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These interim financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements. Accordingly, these interim financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 and any public announcements made in respect of CC Sage Capital Absolute Return Fund during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

These interim financial statements cover the CC Sage Capital Absolute Return Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of the CC Sage Capital Absolute Return Fund is Channel Investment Management Limited (ABN 22 163 234 240, AFSL 439007). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 19, 1 Eagle Street, Brisbane, QLD 4000.

Directors' report

The Directors of Channel Investment Management Limited (ABN 22 163 234 240, AFSL 439007), the Responsible Entity of CC Sage Capital Absolute Return Fund ("the Fund"), present their report together with the interim financial report of the Fund for the half-year ended 31 December 2025.

Principal activities

The Fund is a registered managed investment fund domiciled in Australia.

The Fund was constituted on 14 June 2019, registered as a managed investment scheme on 25 June 2019 and commenced operations on 20 August 2019.

The Responsible Entity of the Fund is Channel Investment Management Limited (the "Responsible Entity"). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 19, 1 Eagle Street, Brisbane, QLD 4000. The interim financial statements are presented in the Australian currency.

The Responsible Entity is incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

Sage Capital Pty Ltd is the Investment Manager of the Fund.

The Custodian of the Fund is Morgan Stanley & Co. International PLC.

The Fund aims to achieve positive returns in excess of the RBA Cash Rate, after fees and expenses, over the long term by taking both long positions and short positions in selected Australian shares.

The Fund takes both long positions and short positions in selected Australian shares that are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange ('ASX') or expected to be listed within 90 days. The Fund is an absolute return strategy with the typical asset classes held by the Fund comprising Australian listed shares, cash and cash equivalent instruments and exchange traded derivatives.

The Fund did not have any employees during the half-year.

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

Directors

The following persons held office as directors of Channel Investment Management Limited during or since the end of the half-year and up to the date of this report:

Glen Holding	Executive Director
Sandra Birkenleigh	Non-Executive Chair
Bede King	Non-Executive Director
Karen Prentis	Non-Executive Director

Review and results of operations

There have been no significant changes to the operations of the Fund since the beginning of financial period. The Fund continued to invest in accordance with target asset allocations as set out in the Product Disclosure Statements of the Fund and in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

Class A's performance was -2.38% (net of fees) for the half-year ended 31 December 2025 (0.59% for the half-year ended 31 December 2024). Class C's performance was -1.95% (net of fees) for the half-year ended 31 December 2025 (0.99% for the half-year ended 31 December 2024). The Fund's benchmark for both classes, the RBA Cash Rate returned 1.86% (2.24% for the half-year ended 31 December 2024).

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

	Half-year ended 31 December 2025	Half-year ended 31 December 2024
Net operating profit/(loss) before financing costs attributable to unitholders (\$'000)	(17,945)	5,021
Class A		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	2,866	5,598
Distributions (cents per unit)	1.0227	1.3716
Class C		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	49	61
Distributions (cents per unit)	0.6199	0.9829

Directors' report (continued)

Significant changes in state of affairs

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

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial half-year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (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 Statements of the Fund.

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 and auditors

Insurance cover provided to the officers of Channel Investment Management Limited is paid by Channel Capital Pty Ltd, parent entity of Channel Investment Management Limited and not out of the assets of the Fund. So long as the officers of Channel Investment Management Limited act in accordance with the Fund's Constitution and the Law, the officers remain indemnified out of the assets of the Fund against losses incurred while acting on behalf of the Fund.

The auditors of the Fund are in no way indemnified out of the assets of the Fund.


Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars

The Fund is an entity of the kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191* and in accordance with that instrument, amounts in the financial report and directors' report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

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 4.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Channel Investment Management Limited.



Glen Holding
Director
Channel Investment Management Limited

Brisbane
5 March 2026



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Auditor's independence declaration to the directors of Channel Investment Management Limited as Responsible Entity for CC Sage Capital Absolute Return Fund

As lead auditor for the review of the half-year financial report of CC Sage Capital Absolute Return Fund for the half-year ended 31 December 2025, 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 review;
- b. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review; and
- c. No non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Ernst & Young

Nathan Young
Partner
5 March 2026

Statement of comprehensive income

		Half-year ended 31 December 2025 \$'000	Half-year ended 31 December 2024 \$'000
Investment income			
Dividend and distribution income		7,457	10,891
Interest income		10,167	13,702
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	4	(16,450)	2,794
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)		3	-
Other operating income		3	1
Total net investment income/(loss)		1,180	27,388
Expenses			
Dividend expense on short sold securities		10,761	14,067
Management fees		3,485	4,021
Administration fees		299	312
Transaction costs		2,603	1,966
Stock Loan fees		1,902	1,925
Other expenses		75	76
Total operating expenses		19,125	22,367
Operating profit/(loss) for the half-year		(17,945)	5,021
Finance costs attributable to unitholders			
Distributions to unitholders	5	(2,915)	(5,659)
(Increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders	7	20,860	638
Profit/(loss) for the half-year		-	-
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		-	-

The above statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of financial position

	Notes	As at 31 December 2025 \$'000	As at 30 June 2025 \$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		406,710	745,405
Receivables		1,993	6,293
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold		-	40,752
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	462,944	827,443
Total assets		871,647	1,619,893
Liabilities			
Distributions payable		2,915	23,610
Payables		1,761	3,414
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased		-	41,856
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	6	460,809	833,233
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)		465,485	902,113
Net assets attributable to unitholders - liability	7	406,162	717,780

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of changes in equity

	Half-year ended 31 December 2025 \$'000	Half-year ended 31 December 2024 \$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the financial half-year	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the half-year	-	-
Transactions with unitholders in their capacity as unitholders	-	-
Total equity at the end of the financial half-year	-	-

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

Changes in net assets attributable to unitholders are disclosed in Note 7.

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of cash flows

	Notes	Half-year ended 31 December 2025 \$'000	Half-year ended 31 December 2024 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Proceeds from sales of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		1,314,912	837,096
Payments for settlement of financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		(1,205,214)	(661,642)
Payments for purchase of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(920,497)	(863,561)
Proceeds from re-purchase of financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		785,320	701,571
Dividends and distributions received		10,565	11,670
Interest income received		11,239	13,649
Other income received		123	92
Dividend expense paid on short position securities		(11,466)	(16,504)
Management fees paid		(3,814)	(4,004)
Administration fees paid		(299)	(312)
Transaction costs paid		(2,629)	(1,965)
Performance fees paid		(45)	(1,189)
Stock Loan fees paid		(1,902)	(1,925)
Other expenses paid		(283)	(76)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		(23,990)	12,900
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from applications by unitholders		65,611	75,179
Payments for redemptions by unitholders		(357,410)	(77,196)
Distributions paid		(22,909)	(4,922)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		(314,708)	(6,939)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(338,698)	5,961
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year		745,405	624,269
Effects of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents		3	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year		406,710	630,230
Non-cash financing activities			
Reinvestment of distributions	7	701	164

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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1 General information

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The interim financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors of the Responsible Entity on 5 March 2026. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the interim financial statements.

2 Basis of preparation of interim financial statements

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Act 2001*. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

These interim financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements. Accordingly, these interim financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 and any public announcements made in respect of the Fund during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

(a) Material accounting policies

The accounting policies in these interim financial statements are the same as those applied in the Fund's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

(b) New accounting standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards, amendments and interpretations have been issued which are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after 1 January 2026, and have not been early adopted by the Fund. With the exception of the below, none of these are expected to have a material impact on the financial statements of the Fund.

AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements ("AASB 18")

AASB 18 was issued in June 2024 and will replace AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*. The new standard introduces new requirements for the statement of comprehensive income, including:

- new categories for the classification of income and expenses into operating, investing, and financing categories; and
- presentation of subtotals for "operating profit" and "profit before financing and income taxes"

Additional disclosure requirements are introduced for management-defined performance measures and new principles for aggregation and disaggregation of information in the notes and primary financial statements, as well as the presentation of interest and dividends in the statement of cash flows.

The new standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027, and will apply to the Fund for the first time in the financial year ending 30 June 2028.

This new standard is not expected to have an impact on the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income or expenses, however there will likely be changes in how the statements of comprehensive income and statements of financial position line items are presented, as well as some additional disclosures in the notes to the financial statements. The Responsible Entity is in the process of assessing the impact of the new standard.

2 Basis of preparation of interim financial statements (continued)

(c) Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars

The Fund is an entity of the kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191* and in accordance with that instrument, amounts in the interim financial statements and directors' report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars unless otherwise stated.

3 Fair value measurement

The Fund measures and recognises financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss on a recurring basis.

The Fund has no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis in the current reporting period.

Fair value hierarchy

Classification of financial assets and financial liabilities

The Fund classifies fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the subjectivity of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (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).

(a) Fair value in an active market (Level 1)

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

The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Fund is the current bid price; the quoted market price for financial liabilities is the current asking price. When the Fund holds derivatives with offsetting market risks, it uses mid-market prices as a basis for establishing fair values for the offsetting risk positions and applies this bid or asking price to the net open position, as appropriate.

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.

(b) Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (Level 2 and Level 3)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities 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.

Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on best estimates and the discount rate used is a market rate at the end of the reporting period applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions.

For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the end of the reporting period. Fair values for unquoted investments are estimated, if possible, using applicable price/earnings ratios for similar listed companies adjusted to reflect the specific circumstances of the issuer.

The fair value of derivatives that are not exchange traded is estimated at the amount that the Fund would receive or pay to terminate the contract at the end of reporting period taking into account current market conditions (volatility and appropriate yield curve) and the current creditworthiness of the counterparties. The foreign currency contracts are valued at the forward rate.

Some of the inputs to these models may not be market observable and are therefore estimated based on assumptions.

The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Fund holds. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including liquidity risk and counterparty risk.

The carrying value less impairment provision of other receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Fund for similar financial instruments.

3 Fair value measurement (continued)

(c) Recognised fair value measurements

The following table presents the Fund's financial assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy at 31 December 2025 and 30 June 2025:

As at 31 December 2025	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets				
Listed equities	444,163	-	-	444,163
Listed unit trusts	11,073	-	-	11,073
Listed property unit trusts	7,708	-	-	7,708
Total financial assets	462,944	-	-	462,944
Financial liabilities				
Unlisted equities	-	-	65	65
Listed equities	415,887	-	-	415,887
Listed unit trusts	17,006	-	-	17,006
Listed property unit trusts	27,851	-	-	27,851
Total financial liabilities	460,744	-	65	460,809
As at 30 June 2025	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets				
Listed equities	769,318	-	-	769,318
Listed unit trusts	45,442	-	-	45,442
Listed property unit trusts	12,683	-	-	12,683
Total financial assets	827,443	-	-	827,443
Financial liabilities				
Unlisted equities	-	-	197	197
Listed equities	738,418	-	-	738,418
Listed unit trusts	53,349	-	-	53,349
Listed property unit trusts	41,269	-	-	41,269
Total financial liabilities	833,036	-	197	833,233

(d) Transfer 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 in the fair value hierarchy for the half year ended 31 December 2025 and year ended 30 June 2025.

(e) Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

The following table presents the movement in level 3 instruments for the half-year ended 31 December 2025 by the class of financial instrument.

	Unlisted equity securities - liability \$'000
Opening balance – 31 December 2024	197
Sales	-
Gains/(losses) recognised in the statement of comprehensive income	-
Closing balance – 30 June 2025	197
Sales	(1,317)
Gains/(losses) recognised in the statement of comprehensive income	1,185
Closing balance – 31 December 2025	65
Total unrealised gains/(losses) included in the statement of comprehensive income for assets held at the end of the reporting period	-

3 Fair value measurement (continued)

(e) Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3) (continued)

The following table summarises the quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used in level 3 fair value measurement as at 31 December 2025 and 30 June 2025.

	Fair value \$'000	Valuation technique	Unobservable input	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
As at 31 December 2025		Recent transaction price		Increased/(decreased) share price would decrease/(increase) fair value
AVZ Minerals Limited	65		Last share price	
As at 30 June 2025		Recent transaction price		Increased/(decreased) share price would decrease/(increase) fair value
AVZ Minerals Limited	197		Last share price	

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

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

	Half-year ended 31 December 2025 \$'000	Half-year ended 31 December 2024 \$'000
Financial assets		
Net realised gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	80,813	33,646
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(48,806)	5,114
Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	32,007	38,760
Financial liabilities		
Net realised gain/(loss) on financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	(76,824)	(16,398)
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	28,367	(19,568)
Net gains/(losses) on financial liabilities as at fair value through profit or loss	(48,457)	(35,966)
Total net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(16,450)	2,794

5 Distribution to unitholders

The distributions declared and paid during the half-year were as follows:

	Half-year ended 31 December 2025		Half-year ended 31 December 2024	
	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU
Distributions - Class A				
December (payable)	2,866	1.0227	5,598	1.3716
Total distributions - Class A	2,866	1.0227	5,598	1.3716
Distributions - Class C				
December (payable)	49	0.6199	61	0.9829
Total distributions - Class C	49	0.6199	61	0.9829
Total distributions	2,915	1.6426	5,659	2.3545

During the half-year, some distributions were satisfied by the issue of units (reinvestment). See note 7.

6 Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

	As at 31 December 2025 \$'000	As at 30 June 2025 \$'000
Financial assets		
Listed equities	444,163	769,318
Listed unit trusts	11,073	45,442
Listed property unit trusts	7,708	12,683
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	462,944	827,443
Financial liabilities		
Unlisted equities	65	197
Listed equities	415,887	738,418
Listed unit trusts	17,006	53,349
Listed property unit trusts	27,851	41,269
Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	460,809	833,233
Total net financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	2,135	(5,790)

7 Net assets attributable to unitholders

Movements in the number of units and net assets attributable to unitholders during the half-year were as follows:

	Half-year ended 31 December 2025		Half-year ended 31 December 2024	
	Units Number	Dollars \$'000	Units Number	Dollars \$'000
Class A				
Opening balance	483,255,574	708,174	410,140,979	623,310
Applications	44,667,135	64,824	47,849,941	71,904
Redemptions	(248,208,314)	(356,237)	(49,954,377)	(74,830)
Reinvestment of distributions	472,431	692	107,886	164
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders	-	(20,593)	-	(657)
Closing balance	280,186,826	396,860	408,144,429	619,891
Class C				
Opening balance	7,991,907	9,606	5,888,816	7,248
Applications	664,469	787	1,947,177	2,395
Redemptions	(707,469)	(833)	(1,633,954)	(1,994)
Reinvestment of distributions	7,745	9	174	-
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders	-	(267)	-	19
Closing balance	7,956,652	9,302	6,202,213	7,668
Total				
Net assets attributable to unitholders				
Opening balance	491,247,481	717,780	416,029,795	630,558
Applications	45,331,604	65,611	49,797,118	74,299
Redemptions	(248,915,783)	(357,070)	(51,588,331)	(76,824)
Reinvestment of distributions	480,176	701	108,060	164
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders	-	(20,860)	-	(638)
Closing balance - net assets attributable to unitholders	288,143,478	406,162	414,346,642	627,559

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

As at 31 December 2025, there were two separate classes of units. Each unit within the same class has the same rights as all other units within that class.

Units are redeemed 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 twelve months after the end of the reporting period cannot be reliably determined.

8 Related party transactions

For the purpose of these financial statements, parties are considered to be related to the Fund if they have the ability, directly or indirectly, to control or exercise significant influence over the Fund in making financial and operating disclosures. Related parties may be individuals or other entities.

There have been no significant events or transactions to the related party transactions disclosed in the previous annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2025.

9 Events occurring after the reporting period

No significant events have occurred since the end of the period which would impact on the financial position of the Fund as disclosed in the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the half-year ended on that date.

10 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 31 December 2025 and 30 June 2025.

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of the Responsible Entity:

- (a) the interim financial statements and notes set out on pages 5 to 15 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 31 December 2025 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; 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 is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Channel Investment Management Limited.



Glen Holding
Director
Channel Investment Management Limited

Brisbane
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Independent auditor's review report to the unitholders of CC Sage Capital Absolute Return Fund

Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of CC Sage Capital Absolute Return Fund (the "Fund"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of the Fund does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a. Giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of its financial performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- b. Complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity* (ASRE 2410). Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year 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 review of the half-year financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

Directors' responsibilities for the half-year financial report

The directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for the preparation of the half-year 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 half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year financial report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all



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significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

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Nathan Young
Partner
Brisbane
5 March 2026