)
Stock loan fees paid	(155,992)	(82,523)
Custody fees paid	(2,360)	(1,062)
Expense reimbursement fees paid	(296,588)	(179,492)
Establishment cost expense paid	(25,456)	(33,935)
Short dividends paid	(330,483)	(267,498)
Other operating expenses paid	(35,800)	(62,746)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	10(a) (21,218,704)	(6,622,714)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from applications by unit holders	43,517,407	20,194,876
Payments for redemptions by unit holders	(11,765,339)	(3,020,144)
Distributions paid from operating activities	(909)	(369,125)
Withholding tax paid on distributions	-	(16,942)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	31,751,159	16,788,665
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	10,532,455	10,165,951
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	18,118,148	7,952,197
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	9 28,650,603	18,118,148
Non-cash financing activities	10(b) -	266,096

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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1 General information

These financial statements cover Paragon Australian Long Short Fund (the 'Fund') as an individual entity. The Fund was constituted on 6 December 2012, registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 20 December 2012 and commenced operations on 1 March 2013. The Fund will terminate on 5 December 2092 unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

Paragon Australian Long Short Fund is a registered managed investment scheme under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The Responsible Entity of the Fund is Paragon Funds Management Ltd (ABN 42 159 623 873) (AFSL 426800) (the 'Responsible Entity'). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 19, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000. The financial statements are presented in the Australian currency unless otherwise noted.

The Fund's mandate is to invest in Australian listed equities focusing on core competencies in the resource and industrial sectors in accordance with PDS and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution. The objective of the Fund is to produce absolute returns and capital growth for unit holders over a 3 - 5 year investment horizon.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Directors on the date the Directors' Declaration was signed. The Directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated in the following text.

(a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia. The Fund is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities, except where otherwise stated.

The Statement of Financial Position is presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and do not distinguish between current and non-current. All balances are expected to be recovered or settled within twelve months, except for investments in financial assets and liabilities and net assets attributable to unit holders.

The Fund manages financial assets at fair value through profit or loss based on the economic circumstances at any given point in time, as well as to meet any liquidity requirements. As such, it is expected that a portion of the portfolio will be realised within 12 months, however, an estimate of that amount cannot be determined as at reporting date.

In the case of net assets attributable to unit holders, the units are redeemable on demand at the unitholder's option. However, holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term. As such, the amount expected to be settled within 12 months cannot be reliably determined.

(i) Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

The financial statements of the Fund also comply with IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

(ii) New and amended standards adopted by the Fund

The amendments to AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows have been early adopted. The Fund has elected to adopt the amendments made by AASB 2016-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Disclosure Initiative: Amendments to AASB 107* early. This amendment requires disclosure of changes in liabilities arising from financing activities. The relevant information is provided in Note 8.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

(ii) New and amended standards adopted by the Fund (continued)

There are no other new standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2016 that have a material impact on the Fund.

(iii) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2017 reporting period and have not been early adopted by the Fund. The Directors' assessment of the impact of these new standards (to the extent relevant to the Fund) and interpretations is set out below:

- AASB 9 *Financial Instruments* (and applicable amendments) (effective from 1 January 2018)

AASB 9 addresses the classification, measurement and derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities. It has now also introduced revised rules around hedge accounting and impairment. The standard is not applicable until 1 January 2018 but is available for early adoption. The Directors do not expect this to have a significant impact on the recognition, classification and measurement of the Fund's financial instruments as they are carried at fair value through profit or loss. The derecognition rules have not been changed from the previous requirements, and the Fund does not apply hedge accounting. AASB 9 introduces a new impairment model. However, as the Fund's investments are all held at fair value through profit or loss, the change in impairment rules will not impact the Fund. The Fund has not yet decided when to adopt AASB 9.

- AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (effective from 1 January 2018)

AASB 15 will replace AASB 118 *Revenue* which covers contracts for goods and services and AASB 111 *Construction Contracts* which covers construction contracts. AASB 15 is based on the principle that revenue is recognised when control of a good or service transfers to a customer - so the notion of control replaces the existing notion of risks and rewards.

The Fund's main sources of income are interest, dividends and distributions and gains on financial instruments held at fair value. All of these are outside the scope of the new revenue standard. As a consequence, the Directors do not expect the adoption of AASB 15 to have a significant impact on the Fund's accounting policies or the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The Fund has not yet decided when to adopt AASB 15.

There are no other standards that are not yet effective and that are expected to have a material impact on the Fund in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

(b) Financial instruments

(i) Classification

The Fund's investments are classified as held at fair value through profit or loss. They comprise of:

- Financial instruments held for trading

These are investments in derivative financial instruments such as futures. The Fund does not designate any derivatives as hedges in a hedging relationship.

- Financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition

These include financial assets and liabilities that are not held for trading purposes and which may be sold. These are investments in exchange traded equity instruments and unlisted unit trusts.

The Fund makes short sales in which a borrowed security is sold in anticipation of a decline in the market value of that security, or it may use short sales for various arbitrage transactions. Short sales are classified as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial assets and liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception are those that are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Fund's documented investment strategy. The Fund's policy is for the Responsible Entity to evaluate the information about these financial instruments on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial instruments (continued)

(i) Classification (continued)

The information on the fair value basis is provided internally to the Fund's key management personnel. In addition, the designation of financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss will reduce any measurement or recognition inconsistencies and any accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

(ii) Recognition/derecognition

The Fund recognises financial assets and financial liabilities on the date it becomes party to the contractual agreement (trade date) and recognises changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities from this date.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liabilities are discharged.

(iii) Measurement

Financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss

At initial recognition, the Fund measures financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. Transaction costs of financial assets and financial liabilities carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss' category are presented in the Statement of Comprehensive Income within net gains/(losses) on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss in the period in which they arise. Dividend expense on short sales of securities, which have been classified at fair value through profit or loss, is presented as expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

For further details on how the fair value of financial instruments is determined, please see Note 4 to the financial statements.

(iv) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the Statement of Financial Position when the Fund has a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts, and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

As at the end of the reporting period, there are no financial assets or liabilities offset or with the right to offset in the Statement of Financial Position.

(c) Net assets attributable to unit holders

Units are redeemable at the unit holders' option, however, applications and redemptions may be suspended by the Responsible Entity if it is in the best interests of the unit holders. The units are classified as financial liabilities as the Fund is required to distribute its distributable income in accordance with the Fund's Constitution.

The units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash based on the redemption price.

The value of redeemable units is measured at the redemption amount that is payable (based on the redemption unit price) at the end of the reporting period if the unit holders exercised their right to redeem units in the Fund.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions and other short term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(d) Cash and cash equivalents (continued)

Payments and receipts relating to the purchase and sale of investment securities are classified as cash flows from operating activities, as trading of these securities represent the Fund's main income generating activity.

(e) Investment income

Interest income on cash and cash equivalents is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accruals basis.

Changes in fair value for financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in accordance with the policies described in Note 2(b) to the financial statements.

Dividend income is recognised on the ex-dividend date with any related foreign withholding tax recorded as an expense. The Fund currently incurs withholding tax imposed by certain countries on investment income. Such income is recorded gross of withholding tax in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Dividends declared on securities sold short are recorded as a dividend expense on the ex-dividend date.

Trust distributions are recognised on an entitlement basis.

(f) Expenses

All expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accruals basis.

(g) Income tax

Under current legislation, the Fund is not subject to income tax as unit holders are presently entitled to the income of the Fund. The benefit of imputation credits and foreign tax credits is passed on to unit holders.

(h) Distributions

The Fund distributes its distributable income annually, in accordance with the Fund's Constitution, to unit holders by cash or reinvestment. The distributions are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as finance costs attributable to unit holders.

(i) Increase/decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unit holders. Movements in net assets attributable to unit holders are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as finance costs.

(j) Due from/to brokers

Amounts due from/to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet delivered by the end of the year. Trades are recorded on trade date, and normally settled within two business days. A provision for impairment of amounts due from brokers is established when there is objective evidence that the Fund will not be able to collect all amounts due from the relevant broker. Indicators that the amount due from brokers is impaired include significant financial difficulties of the broker, and the probability that the broker will enter into bankruptcy or financial reorganisation and default in payments.

(k) Receivables

Receivables may include amounts for interest, dividends and trust distributions. Dividends and trust distributions are accrued when the right to receive payment is established. Where applicable, interest is accrued on a daily basis (previously accrued at the end of each reporting period from the time of last payment) in accordance with the policy set out in Note 2(e) above. Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recorded as receivables.

Receivables also include such items as Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC).

Collectability of receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Receivables which are known to be uncollectable are written off by reducing the carrying amount directly. The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income within other expenses. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(l) Payables

Payables include liabilities and accrued expenses owed by the Fund which are unpaid as at the end of the reporting period.

As the Fund has a contractual obligation to distribute its distributable income, a separate distribution payable is recognised in the Statement of Financial Position as at the end of each reporting period where this amount remains unpaid as at the end of the reporting period.

Distributions declared effective 30 June in relation to unit holders who have previously elected to reinvest distributions are recognised as reinvested effective 1 July of the following financial year. Distributions will be automatically reinvested unless elected to be paid out in accordance with the Fund's PDS.

(m) Applications and redemptions

Unit application and redemption prices are determined by reference to the net assets of the Fund divided by the number of units on issue, adjusted for buy/sell spreads.

(n) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The GST incurred on the costs of various services provided to the Fund by third parties such as custodial services, investment management fees and performance fees have been passed onto the Fund. The Fund qualifies for Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC) at a rate of at least 55%; hence investment management fees, performance fees, custodial fees and other expenses have been recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income net of the amount of GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Amounts payable are inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO is included in receivables in the Statement of Financial Position. Cash flows relating to GST are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis.

(o) Use of estimates

The Fund makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the current and next financial year. Estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

For the majority of the Fund's financial instruments, quoted market prices are readily available.

For more information on how fair value is calculated please refer to Note 4 to the financial statements.

(p) Significant judgments made in the application of accounting policies

Related party relationship and control - managed investment schemes

While the Responsible Entity controls the financial and operating activities of the Fund in accordance with the Fund's Constitution and PDS, the Responsible Entity's fiduciary obligations to the unit holders of the Fund prevent it from benefiting directly from the activities of the Fund. Instead, the Responsible Entity governs the financial and operating activities of the Fund for the sole purpose of fulfilling its fiduciary obligation of acting in the best interest of the unit holders in its capacity as the Responsible Entity. Accordingly, the Directors do not consider that the Responsible Entity controls the Fund as defined in AASB 127: *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements*.

However, for the purpose of AASB 124: *Related Party Disclosures*, the Directors consider that the Responsible Entity is a related party of the Fund as it is the management entity that provides key management personnel services to the Fund. Accordingly, both the Responsible Entity and its Directors are considered to be key management personnel of the Fund.

3 Financial risk management

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including market risk (which incorporates price risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

The Fund's overall risk management programme focuses on ensuring compliance with the Fund's PDS and the investment guidelines of the Fund. It also seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Fund is exposed and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Fund's financial performance.

The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of long and short stocks comprising equities that are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange ('ASX'). The Fund may use exchange traded derivatives to gain exposure to the underlying physical investments and for hedging purposes. Derivatives are not used speculatively. The Fund may also invest a small portion of the Fund's assets in equities of unlisted Australian companies expected to list in 12 months.

The investment objective of the Fund is to produce absolute returns and capital growth for unit holders over a 3-5 year investment horizon before taking into account Fund fees and expenses.

The Fund uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods include sensitivity analysis in the case of market risk and ratings analysis for credit risk.

(a) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates and other market prices will affect the Fund's income or the carrying value of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk.

The Responsible Entity intends to limit this risk by ensuring strict adherence to the Fund's investment guidelines

(i) Price risk

The Fund is exposed to price risk on equity securities listed or quoted on recognised securities exchange. Price risk arises from investments held by the Fund for which prices in the future are uncertain. Other market price risk is the risk that the value of an instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer or all factors affecting all instruments traded in the market.

As the majority of the Fund's investments are carried at fair value with fair value changes recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, all changes in market conditions will directly affect net investment income.

All securities investments present a risk of loss of capital. Except for equities sold short, the maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is determined by the fair value of the financial instruments. Possible losses from equities sold short can be unlimited.

The Fund mitigates this price risk through diversification, in terms of company, industry, sector, and selection of securities in accordance with the Fund's investment guidelines.

The Fund has built in procedures to ensure adherence to the Fund's investment guidelines at all times.

At 30 June, the overall net market exposures were as follows:

	As at	
	30 June 2017	30 June 2016
	\$	\$
Listed equities	61,077,338	65,238,052
Listed equities sold short	(20,840,450)	(15,446,410)
Total	40,236,888	49,791,642

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(i) Price risk (continued)

The Fund manages its exposure to price risk by analysing the investment portfolio by industrial sector. The table below is a summary of the significant sector concentrations within the equity portfolio, net of securities sold short.

Sector	As at 30 June 2017 Fund's equity portfolio (%)	As at 30 June 2016 Fund's equity portfolio (%)
Information technology	19.8	18.1
Financial services	14.1	(6.0)
Energy	(2.6)	2.1
Health care	6.6	15.9
Consumer staples	(1.8)	2.2
Industrials	11.7	4.2
Consumer discretionary	9.4	0.2
Utilities	(1.5)	-
Materials	43.2	63.0
Telecommunications services	1.1	0.3
Total	100.00	100.0

The table in Note 3(b) summarises the sensitivities of the Fund's assets and liabilities to price risk. The analysis is based on the assumption that the markets in which the Fund invests move by +/- 15% (2016: +/- 15%).

(ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Fund is exposed to cash flow interest rate risk on financial instruments with variable interest rates. Financial instruments with fixed rates expose the Fund to fair value interest rate risk.

The table below summarises the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk. It includes the Fund's assets and liabilities at fair values, categorised by the earlier of contractual repricing or maturity dates.

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk (continued)

As at 30 June 2017

	Floating interest rate \$	Fixed interest rate \$	Non- interest bearing \$	Total \$
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	28,650,603	-	-	28,650,603
Receivables	-	-	637,917	637,917
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold	-	-	6,071,398	6,071,398
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	61,749,425	61,749,425
Total assets	28,650,603	-	68,458,740	97,109,343
Liabilities				
Payables	-	-	(342,527)	(342,527)
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased	-	-	(3,292,917)	(3,292,917)
Financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	(20,840,450)	(20,840,450)
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unit holders)	-	-	(24,475,894)	(24,475,894)
Net exposure	28,650,603	-	43,982,846	72,633,449

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk (continued)

As at 30 June 2016

	Floating interest rate \$	Fixed interest rate \$	Non- interest bearing \$	Total \$
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	18,118,148	-	-	18,118,148
Receivables	-	-	379,663	379,663
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold	-	-	886,347	886,347
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	65,238,052	65,238,052
Total assets	18,118,148	-	66,504,062	84,622,210
Liabilities				
Payables	-	-	(5,728,277)	(5,728,277)
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased	-	-	(5,680,714)	(5,680,714)
Financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	(15,446,410)	(15,446,410)
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unit holders)	-	-	(26,855,401)	(26,855,401)
Net exposure	18,118,148	-	39,648,661	57,766,809

The table in Note 3(b) summarises the impact of an increase/decrease of interest rates on the Fund's operating profit and net assets attributable to unit holders through changes in fair value or changes in future cash flows. The analysis is based on the assumption that interest rates changed by +/- 75 basis points (2016: +/- 75 basis points) from the year end rates with all other variables held constant.

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Summarised sensitivity analysis

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's operating profit and net assets attributable to unit holders to market risks. The reasonably possible movements in the risk variables have been determined based on management's best estimate having regard to a number of factors, including historical levels of changes in interest rates and the historical correlation of the Fund's investments with the relevant benchmark and market volatility. However, actual movements in the risk variables may be greater or less than anticipated due to a number of factors, including unusually large market shocks resulting from changes in the performance of the economies, markets and securities in which the Fund invests. As a result, historic variations in risk variables are not a definitive indicator of future variances in the risk variables.

	Impact on operating profit/(loss)/ Net assets attributable to unit holders			
	Price risk		Interest rate risk	
	-15%	+15%	-75bps	+75bps
	\$	\$	\$	\$
30 June 2017	(6,136,346)	6,136,346	(219,920)	219,920
30 June 2016	(7,468,746)	7,468,746	(135,886)	135,886

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties failed to perform as contracted. Market prices generally incorporate credit assessments into valuations and risk of loss is implicitly provided for in the carrying value of on-balance sheet financial assets and liabilities as they are carried at fair value. The total credit risk for on-balance sheet items, other than derivatives, is therefore limited to the amount carried on the Statement of Financial Position.

The Fund's maximum credit risk exposure at balance date in relation to each class of recognised financial asset, other than equity and derivative financial instruments, is the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the balance sheet. This does not represent the maximum risk exposure that could arise in the future as a result of changes in values, but best represents the current maximum exposure at the reporting date.

The Fund does not have a significant concentration of credit risk that arises from an exposure to a single counterparty or group of counterparties having similar characteristics. The main concentration of credit risk, to which the Fund is exposed, arises from cash and cash equivalents and amounts due from brokers balances. None of these assets are impaired nor past their due date. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents and amounts due from brokers.

The Fund uses UBS AG, Australia Branch as its prime broker. UBS AG has a rating of A+ by S&P as at 30 June 2017.

(i) Derivative financial instruments

For derivative financial instruments, the Responsible Entity/Investment Manager has established limits such that transactions only take place with participants of ASX.

(ii) Settlement of securities transactions

All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered low, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made once the securities purchased have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligations.

(iii) Cash and cash equivalents

In accordance with the Fund's policy, the Investment Manager monitors the Fund's credit position on a daily basis, and the Board of Directors reviews it on a quarterly basis.

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Credit risk (continued)

(iv) Other

The Fund is not materially exposed to credit risk on other financial assets.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of each reporting period is the carrying amount of the financial assets. None of these assets are impaired nor past due but not impaired.

(d) Liquidity risk

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

The Fund is exposed to monthly cash redemptions of redeemable units. It therefore primarily holds investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed.

The Fund will always comprise of asset classes whereby at least 80% of the Fund's total assets can reasonably be expected to be realised within ten days at all times.

In order to manage the Fund's overall liquidity, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer or adjust redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unit holders. The Fund did not reject or withhold any redemptions during 2017 and 2016.

(i) Maturities of non-derivative financial liabilities

The table below analyses the Fund's non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at balance sheet date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

As at 30 June 2017

	Less than 1 month \$	1-6 months \$	6-12 months \$	1-2 years \$	On call \$
Payables	342,527	-	-	-	-
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased	3,292,917	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	20,840,450	-	-	-
Net assets attributable to unit holders	72,633,449	-	-	-	-
Contractual cash flows	76,268,893	20,840,450	-	-	-

As at 30 June 2016

	Less than 1 month \$	1-6 months \$	6-12 months \$	1-2 years \$	On call \$
Payables	5,728,277	-	-	-	-
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased	5,680,714	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	15,446,410	-	-	-
Net assets attributable to unit holders	57,766,809	-	-	-	-
Contractual cash flows	69,175,800	15,446,410	-	-	-

4 Fair value measurement

The Fund measures and recognises the following assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis:

- Financial assets / liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss (see Notes 6 and 7)

AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

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

(i) Fair value in an active market (level 1)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as listed equity securities) is based on their quoted market prices at the close of trading at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs.

The Fund values its investments in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2 to the financial statements. For the majority of its investments, the Fund relies on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of its investments.

The quoted market price used for financial assets and financial liabilities held by the Fund is the last sale price.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

(ii) Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (level 2 and level 3)

The fair value of financial assets that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of a substantially similar other instrument, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

(iii) Recognised fair value measurements

The following table presents the Fund's assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value as at 30 June.

4 Fair value measurement (continued)

(iii) Recognised fair value measurements (continued)

At 30 June 2017	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
Financial assets				
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss:				
Australian equity securities	59,694,786	1,382,552	-	61,077,338
Total financial assets	59,694,786	1,382,552	-	61,077,338

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss:

Australian equity securities sold short	20,840,450	-	-	20,840,450
Total financial liabilities	20,840,450	-	-	20,840,450

At 30 June 2016	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
Financial assets				
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss:				
Australian equity securities	63,960,611	1,277,441	-	65,238,052
Total financial assets	63,960,611	1,277,441	-	65,238,052

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss:

Australian equity securities sold short	15,446,410	-	-	15,446,410
Total financial liabilities	15,446,410	-	-	15,446,410

The Level 2 investments relate to placements in which the Fund had subscribed to during the year. The fair value has been determined using the valuation technique of the subscription price and the amount of securities subscribed for by the Fund under the relevant offer.

(iv) Transfers between levels

Management's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

There were no transfers between levels at the end of the reporting period.

(v) Financial instruments not carried at fair value

The carrying value of receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values.

Net assets attributable to unit holders' carrying value does not differ from its fair value (deemed to be redemption price for individual units) due to no differences in valuation inputs.

5 Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss

Net gains/(losses) recognised in relation to financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2017	30 June 2016
	\$	\$
Financial assets		
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets held for trading	(420,604)	(1,056,245)
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets designated as at fair value through profit or loss	<u>(12,544,256)</u>	19,993,919
Net gains/(losses) on financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	<u>(12,964,860)</u>	18,937,674
Net realised gain/(loss) on financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	93,234	751,050
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	<u>(13,058,094)</u>	18,186,624
Net gains/(losses) on financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	<u>(12,964,860)</u>	18,937,674
Financial liabilities		
Net gain/(loss) on financial liabilities designated as at fair value through profit or loss	<u>(5,189,252)</u>	(1,071,000)
Net gains/(losses) on financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	<u>(5,189,252)</u>	(1,071,000)
Net realised gain/(loss) on financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	(5,811,199)	(1,025,835)
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	<u>621,947</u>	(45,165)
Net gains/(losses) on financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	<u>(5,189,252)</u>	(1,071,000)
Total net gains/(losses) on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	<u>(18,154,112)</u>	17,866,674

6 Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss

	As at	
	30 June 2017 \$	30 June 2016 \$
Designated at fair value through profit or loss		
Equity securities	61,077,338	65,238,052
Total designated at fair value through profit or loss	61,077,338	65,238,052
 Total financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	 61,077,338	 65,238,052
 Comprising:		
Equity securities		
Australian listed equity securities	56,843,588	64,948,096
Australian listed property trusts	1,863,750	-
Australian listed unit trusts	2,370,000	-
Australian unlisted equity securities	-	289,956
Total equity securities	61,077,338	65,238,052

An overview of the risk exposures and fair value measurements relating to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is included in Note 3 and 4 to the financial statements.

7 Financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss

	As at	
	30 June 2017 \$	30 June 2016 \$
Designated at fair value through profit or loss		
Equities and trusts sold short	20,840,450	15,446,410
Total designated at fair value through profit or loss	20,840,450	15,446,410
 Total financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	 20,840,450	 15,446,410
 Comprising:		
Listed equity securities sold short		
Australian listed equity securities	15,653,950	15,446,410
Australian listed property trusts	4,123,000	-
Australian listed unit trusts	1,063,500	-
Total listed equity securities sold short	20,840,450	15,446,410

An overview of the risk exposures and fair value measurements relating to financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss is included in Note 3 and 4 to the financial statements.

8 Net assets attributable to unitholders

Movements in the number of units and net assets attributable to unit holders during the year were as follows:

	Year ended		Year ended	
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2017	2017	2016	2016
	Units	\$	Units	\$
Opening balance	29,931,126	57,766,809	20,592,326	29,047,862
Applications	25,342,275	45,934,907	11,163,659	17,957,375
Redemptions	(7,466,342)	(11,816,149)	(2,013,114)	(3,020,143)
Application units through series roll over	10,123,236	18,514,779	9,572,658	14,109,525
Redemption units through series roll over	(10,138,295)	(18,514,779)	(9,573,191)	(14,109,525)
Reinvestment of distributions	-	-	188,788	266,096
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders	-	(19,252,118)	-	13,515,619
Closing balance	47,792,000	72,633,449	29,931,126	57,766,809

	Year ended		Year ended	
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2017	2017	2016	2016
	Units	\$	Units	\$
Class A (series based units)	43,489,129	66,157,494	26,323,914	50,864,760
Class B (non-series based units)	4,302,871	6,475,955	3,607,212	6,902,049
Closing balance	47,792,000	72,633,449	29,931,126	57,766,809

As stipulated in the Fund's Constitution, each unit represents a right to an individual unit in the Fund and does not extend to a right to the underlying assets in the Fund.

Each series of units within the same class has the same rights as all other units within that class, except for different performance fees. In order to ensure that unitholders bear the performance fee according to the actual performance of their units, having regard to the different dates and prices at which such units were acquired, a new series of units is issued on each unit pricing date being every month end. As soon as practicable after a performance fee is payable, all units in all series with a performance fee payable will normally be consolidated into a single series.

Capital risk management

The Fund considers its net assets attributable to unit holders as capital, notwithstanding that net assets attributable to unit holders are classified as a liability. The amount of net assets attributable to unit holders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily applications and redemptions at the discretion of unit holders.

Daily applications and redemptions are reviewed relative to the liquidity of the Fund's underlying assets on a daily basis by the Investment Manager. Under the terms of the Fund's Constitution, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer or adjust a redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unit holders.

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9 Cash and cash equivalents

	As at	
	30 June 2017 \$	30 June 2016 \$
Cash at bank	<u>28,650,603</u>	<u>18,118,148</u>
	28,650,603	18,118,148

The weighted average interest rate of the Fund's cash and cash equivalents as at 30 June 2017 is 1.30% (2016: 1.94%).

10 Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

(a) Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	Year ended	
	30 June 2017 \$	30 June 2016 \$
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders	(19,252,118)	13,515,619
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	227,352,918	102,673,300
Purchase of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	(241,377,544)	(112,972,772)
Payments for settlement of financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	125,626,006	99,988,946
Proceeds from sale of financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	(128,492,872)	(94,583,013)
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	18,154,112	(17,866,674)
Dividends reinvested	47,198	19,194
Net change in receivables and other assets	(258,254)	(154,383)
Net change in payables and other liabilities	(3,018,150)	2,757,069
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	<u>(21,218,704)</u>	<u>(6,622,714)</u>

(b) Non-cash financing activities

	30 June 2017 \$	30 June 2016 \$
The following distribution payments to unit holders were satisfied by the issue of units under the distribution reinvestment plan	-	266,096
Total non-cash financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>266,096</u>

As described in Note 2(i), income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unit holders. The change in this amount each year (as reported in (a) above) represents a non-cash financing cost as it is not settled in cash until such time as it becomes distributable.

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11 Receivables

	As at	
	30 June 2017	30 June 2016
	\$	\$
Interest receivable	37,023	25,523
Dividends and distributions receivable	252,552	-
GST receivable	348,342	354,140
Other receivables	672,087	-
Total receivables	1,310,004	379,663

12 Payables

	As at	
	30 June 2017	30 June 2016
	\$	\$
Management fees payable	92,840	76,966
Performance fees payable	-	3,114,294
Redemptions payable	50,810	-
Monies not allocated to units	30,000	2,447,500
Other payables	168,877	89,517
Total payables	342,527	5,728,277

13 Remuneration of auditor

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the Fund:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2017	30 June 2016
	\$	\$
Moore Stephens Victoria		
<i>Audit and other assurance services</i>		
Audit of financial statements	19,400	18,100
Audit of compliance plan	2,800	2,500
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	22,200	20,600
<i>Taxation services</i>		
Tax compliance services	8,500	8,500
Other tax advice	-	2,000
Total remuneration for taxation services	8,500	10,500
Total remuneration of Moore Stephens Victoria	30,700	31,100

13 Remuneration of auditor (continued)

The auditor's remuneration is borne by the Responsible Entity.

Fees are stated net of GST.

14 Related party transactions

The Responsible Entity of Paragon Australian Long Short Fund is Paragon Funds Management Ltd (ABN 42 159 623 873) (AFSL 426800). Accordingly, transactions with entities related to Paragon Funds Management Ltd are disclosed below.

The Responsible Entity has contracted services to UBS AG, Australia Branch to act as Prime Broker and White Outsourcing Pty Limited to act as Administrator for the Fund. The contracts are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

(a) Directors

Key management personnel include persons who were Directors of Paragon Funds Management Ltd at any time during or since the end of the financial year and up to the date of this report.

Mr John Deniz
Mr Nick Reddaway
Ms Hillier Deniz

Nick Reddaway has resigned as a director of the company effective from 30 September 2017.

(b) Other key management personnel

There were no other persons with responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Fund, directly or indirectly during the financial year.

(c) Transactions with key management personnel

There were no transactions with key management personnel during the reporting period.

14 Related party transactions (continued)

(d) Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel are paid by Paragon Funds Management Ltd. Payments made from the Fund to Paragon Funds Management Ltd do not include any amounts directly attributable to the compensation of key management personnel.

(e) Key management personnel loans

The Fund has not made, guaranteed or secured, directly or indirectly, any loans to key management personnel or their personally related entities at any time during the reporting period.

(f) Other transactions within the Fund

Apart from those details disclosed in this note, no key management personnel have entered into a material contract with the Fund during the financial year and there were no material contracts involving key management personnel's interests existing at year end.

(g) Responsible Entity and Investment Manager's fees and other transactions

Under the terms of the PDS, the Investment Manager is entitled to receive management fees of up to 1.5% per annum (inclusive of GST net of RITC), calculated by reference to the monthly net assets value of the Fund and payable monthly by the Fund.

In addition, the Investment Manager is entitled to a performance fee calculated at the end of each month, monthly in arrears and paid at the end of each half year period ending 30 June and 31 December. The performance fee is calculated as 20% (inclusive of GST net of RITC) of the Fund's out-performance subject to a 5% hurdle rate and a high-watermark. At 30 June 2017, no performance fee was recorded in the Fund (2016: \$3,454,292) (inclusive of GST net of RITC).

Transactions with related parties have taken place in the ordinary course of business. The transactions during the year and amounts payable at year end between the Fund and the Responsible Entity and the Investment Manager were as follows:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2017	30 June 2016
	\$	\$
Management fees for the year paid by the Fund to the Investment Manager	1,099,538	557,145
Performance fees for the year paid by the Fund to the Investment Manager	8,661	3,454,292
Aggregate amounts payable to the Investment Manager at the end of the reporting period	92,840	3,191,260
Fees earned by the Responsible Entity in respect of investments by the Fund	286,079	192,101
Fees earned by the Responsible Entity in respect of preliminary expenses	16,968	33,939
Aggregate amounts payable to the Responsible Entity at the end of the reporting period	15,782	34,779

14 Related party transactions (continued)

(h) Related party unitholdings

Parties related to the Fund (including Paragon Funds Management Ltd, its related parties and other schemes managed by Paragon Funds Management Ltd), held units in the Fund as follows:

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Unitholder	No. of units held opening (Units)	No. of units held closing (Units)	Fair value of investment (\$)	Interest held (%)	Distributions paid/payable by the Fund (\$)
Deniz Pty Ltd ATF The Deniz Family Trust	1,028,980	1,028,980	1,563,638	2.15	-
M & H Harlock Pty Ltd ATF M & H Harlock Superannuation Fund	237,793	249,913	379,671	0.52	-
John & Prudence Deniz ATF Deniz Superannuation Fund	263,455	263,389	400,247	0.55	-
Nick Reddaway & Catherine Doggett ATF Reddaway Family Superannuation Fund	249,889	249,889	379,732	0.52	-
Reddaway Investment Pty Ltd ATF The Reddaway Family Trust	322,810	322,810	490,542	0.68	-
Hillier Deniz	-	25,132	37,924	0.05	-
	2,102,927	2,140,113	3,251,754	4.47	-

2016

Unitholder	No. of units held opening (Units)	No. of units held closing (Units)	Fair value of investment (\$)	Interest held (%)	Distributions paid/payable by the Fund (\$)
Deniz Pty Ltd ATF The Deniz Family Trust	1,006,325	1,028,980	1,986,755	3.44	-
M & H Harlock Pty Ltd ATF M & H Harlock Superannuation Fund	225,660	237,793	459,086	0.80	-
John & Prudence Deniz ATF Deniz Superannuation Fund	231,493	263,455	508,552	0.88	-
Nick Reddaway & Catherine Doggett ATF Reddaway Family Superannuation Fund	244,391	249,889	482,486	0.84	-
Reddaway Investment Pty Ltd ATF The Reddaway Family Trust	315,693	322,810	623,282	1.08	-
	2,023,562	2,102,927	4,060,161	7.03	-

(i) Investments

The Fund did not hold any investments in Paragon Funds Management Ltd or its related parties during the year (2016: nil).

15 Events occurring after the reporting period

Paragon Funds Management Ltd, the responsible entity of the Fund, announced changes in the company structure and the investment team of the Fund. Effective from 30th August 2017, the Fund is solely managed by John Deniz as Chief Investment Officer. Nick Reddaway has resigned from the investment team of the Fund and his executive director position at Paragon, officially from 30th September 2017. John Deniz is dedicated to executing the strategy of the Fund, with all other functions continuing to be outsourced to independent service providers.

The Fund's investment strategy and day to day operations of the Fund remain unchanged.

The liquidity levels of the Fund have enabled outflows resulting from the changes to be will be adequately met based on the liquidity levels in the Fundraising from the announced changes and are able to be managed without any adverse impact to the Fund's performance nor individual unit holders remaining in the Fund.

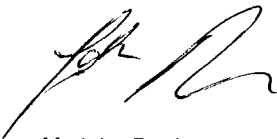
No other significant events have occurred since the end of the year which would impact on the financial position of the Fund disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2017 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the year ended on that date.

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of the Responsible Entity:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 7 to 33 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its performance for the year ended on that date,
- (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, and
- (c) Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Paragon Funds Management Ltd.



Mr John Deniz
Director

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF PARAGON AUSTRALIAN LONG SHORT FUND

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Paragon Australian Long Short Fund (**the Fund**), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion:

- a) The accompanying financial report of Paragon Australian Long Short Fund is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - i. giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
 - ii. complying with *Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
- b) the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 2.

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 (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 confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, which has been given to the directors of Paragon Funds Management Limited (the Responsible Entity), would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

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 annual report for the year ended 30 June 2017, 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 Paragon Funds Management Limited (the Responsible Entity) 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 related 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 judgement 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; and
- 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.

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.



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