



## RG 240 Annual Disclosures for the year ended 30 June 2017

The following disclosures are provided in accordance with ASIC regulatory guide RG240 requirements, covering the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

### Investment Strategy:

The Paragon Australian Long Short Fund is a concentrated long/short Australian equities product that is fundamentally driven with a focus on the industrials and resources sectors. The investment strategy has not changed in the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

On 8th December 2016, the Fund name was changed from Paragon Fund to Paragon Australian Long Short Fund. As communicated to investors at the time, this was purely to provide a more prescriptive name consistent with the strategy of the Fund, and not a change in strategy in any way.

### Asset Allocation:

In accordance with the Fund's investment strategy, asset classes invested in by the Fund over the course of the financial year were Australian Equities, with the balance in Cash.

The percentage of assets held by the Fund by class, at the close of 30 June 2017 was:

Australian Equities - 56%

Cash - 44%

Total - 100%.

On occasion, exchange traded derivatives were also invested in during the financial year, typically for hedging purposes, both against specific stock holdings as well as the portfolio overall. There were no derivatives held at 30 June 2017. The maximum exposure to derivatives at any point in time over the year, expressed as a percentage of the total portfolio, was 20%.

Asset allocation by class and industry sector are reported on a monthly basis in the monthly updates.

### Liquidity:

In accordance with the Fund's investment strategy, the Fund is invested in asset classes whereby it can reasonably be expected to realise at least 80% of its assets, at the value ascribed to those assets in calculating the Fund's NAV, within 10 days at all times.

The liquidity profile of the Fund met this requirement at all times during the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

Based on the Fund's closing position at 30 June 2017, 95% of its assets are capable of being realised within 10 business days.

### Leverage:

Leveraging through securities lending is permitted and will be deployed in accordance with the Fund's investment strategy. The maximum gross exposure limit set for the Fund taking into account leverage is 200% of the NAV of the Fund.

Leverage levels were well within this maximum limit over the financial year. Based on the Fund's closing position at 30 June 2017, the Fund is long 84% and short 28%. The resultant gross exposure is 112%, and net exposure is 56%. The maximum gross exposure level reached in the last financial year was 134%.

Gross long and short and net exposure levels are reported on a monthly basis in the monthly updates.

The Fund did not enter into any other borrowings over the course of the financial year.

**Key Service Providers:**

Paragon Funds Management Ltd (Paragon) is the Responsible Entity of the Paragon Australian Long Short Fund and is also the Investment Manager of the Fund.

The investment team comprise of the two principals of Paragon, John Deniz and Nick Reddaway. There has been no change to the key management of Paragon nor the investment team of the Fund since inception of the Fund except for the appointment of David Livera as Head of Distribution in March.

There were no changes of key service providers in the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

The key external service providers of the Fund are:

- Prime Broker and Custodian – UBS AG, Australia Branch & UBS Nominees Pty Ltd (UBS); and
- Fund Administrator – Link Fund Solutions (formerly White Outsourcing Pty Ltd).

Both UBS and Link Fund Solutions are independent third party service providers and provide their services on an arms' length commercial basis in accordance with legally binding contractual agreements.

**Derivative counterparties:**

The Fund continues to use its Prime Broker as the sole counterparty to any derivative transactions.

No other derivative counterparties have been engaged by the Fund in the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

**Summary of disclosures:**

There have been no changes to the Fund's investment strategy, risk profile or investment team since inception, and more specifically, during the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

Any material changes to the above disclosures over the course of the new financial year, will continue to be communicated to investors in monthly updates (as well as via our website), followed by an annual summary at the end of the financial year.

Any further questions on these disclosures should be directed to Paragon by email to [info@paragonfunds.com.au](mailto:info@paragonfunds.com.au).