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These financial statements cover Forager Australian Shares Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of Forager Australian Shares Fund is the Trust Company (RE Services) Limited (ABN 45 003 278 831) (AFSL 235150). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 14 Angel Place, 123 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

Directors' Report

The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited (ABN 45 003 278 831) (AFSL 235150) is the responsible entity (the "Responsible Entity") of Forager Australian Shares Fund (the "Fund"). The directors of the Responsible Entity (the "Directors") present their report together with the financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Principal Activities

The Fund is a unlisted registered managed investment scheme domiciled in Australia.

The Fund invests predominantly in securities listed on the Australian Securities Exchange ("ASX") and investments that are likely to be listed on the ASX in the future and Australian denominated cash but may also invest up to 20% of its assets in securities that are listed on the New Zealand Exchange ("NZX") in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution. The Fund's goal is to produce superior long-term returns from a selected number of underlying investments, irrespective of short term price movements.

The Fund was constituted on 22 September 2009 and commenced operations on 30 October 2009.

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.

Directors

The Directors of The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited during the year and up to the date of this report are shown below. The Directors were in office for this entire period except where stated otherwise:

Name

Alexis Dodwell	
Glenn Foster	
Vicki Riggio	
Phillip Blackmore	Alternate Director for Vicki Riggio

Review and results of operations

During the year, the Fund invested in accordance with the investment objective and guidelines as set out in the governing documents of the Fund and in accordance with the provision of the Fund's Constitution.

Results

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
Operating profit (\$'000)	48,005	26,195
Distributions paid and/or payable (\$'000)	11,587	5,990
Distributions (cents per unit)	12.6000	6.0000

Units on Issue

Units on issue in the Fund at year end are set out below:

	As at	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
Units on issue	91,080	99,819

Directors' Report (continued)

Significant changes in state of affairs

On 24 February 2025, Perpetual Limited announced that the Scheme Implementation Deed, entered into with KKR on 8 May 2024, has been terminated. The ASX announcement made by Perpetual Limited can be found at <https://www.perpetual.com.au/shareholders/asx-announcements/>.

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

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

Effective 9 July 2025, the Fund has changed its benchmark from the S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index to the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2025 that have significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (i) the operations of the Fund in future financial years; or
- (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 governing documents of the Fund and in accordance with 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 and auditors

No insurance premiums are paid for out of the assets of the Fund in regard to the insurance cover provided to either the officers of the Responsible Entity or the auditors of the Fund. So long as the officers of the Responsible Entity act in accordance with the Fund's Constitution and the *Corporations Act 2001*, 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.

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 the Fund's property during the year 30 June 2025 are disclosed in Note 12 to the financial statements.

No fees were paid out of Fund property to the Directors of the Responsible Entity during the year 30 June 2025.

The number of units in the Fund held by the Responsible Entity or its associates as at the end of the financial year are disclosed in Note 12 to the financial statements.

Units in the Fund

The movement in units on issue in the Fund during the year 30 June 2025 is disclosed in Note 7 of the interim 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 of the interim 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.

Directors' Report (continued)

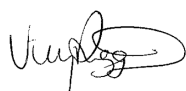
Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars

The Fund is an entity of a kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191* issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the Directors' report. Amounts in the Directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with that *ASIC Corporations Instrument*, unless otherwise indicated.

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 5.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited.



Director
The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited

Sydney
15 September 2025

Auditor's independence declaration to the directors of The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited as the Responsible Entity of Forager Australian Shares Fund

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Forager Australian Shares Fund for the financial year ended 30 June 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 audit;
- b. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit; and
- c. No non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Ernst & Young

Ernst & Young



Jim Chuang
Partner
15 September 2025

Forager Australian Shares Fund
Statement of comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 June 2025

Statement of comprehensive income

		Year ended	
		30 June	30 June
		2025	2024
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Investment income/(loss)			
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost		476	744
Dividend and distribution income		2,412	1,945
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	5	47,677	25,602
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)		-	2
Other investment income		8	34
Total investment income/(loss)		50,573	28,327
Expenses			
Management fees and costs		2,204	1,766
Transaction costs		364	366
Total operating expenses		2,568	2,132
Operating profit/(loss)		48,005	26,195
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		48,005	26,195

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

Forager Australian Shares Fund
Statement of financial position
As at 30 June 2025

Statement of financial position

		As at	
		30 June	30 June
	Notes	2025	2024
		\$'000	\$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	18,626	13,828
Applications receivable		109	-
Dividends receivable		-	95
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold		52	638
GST receivable		53	94
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	175,307	151,401
Total assets		194,147	166,056
Liabilities			
Management fees and costs payable		278	228
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased		2,549	287
Redemptions payable		58	-
Distributions payable	8	8,653	2,995
Total liabilities		11,538	3,510
Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity	7	182,609	162,546

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

Statement of changes in equity

		Year ended	
		30 June	30 June
		2025	2024
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the year		162,546	143,489
Comprehensive income/(loss) for the year			
Profit/(loss) for the year		48,005	26,195
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		48,005	26,195
Transactions with unitholders			
Applications	7	5,154	1
Redemptions	7	(22,921)	(50)
Units buy-back	7	-	(1,099)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	7	1,412	-
Distributions paid and/or payable	7,8	(11,587)	(5,990)
Total transactions with unitholders		(27,942)	(7,138)
Total equity at the end of the year		182,609	162,546

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

Statement of cash flows

		Year ended	
		30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
	Notes		
Cash flows from operating activities			
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		113,101	96,151
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		(86,482)	(104,195)
Interest income received from financial assets at amortised cost		476	744
Dividends received		2,507	1,850
Other investment income received		49	2
Management fees and costs paid		(2,154)	(1,790)
Transaction costs paid		(364)	(366)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	10	27,133	(7,604)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from applications by unitholders		5,045	1
Payments for redemptions by unitholders		(22,921)	(50)
Payments for buy-back of units from unitholders		58	(1,099)
Distributions paid		(4,517)	(6,017)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		(22,335)	(7,165)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		4,798	(14,769)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		13,828	28,595
Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		-	2
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	9	18,626	13,828
Non-cash financing activities	10(a)	1,412	-

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 Forager Australian Shares Fund (the "Fund") as an individual entity. The Fund was constituted on 22 September 2009, commenced operations on 30 October 2009, was admitted to the ASX on 14 December 2016 and delisted from the ASX on 14 June 2024. The Fund terminates on the earlier of the date when the Responsible Entity tells the investors it terminates or any date the law requires.

The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited (ABN 45 003 278 831) (AFSL 235150) is the responsible entity of the Fund (the "Responsible Entity"). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 14 Angel Place, 123 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

The investment manager of the fund is Forager Funds Management Pty Ltd (the "Investment Manager").

The Fund invests predominantly in securities listed on the ASX and investments that are likely to be listed on the ASX in the future and Australian denominated cash but may also invest up to 20% of its assets in securities that are listed on the New Zealand Exchange ("NZX"). The Fund's goal is to produce superior long-term returns from a selected number of underlying investments, irrespective of short term price movements.

The financial statements of the Fund are for the year ended 30 June 2025. The financial statements are presented in the Australian currency.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors of the Responsible Entity (the "Directors of the Responsible Entity") on 15 September 2025. The Directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

2 Summary of material 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 are not distinguished between current and non-current. All balances are expected to be recovered or settled within twelve months, except for investments in financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and net assets attributable to unitholders.

The Fund manages financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial liabilities 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 twelve months, however, an estimate of that amount cannot be determined as at year 30 June 2025.

(i) Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards

The financial statements of the Fund also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

(ii) New and amended standards adopted by the Fund

The following are the new standards and amendments effective from 1 July 2024:

- AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current [AASB 101]
- AASB 2022-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback [AASB 101]
- AASB 2023-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Supplier Finance Arrangements [AASB 7 & AASB 107]

These amendments did not have any impact on the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements in the prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

(iii) New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 July 2025 and have not been early adopted

The new and amended standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Fund's financial statements are disclosed below. The Fund intends to adopt these new and amended standards and interpretations, if applicable, when they become effective.

- **AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements**

In June 2024, the AASB issued AASB 18, which replaces AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*. AASB 18 introduces new requirements for presentation within the statement of comprehensive income, including specified totals and subtotals. Furthermore, entities are required to classify all income and expenses within the statement of comprehensive income into one of five categories: operating, investing, financing, income taxes and discontinued operations, whereof the first three are new. It also requires disclosure of newly defined management-defined performance measures, subtotals of income and expenses, and includes new requirements for aggregation and disaggregation of financial information based on the identified 'roles' of the primary financial statements and the notes. In addition, narrow-scope amendments have been made to AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows, which include changing the starting point for determining cash flows from operations under the indirect method, from 'profit or loss' to 'operating profit or loss' and removing the optionality around classification of cash flows from dividends and interest. In addition, there are consequential amendments to several other standards. AASB 18, and the amendments to the other standards, is effective for reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

- **AASB 2023-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Lack of Exchangeability [AASB 1, AASB 121, AASB 1060]**

In October 2023, the AASB issued amendments to AASB 121 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates to specify how an entity should assess whether a currency is exchangeable and how it should determine a spot exchange rate when exchangeability is lacking. The amendments also require disclosure of information that enables users of its financial statements to understand how the currency not being exchangeable into the other currency affects, or is expected to affect, the entity's financial performance, financial position and cash flows. The amendments will be effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

- **AASB 2024-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments [AASB 7 & AASB 9]**

In July 2024, the AASB issued amendments to AASB 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures and AASB 9 Financial Instruments. This amendment amends requirements related to settling financial liabilities using an electronic payment system and assessing contractual cash flow characteristics of financial assets with environmental, social and corporate governance and similar features. It also amends disclosure requirements relating to investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income and adds disclosure requirements for financial instruments with contingent features that do not relate directly to basic lending risks and costs. The amendments will be effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

The Fund is currently working to identify all impacts the amendments will have on the primary financial statements and notes to the financial statements for year ended 30 June 2025.

(b) Financial instruments

(i) Classification

- **Financial assets**

The Fund classifies its investments based on its business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The Fund's portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is 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 assets on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

For equity securities, the contractual cash flows of these instruments do not represent solely payments of principal and interest. Consequently, these investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The financial assets measured at amortised cost are subject to the expected credit loss ("ECL") impairment model under AASB 9.

- **Financial liabilities**

For financial liabilities that are not classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss, these are classified as financial liabilities at amortised cost (Responsible Entity's fees payable, Management fees and costs payable, administration and custody fees payable, due to brokers, distributions payable and other payables).

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial instruments (continued)

(ii) Recognition and 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.

Investments are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

The Fund derecognises a financial liability when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled, expired.

(iii) Measurement

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

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets 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 assets at fair value through profit or loss' in the period in which they arise.

Further details on how the fair value of financial instruments is determined are disclosed in Note 4.

(iv) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount 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 which could be offset in the Statement of financial position.

(v) Impairment

At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on each of the financial assets at amortised cost (cash and cash equivalents, due from brokers and receivables) at an amount equal to the lifetime ECL if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month ECL. Significant financial difficulties of the counterparty, probability that the counterparty will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that the asset is credit impaired. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the net carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due. Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit impaired.

(c) Net assets attributable to unitholders

The units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at balance sheet date if the holder exercises the right to put the units back to the Fund.

The Fund was delisted from the ASX on 14 June 24. Up until this date, the Fund was a closed-end Fund and was not subject to applications and redemptions, other than those disclosed in Note 7. After 14 June 2024, the Fund started to operate as an open-ended unlisted unit trust and is subject to daily applications and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders in accordance with the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement and Fund's Constitution.

Units are classified as equity when they satisfy the following criteria under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*:

- the puttable financial instrument entitles the holder to a pro-rata share of net assets in the event of the Fund's liquidation;
- the puttable financial instrument is in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments and class features are identical;
- the issuer must have no other financial instrument or contract that has total cash flows based substantially on the profit or loss, the change in the recognised net assets or the change in the fair value of the recognised and unrecognised net assets of the entity (excluding any effects of such instrument or contract); and
- the issuer must have no other financial instrument or contract that has the effect of substantially restricting or fixing the residual return to the instrument holders.

The Fund's units have been classified as equity as they satisfied all the above criteria. This has been consistently applied during the year.

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises deposits held at custodian banks. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investments or other purposes.

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

(e) Investment income

Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost is recognised on an accruals basis using the effective interest method and includes interest from cash and cash equivalents.

Dividend and distribution income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income within dividend and distribution income when the Fund's right to receive payments is established.

Dividend and distribution 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.

The management reimbursement income is recognised when the management cost cap is exceeded and the difference is reimbursed back to the Fund by the Investment Manager.

Other changes in fair value for such instruments are recorded in accordance with the policies described in Note 2(b) to the financial statements.

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis.

(f) Expenses

All expenses, including interest, management fees and costs, performance fees, transaction costs, withholding tax expenses and other operating expenses are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income on an accruals basis.

Management fees and costs comprise the additional fees or costs that an investor incurs by investing in the Fund rather than by investing directly in the assets. These fees and costs include the management fee and certain other operating expenses of the Fund including responsible entity fees, custody fees, audit fees, accounting fees, legal and regulatory fees and all other fund expenses (other than transaction costs).

(g) Income tax

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

(h) Distributions

Distributions are payable as set out in the Fund's offering document. Such distributions are determined by the Responsible Entity of the Fund. Distributable income includes capital gains arising from the disposal of financial instruments. Unrealised gains and losses on financial instruments that are recognised as income are transferred to net assets attributable to unitholders and are not assessable and distributable until realised. Capital losses are not distributed to unitholders but are retained to be offset against any realised capital gains.

Financial instruments at fair value may include unrealised capital gains. Should such a gain be realised, that portion of the gain that is subject to capital gains tax will be distributed so that the Fund is not subject to capital gains tax.

Realised capital losses are not distributed to unitholders but are retained in the Fund to be offset against any realised capital gains. If realised capital gains exceed realised capital losses, the excess is distributed to unitholders.

The benefits of imputation credits and foreign tax paid are passed on to unitholders.

(i) Receivables

Receivables may include amounts for dividends, interest, trust distributions and receivable from Investment Manager. Interest is accrued at each dealing date in accordance with policy set out in Note 2(e) above. Dividends and trust distributions are accrued when the right to receive payment is established. Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recorded as receivables.

Receivables also include such items as Reduced Input Tax Credits ("RITC") and application monies receivable from unitholders.

Receivables are recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for ECL. To measure the ECL, receivables have been grouped based on days overdue.

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(i) Receivables (continued)

The amount of the impairment loss, if any, is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within other expenses. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the statement of comprehensive income.

(j) Payables

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

The distribution amount payable to unitholders as at the end of each reporting year is recognised separately in the Statement of financial position.

(k) Goods and Services Tax ("GST")

The GST incurred on the costs of various services provided to the Fund by third parties such as audit fees, custodian services and management fees have been passed onto the Fund. The Fund qualifies for RITC at a rate of 55% or 75%, hence investment management 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"). Accounts 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.

(l) Use of estimates

Accounting estimates are monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty. 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. However, certain financial instruments, including unquoted securities are fair valued using valuation techniques determined by the Investment Manager, in accordance with the valuation procedures approved by the Responsible Entity. Where valuation techniques (for example, pricing models) are used to determine fair values, they are validated and periodically reviewed by experienced personnel of the Investment Manager, independent of the area that created them.

Models use observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations require Investment Manager to make estimates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments.

For certain other balances reported on Statement of financial position, including amounts due from/to brokers, receivables and payables, the carrying amounts approximate fair value due to the immediate or short-term nature of these financial instruments.

(m) Rounding of amounts

The Fund is an entity of a kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191* issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("ASIC") relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the financial statements. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with the *ASIC Corporations Instrument*, unless otherwise indicated.

(n) 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 30 June 2025. The due from brokers balance is held for collection and is recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

3 Financial risk management

(a) Overview

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. The management of these risks is undertaken by the Fund's Investment Manager who has been appointed by the Responsible Entity under an Investment Management Agreement to manage the Fund's assets in accordance with the Investment Objective and Strategy.

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Overview (continued)

The Responsible Entity has in place a framework which includes:

- The Investment Manager providing the Responsible Entity with regular reports on their compliance with the Investment Management Agreement;
- Completion of regular reviews on the Service Provider which may include a review of the investment managers risk management framework to manage the financial risks of the Fund; and
- Regular reporting on the liquidity of the Fund in accordance with the Fund's Liquidity Risk Management Statement.

The Fund's Investment Manager has in place a framework to identify and manage the financial risks in accordance with the investment objective and strategy. This includes an investment due diligence process and on-going monitoring of the investments in the Fund. Specific controls which the Investment Manager applies to manage the financial risks are detailed under each risk specified below.

(b) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market risk factors, such as equity prices, foreign exchange rates, 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.

(i) Price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instrument or factors affecting all instruments in the market.

The Fund is exposed to equity securities listed or quoted on recognised securities exchanges price risk. This arises from investments held by the Fund for which prices in the future are uncertain. They are classified on the Statement of financial position as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. All investments present a risk of loss of capital. The maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is determined by the fair value of the financial instruments.

The Investment Manager mitigates this price risk and related concentration risk through diversification and a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within specified limits set by the Product Disclosure Statement. Between 70% and 100% of the net assets attributable to unitholders are invested in Australian shares. The Australian shares (being primarily smaller companies) are listed on ASX. The Fund has not invested in any derivatives during the financial year (2024: nil). The Fund is exposed, particularly through its equity portfolio, to concentration and market risks influencing investment valuations. These include Australian economic factors, changes in a company's internal operations or management, and also relate to changes in taxation policy, monetary policy, interest rates and statutory requirements.

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

As at year 30 June 2025, the overall market exposures were as follows:

	Fair value \$'000	% of net asset attributable to unitholders
As at 30 June 2025		
Financial assets		
Listed equity securities	175,307	96.00
Total financial assets	175,307	96.00
	Fair value \$'000	% of net asset attributable to unitholders
As at 30 June 2024		
Financial assets		
Listed equity securities	147,097	90.496%
Listed property trusts	4,304	2.648%
Total financial assets	151,401	93.144%

The table in Note 3(c) summarises the impact of an increase/decrease of underlying investment prices on the Fund's operating profit/(loss) and net assets attributable to unitholders. The analysis is based on the assumption that the underlying investment prices changed by +/- 10% (2024: +/- 10%) from the year end prices with all other variables held constant.

(ii) Interest rate risk

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

The majority of the Fund's assets are held in equities which are non-interest bearing securities. Hence, the Fund is not exposed to significant interest rate risk. The impact of interest rate risk on net assets attributable to unitholder and operating profit is considered immaterial to the Fund.

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk (continued)

(ii) Interest rate risk (continued)

The table below summarises the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk.

As at 30 June 2025

	Floating interest rate \$'000	Fixed interest rate \$'000	Non- interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	18,626	-	-	18,626
Application receivable	-	-	109	109
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold	-	-	52	52
GST receivable	-	-	53	53
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	175,307	175,307
Total financial assets	18,626	-	175,521	194,147
Financial liabilities				
Management fees and costs payable	-	-	278	278
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased	-	-	2,549	2,549
Redemption payable	-	-	58	58
Distributions payable	-	-	8,653	8,653
Total financial liabilities	-	-	11,538	11,538
Net exposure	18,626	-	163,983	182,609

As at 30 June 2024

	Floating interest rate \$'000	Fixed interest rate \$'000	Non- interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	13,828	-	-	13,828
Dividends receivable	-	-	95	95
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold	-	-	638	638
GST receivable	-	-	94	94
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	151,401	151,401
Total financial assets	13,828	-	152,228	166,056
Financial liabilities				
Management fees and costs payable	-	-	228	228
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased	-	-	287	287
Distributions payable	-	-	2,995	2,995
Total financial liabilities	-	-	3,510	3,510
Net exposure	13,828	-	148,718	162,546

The table in Note 3(c) summarises the impact of an increase/decrease of interest rates on the Fund's operating profit/(loss) and net assets attributable to unitholders through changes in fair value or changes in future cash flows. The analysis is based on the assumption that interest rates changed by +/- 100 basis points (2024: +/- 100 basis points) from the year end rates with all other variables held constant.

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk (continued)

(iii) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Fund holds non-monetary assets denominated in currencies other than the Australian dollar. Foreign exchange risk arises as the value of monetary securities denominated in other currencies fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. The foreign exchange risk relating to non-monetary assets and liabilities is a component of price risk and not foreign exchange risk. However, the Investment Manager monitors the exposure of all foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities.

The table below summarises the Fund's net exposure to different major currencies:

	As at	
	30 June	30 June
	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
New Zealand Dollar	9,704	7,458

(c) Summarised sensitivity analysis

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's operating profit/(loss) and net assets attributable to unitholders 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 movements resulting from changes in the performance of and/or correlation between the performances of the economies, markets and securities in which the Fund invests. As a result, historic variations in risk variables should not be used to predict future variances in the risk variables.

	Impact on operating profit/(loss)/ net assets attributable to unitholders					
	Price risk		Interest rate risk		Currency risk	
	-10%	+10	-100bps	+100bps	-10%	+10
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
As at 30 June 2025	(17,531)	17,531	(186)	186	(970)	970
As at 30 June 2024	(15,140)	15,140	(138)	138	(746)	746

(d) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty will be unable or unwilling to pay amounts in full when due.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the reporting year is the carrying amount of the financial assets.

(i) Bank deposits, amounts due from brokers and assets held with the custodian

The Fund's financial assets which are potentially subject to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of bank deposits, amounts due from brokers and assets held with the custodian.

The table below summarises these assets as at 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024:

As at 30 June 2025

Bank, brokers and custodian	\$'000	Credit rating	Source of credit rating
Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd	193,985	B	Fitch

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Credit risk (continued)

(i) *Bank deposits, amounts due from brokers and assets held with the custodian (continued)*

As at 30 June 2024

Bank, brokers and custodian	\$'000	Credit rating	Source of credit rating
Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd	165,867	B	Fitch

The custody balance with Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd includes investments in equities totalling \$175,033,498, cash and cash equivalents totalling \$18,626,241 and due from broker balances amounting to \$51,889 as at 30 June 2025 (30 June 2024: investments in equities totalling \$151,401,228, cash and cash equivalents totalling \$13,827,645 and due from broker balances amounting to \$638,160 held with Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd).

(e) 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 will invest in no more than 10% of its assets into unlisted securities and will typically only do so if a security is expected to become listed in the future or was listed at the time of purchase but has delisted. During 2025 and 2024, the Fund's strategy was to hold at least 90% of the net assets attributable to unitholders in liquid assets, which include cash and cash equivalents and listed securities. Hence, the Fund is not exposed to significant liquidity risk.

(i) *Maturities of non-derivative financial liabilities*

All non-derivative financial liabilities of the Fund in the current and prior year have maturities of less than one month.

4 Fair value measurement

The Fund measures and recognises the financial assets at fair value on a recurring basis.

- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") (see Note 6)

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

AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value 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 is based on their quoted market prices at the end of the reporting year 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, information provided by independent pricing services is relied upon for valuation of investments.

The quoted market price used to fair value financial assets and financial liabilities held by the Fund is the last-traded prices.

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.

4 Fair value measurement (continued)

(ii) Fair value in an active or unquoted market (level 2 and 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. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2. If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3. This may be the case for certain unlisted shares, certain corporate debt securities and managed funds with suspended applications and withdrawals.

(iii) Recognised fair value measurements

The following table presents the Fund's assets measured and recognised at fair value as at 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024.

As at 30 June 2025	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Listed equity securities	175,307	-	-	175,307
Total	175,307	-	-	175,307
As at 30 June 2024	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Listed equity securities	147,097	-	-	147,097
Listed property trusts	4,304	-	-	4,304
Total	151,401	-	-	151,401

(iv) Transfers between levels

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

There were no transfers between the levels in the fair value hierarchy for the year ended 30 June 2025.

(v) Fair values of other financial instruments

The Fund did not hold any financial instruments which were not measured at fair value in the Statement of financial position. Due to their short-term nature, the carrying amounts of receivables and payables are assumed to approximate fair value.

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

	Year ended 30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
Financial assets		
Net realised gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	21,131	2,938
Net unrealised gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	26,546	22,664
Total net gains on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	47,677	25,602

6 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	As at	
	30 June	30 June
	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Listed equity securities	175,307	147,097
Listed property trusts	-	4,304
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	175,307	151,401

An overview of the risk exposure relating to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is included in Note 3.

7 Net assets attributable to unitholders

Under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*, puttable financial instruments meet the definition of a financial liability to be classified as equity where certain strict criteria are met. The Funds shall classify a financial instrument as an equity instrument from the date when the instrument has all the features and meets the conditions. Otherwise the financial instrument should be disclosed as a liability.

As per Note 2(c), the net assets attributable to the unitholders of the Fund are classified as an equity.

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

	30 June	Year ended	30 June	30 June
	2025	2025	2024	2024
	No. '000	\$'000	No. '000	\$'000
Opening balance	99,819	162,546	100,725	143,489
Applications	2,735	5,154	1	1
Redemptions	(12,267)	(22,921)	(34)	(50)
Units buy-back	-	-	(873)	(1,099)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	793	1,412	-	-
Distributions paid and/or payable	-	(11,587)	-	(5,990)
Profit for the year	-	48,005	-	26,195
Closing balance	91,080	182,609	99,819	162,546

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

Capital risk management

The Fund was delisted from the ASX on 14 June 2024. Up until this date, the Fund was a closed-end Fund and was not subject to applications and redemptions. The movements in the number of units during the period from 1 July 2023 to 14 June 2024 were as a result of units buy-back.

The Fund classifies its net assets attributable to unitholders as equity. After 14 June 2024, the amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily applications and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders.

Daily applications and redemptions are reviewed relative to the liquidity of the Fund's underlying assets 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 unitholders.

8 Distributions to unitholders

The Fund made changes to its distribution policy which it announced to the ASX in November 2021. The intention is for the Responsible Entity to pay ordinary distributions every six months which will be set at a level that targets an annual distribution yield of approximately 4%. In years where the distributable income of the Fund is significantly in excess of the ordinary distributions there will be an additional special distribution paid. The objective of the special distributions will be to ensure that at least 50% of the distributable income of the Fund is paid to investors. The distributions for the year were as follows:

	Year ended		Year ended	
	30 June 2025		30 June 2024	
	\$'000	CPU*	\$'000	CPU*
December	2,934	3.1000	2,995	3.0000
June (payable)	8,653	9.5000	2,995	3.0000
Total distributions	11,587	12.6000	5,990	6.0000

*Distribution is expressed as cents per unit amount in Australian Dollars.

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	As at	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash at bank and at custodian	18,626	13,828
Total cash and cash equivalents	18,626	13,828

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		
Profit/(loss) for the year	48,005	26,195
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	113,101	96,151
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(86,482)	(104,195)
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(47,677)	(25,602)
Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	-	(2)
Dividend and distribution income reinvested	95	(95)
Net change in other receivables	41	105
Net change in other payables	50	(161)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	27,133	(7,604)

(a) Non-cash financing activities

The following distribution payments to unitholders were satisfied by the issue of units under the distribution reinvestment plan

Total non-cash financing activities	1,412	-
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11 Remuneration of auditors

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$	\$
Ernst & Young		
Audit and review of other assurance services		
Audit and review of financial statements	23,920	33,868
Taxation services	9,000	8,500
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	<u>32,920</u>	<u>53,900</u>
Total remuneration of Ernst & Young	<u>32,920</u>	<u>53,900</u>
PricewaterhouseCoopers		
Audit and other assurance services		
Audit of compliance plan	2,645	2,556
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	<u>2,645</u>	<u>2,556</u>
Total remuneration of PricewaterhouseCoopers	<u>2,645</u>	<u>2,556</u>

The remuneration of auditor is borne by the Fund. Fees are stated exclusive of GST.

12 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.

Responsible Entity

The Responsible Entity of Forager Australian Shares Fund is The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited ABN 45 003 278 831) (AFSL 235150).

Key management personnel

(a) Directors

The Directors of The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited during the year and up to the date of this report are shown below. The Directors were in office for this entire period except where stated otherwise:

Name

Alexis Dodwell	
Glenn Foster	
Vicki Riggio	
Phillip Blackmore	Alternate Director for Vicki Riggio

(b) Other key management personnel

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

12 Related party transactions (continued)

Key management personnel unitholdings

There were no units held by key management personnel in the Fund for 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024.

Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel do not receive any remuneration directly from the Fund. They receive remuneration from a related party of the Responsible Entity in their capacity as Directors or employees of the Responsible Entity or its related parties. Consequently, the Fund does not pay any compensation to its key management personnel. Payments made from the Fund to the Responsible Entity do not include any amounts attributable to the compensation of key management personnel.

Key management personnel loan disclosures

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

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 Director's interests existing at year end.

Responsible Entity's/Investment Manager's fees and other transactions

Under the terms of the Fund's Constitution, the Responsible Entity is entitled to receive a fee per annum calculated as a percentage of the gross asset value of the Fund. The Investment Manager of the Fund is Forager Funds Management Pty Ltd. The Investment Manager is entitled to receive management fees of up to 1% per annum (inclusive of GST and net of RITC) of the net assets of the Fund calculated and accrued daily and is payable monthly in arrears.

The Investment Manager is also entitled to a performance fee from the Fund. The performance fee is equal to 10% (inclusive of GST and net of RITC) of the return of the Fund in excess of 8% per annum, calculated and paid semi-annually in arrears based on the average net asset value of the Fund over the relevant six month period.

The transactions during the year between the Fund, the Responsible Entity and the Investment Manager were as follows:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$	\$
Management fees for the year paid and payable by the Fund to the Investment Manager	1,776,724	1,488,830
Responsible Entity's fees for the year paid and payable by the Fund to the Responsible Entity	88,094	112,776
	As at	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$	\$
Aggregate amounts payable to the Investment Manager at reporting date	177,628	132,880
Aggregate amounts payable to the Responsible Entity at reporting date	22,490	20,393

The Fund has entered into an Investment Management Agreement with Forager Funds Management Pty Ltd such that it will manage investments of the Fund, ensure regulatory compliance with all the relevant laws and regulations, and provide administrative and other services for a fee.

12 Related party transactions (continued)

Related party unitholdings

Parties related to the Fund (including the Investment Manager, its related parties and other funds managed by the Investment Manager), held units in the Fund as follows:

Unitholder	No. of units held opening	No. of units held closing	Interest held	No. of units acquired	No. of units disposed	Distributions paid/payable by the Fund (\$)
As at 30 June 2025			(%)			
Senefelder Super Fund	1,093,106	1,162,493	1.28	69,387	-	145,895
The Senefelder Trust	412,076	426,516	0.47	14,440	-	53,529
As at 30 June 2024						
Senefelder Super Fund	1,026,106	1,093,106	1.10	67,000	-	63,576
The Senefelder Trust	412,076	412,076	0.41	-	-	24,725

Investments

The Fund did not hold any investment in The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited or of its affiliates or funds managed by Forager Funds Management Pty Limited during the year (2024: nil).

13 Significant events during the year

On 24 February 2025, Perpetual Limited announced that the Scheme Implementation Deed, entered into with KKR on 8 May 2024, has been terminated. The ASX announcement made by Perpetual Limited can be found at <https://www.perpetual.com.au/shareholders/asx-announcements/>.

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

14 Events occurring after the reporting period

Effective 9 July 2025, the Fund has changed its benchmark from the S&P/ASX All Ordinaries Accumulation Index to the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2025 that have significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

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

15 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024.

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of the Responsible Entity:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 6 to 25 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 2025 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)(i) confirms that the financial statements also 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 The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited.



Director
The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited

Sydney
15 September 2025

Independent auditor's report to the unitholders of Forager Australian Shares Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Forager Australian Shares Fund (the "Fund"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and the directors' declaration.

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

- a. Giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for opinion

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

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

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

The directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for the other information. The other information is the directors' report accompanying the financial report.

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 of the Responsible Entity for the financial report

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

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

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

We communicate with the directors of the Responsible Entity 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.

Ernst & Young

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