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These financial statements cover the Firetrail Absolute Return Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of the Firetrail Absolute Return Fund is Pinnacle Fund Services Limited (ABN 29 082 494 362). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 19, 307 Queen Street, Brisbane, QLD 4000.

## **Directors' report**

The directors of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited, the Responsible Entity of the Firetrail Absolute Return Fund ("the Fund"), present their report together with the financial statements of the Fund, for the year ended 30 June 2021.

### **Principal activities**

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

The Fund is an absolute return fund which aims to generate positive returns in all market environments. The Fund aims to deliver returns above the RBA Cash Rate ('Benchmark') over the medium to long term. The Fund is typically expected to be market neutral (net market exposure generally between 0% - 10%), which effectively means the Fund is constructed in a way where returns are not dependent on the performance of the underlying share market. There may be circumstances where the portfolio's net market exposure is negative. This may occur when the Fund's gross exposure to short positions is larger than the Fund's gross exposure to long positions. The Fund achieves market neutrality by investing in a combination of long and short positions in equity securities listed, or expected to be listed, on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX), as well as both long and short positions in equity issued by companies listed, or expected to be listed, in international markets. Exposure may also be through the use of derivatives.

Firetrail Investments Pty Limited is the Investment Manager of the Fund.

The Fund did not have any employees during the year.

### **Directors**

The following persons held office as directors of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited during the year or since the end of the year and up to the date of this report:

Mr I Macoun  
Mr A Ihlenfeldt  
Mr C Kwok  
Mr A Whittingham

The Responsible Entity also has a Compliance Committee consisting of one non-external member and three external members. The committee's role is to oversee the compliance requirements of the Fund operated by the Responsible Entity.

The functions of the Compliance Committee are set out in s601JC of the *Corporations Act 2001* as being to:

- a) monitor to what extent the Responsible Entity complies with each Scheme's Compliance Plan and report on its findings to the Responsible Entity;
- b) report to the Responsible Entity any breaches of the Corporations Act involving a Scheme, or any breach of the provisions included in a Scheme's constitution in accordance with s601GA of which the Compliance Committee is aware or suspects;
- c) report to ASIC if the Compliance Committee is of the view that the Responsible Entity has not taken, or does not propose to take, appropriate action to deal with a matter reported under paragraph (b) above; and
- d) assess at regular intervals whether each Scheme's Compliance Plan is adequate and report to the Responsible Entity on the assessment, and to make recommendations to the Responsible Entity about any changes it considers should be made to a Scheme's Compliance Plan.

The committee met four times during the year.

### **Review and results of operations**

Citigroup Pty Limited was appointed Administrator and Custodian on 17 May 2021 following the retirement of RBC Investor Services Trust who acted as Administrator and Custodian from 1 July 2020 to 16 May 2021.

## Directors' report (continued)

### Review and results of operations (continued)

On 9 April 2021, the Fund launched a new Class M unit.

There have been no other significant changes to the operations of the Fund since the previous financial period. The Fund continued to invest funds in accordance with target asset allocations as set out in the governing documents of the Fund.

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

	<b>Year ended</b>	
	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year	<b>34,210</b>	<b>27,213</b>
 <b>Distributions</b>		
<i>Distributions – Class A</i>		
Distributions paid and payable	<b>28</b>	61
Distributions (cents per unit)	<b>0.0110</b>	0.0345
 <i>Distributions – Class B</i>		
Distributions paid and payable	<b>2</b>	6
Distributions (cents per unit)	<b>0.0122</b>	0.0355
 <i>Distributions – Class M*</i>		
Distributions paid and payable	-	-
Distributions (cents per unit)	<b>0.0084</b>	-

\*Distribution amount is nil when rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

### 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 year.

### Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2021 that has 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.

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.

## **Directors' report (continued)**

### **Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors**

No insurance premiums are paid for out of the assets of the Fund in regards to insurance cover provided to either the officers of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited or the auditors of the Fund. So long as the officers of Pinnacle Fund Services 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 not indemnified out of the assets of the Fund.

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

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its associates out of the Fund's property during the year are disclosed in Note 15 to the financial statements.

No fees were paid out of the Fund's property to the directors of the Responsible Entity during the year.

The number of interests in the Fund held by the Responsible Entity or its associates as at the end of the financial year are disclosed in note 15 to the financial statements.

### **Interests in the Fund**

The movement in units on issue in the Fund during the year is disclosed in Note 14 to the financial statements.

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

### **Environmental regulation**

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

### **Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars**

Amounts in the directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*, 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.



Mr A Ihlenfeldt  
Director

Brisbane  
17 September 2021



## *Auditor's Independence Declaration*

As lead auditor for the audit of Firetrail Absolute Return Fund for the year ended 30 June 2021, I declare that 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; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Thomason', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Craig Thomason  
Partner  
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Sydney  
17 September 2021

**Firetrail Absolute Return Fund**  
**Statement of comprehensive income**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2021**

**Statement of comprehensive income**

		<b>Year ended</b>	
		<b>30 June</b>	30 June
		<b>2021</b>	2020
	Notes	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>Investment income</b>			
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost		-	246
Dividend/Trust distribution income	5	<b>7,847</b>	8,044
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	6	<b>60,277</b>	35,733
Other operating income		<u>216</u>	<u>47</u>
<b>Total net investment income</b>		<u><b>68,340</b></u>	<u>44,070</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fees	15	<b>3,835</b>	2,967
Performance fees	15	<b>12,590</b>	1,360
Short selling expenses		<b>14,442</b>	11,276
Transaction costs		<b>1,915</b>	1,254
Other operating expenses		<u>1,348</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<u><b>34,130</b></u>	<u>16,857</u>
<b>Profit/(loss) for the financial year</b>		<u><b>34,210</b></u>	<u>27,213</u>
Other comprehensive income		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the financial year</b>		<u><b>34,210</b></u>	<u>27,213</u>

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

**Firetrail Absolute Return Fund**  
**Statement of financial position**  
**As at 30 June 2021**

**Statement of financial position**

		<b>As at</b>	
		<b>30 June</b>	30 June
		<b>2021</b>	2020
	Notes	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	<b>316,268</b>	148,935
Margin accounts		<b>6,499</b>	7,110
Receivables	12	<b>7,684</b>	819
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	10	<b><u>634,479</u></b>	<u>375,677</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b><u>964,930</u></b>	<u>532,541</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Distributions payable	8	<b>30</b>	67
Payables	13	<b>11,262</b>	3,049
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	11	<b><u>619,457</u></b>	<u>325,561</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b><u>630,749</u></b>	<u>328,677</u>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity</b>	14	<b><u>334,181</u></b>	<u>203,864</u>

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



**Firetrail Absolute Return Fund**  
**Statement of changes in equity**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2021**

**Statement of changes in equity**

	Notes	Year ended	
		30 June 2021 \$'000	30 June 2020 \$'000
<b>Total equity at the beginning of the financial year</b>		<b>203,864</b>	205,371
<b>Comprehensive income for the financial year</b>			
Profit/(loss) for the year		<b>34,210</b>	27,213
Other comprehensive income		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the financial year</b>		<b>34,210</b>	27,213
<b>Transactions with unitholders</b>			
Applications	14	<b>148,316</b>	47,721
Redemptions	14	<b>(52,199)</b>	(76,403)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	14	<b>20</b>	29
Distributions paid and payable	14	<u>(30)</u>	<u>(67)</u>
<b>Total transactions with unitholders</b>		<b><u>96,107</u></b>	<b><u>(28,720)</u></b>
<b>Total equity at the end of the financial year</b>		<b><u>334,181</u></b>	<b><u>203,864</u></b>

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

**Firetrail Absolute Return Fund**  
**Statement of cash flows**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2021**

**Statement of cash flows**

		<b>Year ended</b>	
		<b>30 June</b>	30 June
		<b>2021</b>	2020
	Notes	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		<b>266,271</b>	252,944
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		<b>(169,039)</b>	(269,643)
Transaction costs on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		<b>(1,915)</b>	(1,254)
Dividend/Trust distribution received		<b>7,262</b>	7,485
Dividend paid on short selling		<b>(12,408)</b>	(11,494)
Interest received		<b>-</b>	247
Other income received		<b>216</b>	47
Management fees paid		<b>(3,710)</b>	(2,929)
Other expenses paid		<b>(15,370)</b>	-
RITC paid		<b>(225)</b>	154
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	16(a)	<b><u>71,082</u></b>	<b><u>(24,443)</u></b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from applications by unitholders		<b>148,049</b>	48,001
Payments for redemptions by unitholders		<b>(51,751)</b>	(77,110)
Distributions paid		<b>(47)</b>	(61)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</b>		<b><u>96,251</u></b>	<b><u>(29,170)</u></b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>167,333</b>	(53,613)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<b><u>148,935</u></b>	<u>202,548</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	16(b), 9	<b><u>316,268</u></b>	<u>148,935</u>
Non-cash financing activities	16(c)	<b><u>20</u></b>	<u>29</u>

*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 the Firetrail Absolute Return Fund ("the Fund") as an individual entity. The Fund was constituted on 6 February 2018. The Fund will terminate on the 6 February 2098 unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Responsible Entity of the Fund is Pinnacle Fund Services Limited (the "Responsible Entity"). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 19, 307 Queen Street, Brisbane, QLD 4000. The financial statements are presented in the Australian currency.

The Responsible Entity is incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The Custodian of the Fund is Citigroup Pty Limited who have been appointed since 17 May 2021.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 17 September 2021. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements after they have been issued.

## 2 Summary of significant accounting policies

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

### (a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia. The Firetrail Absolute Return Fund is a for-profit unit fund 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 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 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 balance date.

In the case of net assets attributable to unitholders, the 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 cannot be reliably determined.

#### (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 Company has applied the following standards and amendments for the first time for their annual reporting period commencing 1 July 2020:

- *AASB 2018-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Definition of Material*
- *Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting and AASB 2019-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – References to the Conceptual Framework.*

The amendments listed above did not have any impact on the Company's accounting policies and did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

## **2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

### **(a) Basis of preparation (continued)**

*(iii) New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 July 2021 and have not been early adopted*

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 July 2021, and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

### **(b) Financial instruments**

#### *(i) Classification*

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 its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Fund's documented investment strategy. The Fund uses fair value information to assess performance of the portfolio and to make decisions to rebalance the portfolio or to realise fair value gains or minimise losses through sales or other trading strategies. 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.

Equity securities and derivatives are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

#### *(ii) Recognition/derecognition*

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

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

Any gains or losses arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) are included in the statement of comprehensive income in the year the asset is derecognised as realised gains or losses on financial instruments.

#### *(iii) Measurement*

##### *Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss*

Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured initially at fair value excluding any transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability. Transaction costs on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are expensed immediately in the statement of comprehensive income. Subsequent to initial recognition, all instruments at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value.

Net gains/(losses) on financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss arising on a change in fair value are calculated as the difference between the fair value at year end and the fair value at the previous valuation point. Net gains/(losses) do not include interest or dividend income.

Further details on how the fair values of financial instruments are 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 there is 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.

## **2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

### **(b) Financial instruments (continued)**

#### *(v) Derivatives and hedging activities*

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at the end of each reporting period. The accounting for subsequent changes in fair value depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and if so, the nature of the item being hedged. The Fund designates certain derivatives as either:

- hedges of the fair value of recognised assets or liabilities or a firm commitment (fair value hedges)
- hedges of a particular risk associated with the cash flows of recognised assets and liabilities and highly probable forecast transactions (cash flow hedges), or
- hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation (net investment hedges).

At inception of the hedge relationship, the Fund documents the economic relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items including whether changes in the cash flows of the hedging instruments are expected to offset changes in the cash flows of hedged items. The Fund documents its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking its hedge transactions.

The fair values of derivative financial instruments designated in hedge relationships are disclosed in note 14.

### **(c) Net assets attributable to unitholders**

Units are redeemable at the unitholders' option, however, applications and redemptions may be suspended by the Responsible Entity if it is in the best interests of the unitholders in accordance with the Fund's Constitution.

The units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash based on the redemption price, which is equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value attributable to the unitholders, less any applicable transaction costs.

The units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at balance sheet date if the unitholder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Fund. This amount represents the expected cash flows on redemption of these units.

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 puttable financial instrument does not include any contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset, or to exchange financial instruments with another entity under potentially unfavourable conditions to the Fund, and it is not a contract settled in the Fund's own equity instruments; and
- the total expected cash flows attributable to the puttable financial instrument over the life are based substantially on the profit or loss.

### **(d) Cash and cash equivalents**

For the purpose of presentation in the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions.

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 represent the Fund's main income generating activity.

## **2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

### **(e) Investment income**

Interest income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income for all financial instruments that are not at fair value through profit or loss using the effective interest method. Other changes in fair value for such instruments are recorded in accordance with the policies described in note 2(b).

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

Trust distributions are recognised on an entitlements basis.

### **(f) Expenses**

All expenses, including manager's fees, are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on an accrual basis.

### **(g) Income tax**

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

The Fund currently incurs withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income or gains are recorded gross of withholding taxes in the statement of comprehensive income.

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

### **(h) Distributions**

Distributions are payable as set out in the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement and/or Fund's Constitution. Such distributions are recognised as payable when they are determined by the Responsible Entity of the Fund.

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

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unitholders. The Fund's distributions are classified as distributions paid and payable in the statement of changes in equity.

### **(j) Margin accounts**

Margin accounts comprise of cash held as collateral for derivative transaction. The cash is held by the broker and is only available to meet margin calls.

## **2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

### **(k) Foreign currency translation**

#### *(i) Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the Fund's financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (the "functional currency"). This is the Australian dollar, which reflects the currency of the economy in which the Fund competes for funds and is regulated. The Australian dollar is also the Fund's presentation currency.

#### *(ii) Transactions and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translations at year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when fair value was determined. Translation differences on assets and liabilities carried at fair value are reported in the statement of comprehensive income on a net basis within net gains/(losses) on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss.

### **(l) Due from/to brokers**

The due from brokers balance is held for collection and consequently measured at amortised cost. These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

### **(m) Receivables**

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

These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on receivables at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses 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 expected credit losses. 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 a loss allowance may be required. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the gross 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.

The amount of the impairment loss is separately recognised in profit or loss. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent financial year, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in profit or loss.



## **2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

### **(n) Payables**

Payables include liabilities, amounts due to brokers and accrued expenses owing by the Fund which are unpaid as at the end of the reporting year.

### **(o) Applications and redemptions**

Applications received for units in the Fund are recorded net of any entry fees, if any, as a payable prior to the issue of units in the Fund. Redemptions from the Fund are recorded gross of any exit fees payable after the cancellation of units redeemed.

Unit redemption prices are determined by reference to the net assets of the Fund divided by the number of units on issue, less any applicable transaction costs.

### **(p) 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, custodial services and investment management fees have been passed onto the Fund. The Fund qualifies for Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC) at a rate of 55% hence investment management fees, custodial fees and other expenses have been recognised in the statement of comprehensive income net of the amount of GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). 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.

### **(q) Use of estimates**

The Fund makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. Estimates are continually evaluated and 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, for example over-the-counter derivatives or unquoted securities, are fair valued using valuation techniques which are periodically reviewed by experienced personnel.

Valuation techniques include using observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations require management to make estimates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments. For more information on how fair value is calculated please see note 4 to the financial statements.

### **(r) Rounding of amounts**

The Fund is an entity of the kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*, relating to the 'rounding off' amounts in the financial statements. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

### **3 Financial risk management**

#### **(a) Objectives, strategies, policies and processes**

The Fund aims to provide investors with access to an actively managed equities portfolio predominately comprised of long positions and short positions in Australian listed securities and constructed using the Fund's net market neutral Investment Strategy.

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

The Fund's overall risk management program focuses on ensuring compliance with the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement and seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Fund is exposed. Financial risk management is carried out by an Investment Manager under policies approved by the Board of Directors of the Responsible Entity ("the Board").

The Fund uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods are explained below:

#### **(b) Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises of three types of risks: price risk, foreign currency risk and interest rate risk. Market risk is managed and monitored using sensitivity analysis, and minimised through ensuring that all investment activities are undertaken in accordance with established mandates and investment strategies.

The market risk disclosures are prepared on the basis of the Fund's direct investments and not on a look-through basis for investments held in the Fund.

##### *(i) Price risk*

Equity price risk is the risk that the fair value of equities will fluctuate because of changes in market prices, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

Equity price risk exposure arises from the Fund's investment portfolio. The investments are classified on the statement of financial position as at fair value through profit or loss. All securities 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 manages this price risk through diversification and a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within specified limits set by the Board.

### 3 Financial risk management (continued)

#### (b) Market risk (continued)

##### (i) Price risk (continued)

The Fund's net exposure will typically be between -5% to +5% of the Fund's NAV (with a maximum of -30% to +30% of the Portfolio's NAV). The Fund's strategy provides investors with the opportunity to gain exposure to mispriced securities identified by Firetrail using fundamental, bottom-up research (typically 30 to 40 long positions and 20 to 30 short positions) (Fundamentally Driven Positions).

The Fund may be materially affected by market, economic and political conditions globally. The fund invests in a portfolio of securities across several industry sectors, with no individual security holding being greater than 10%, and no individual industry exposure being greater than 20%.

The Fund's overall market positions are monitored on a daily basis by the Fund's Investment Manager and are reviewed at least quarterly by the Board.

Compliance with the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement is reported to the Board on a quarterly basis.

Net assets attributable to unitholders include investments in equity securities. At 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020, the overall market exposures to price risk were as follows:

	As at	
	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>		
Listed equities	611,502	340,139
Listed unit trusts	6,541	30,788
Futures	136	-
Unlisted equities	<u>16,300</u>	<u>4,750</u>
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<u><b>634,479</b></u>	<u><b>375,677</b></u>

The table below indicates the effect of price movement on net assets attributable to unitholders (and net operating profit/(loss)), with all other variables held constant.

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Equity price increased by 10%	63,448	5,012
Equity price decreased by 10%	<b>(63,448)</b>	(5,012)

##### (ii) Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Fund holds assets denominated in currencies other than the Australian dollar, the functional currency. It is therefore exposed to foreign exchange risk, as the value of the securities denominated in other currencies will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates.

The Fund is not exposed to significant risks from movements in foreign exchange rates as the exposure to financial assets and liabilities in foreign currencies is not significant.

##### (iii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing. Interest-bearing financial assets and interest-bearing financial liabilities mature or reprice in the short-term, no longer than twelve months. As a result, the Fund is subject to limited exposure to fair value interest rate risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates.

### **3 Financial risk management (continued)**

#### **(c) Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

##### **(i) Settlement of securities transactions**

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

##### **(ii) Cash and cash equivalents**

The exposure to credit risk for cash and cash equivalents is low as all counterparties have a rating of AA- (as determined by the Standard & Poor's (S&P)).

##### **(iii) Other**

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

The clearing and depository operations for the Fund's security transactions are mainly concentrated with one counterparty, namely Citigroup Pty Limited. Citigroup Pty Limited at 30 June 2021 had a credit rating of AA- (S&P) and Aa3 (Moody's). At 30 June 2021, substantially all cash and cash equivalents, balances due from broker and investments are held in custody by Citigroup Pty Limited.

##### **(iv) Maximum exposure to credit risk**

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

#### **(d) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle its obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous. This risk is controlled through the Fund's investment in financial instruments, which under normal market conditions are readily convertible to cash, as the majority are listed on global exchanges. In addition, the Fund maintains sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet normal operating requirements.

In accordance with the Fund's policy, the Responsible Entity monitors the Fund's liquidity position on a daily basis. The Fund's policy is reviewed annually. In order to manage the Fund's overall liquidity, the responsible entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer or adjust redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unitholders. The Fund did not reject or withhold any redemptions during 2021 and 2020.

The Fund's Constitution provides for daily application and redemption of units and it is therefore exposed to liquidity risk of meeting unitholder redemptions at any time. Units are redeemed on demand at the unitholder's option. At 30 June 2021, net assets attributable to unitholders was \$334,180,653 (2020: \$203,863,833).

### 3 Financial risk management (continued)

#### (d) Liquidity risk (continued)

##### *Maturity analysis for non-derivative financial liabilities*

The table below analyses the Fund's non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the end of the reporting period to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Net assets attributable to unitholders is not considered a financial liability but has been included below as units are redeemed on demand at the unitholder's option. However, the Board of Directors does not envisage that the contractual maturity disclosed in the table will be representative of the actual cash flows, as holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to the long term.

	<b>Less than 1 month \$'000</b>	<b>1-3 months \$'000</b>	<b>3-12 months \$'000</b>	<b>12-60 months \$'000</b>
<b>At 30 June 2021</b>				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss	<b>619,457</b>	-	-	-
Payables	<b>11,262</b>	-	-	-
Distribution payable	<b>30</b>	-	-	-
<b>Contractual cash flows (excluding derivatives)</b>	<b>630,749</b>	-	-	-
	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-3 months \$'000	3-12 months \$'000	12-60 months \$'000
<b>At 30 June 2020</b>				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss	325,350	211	-	-
Payables	3,049	-	-	-
Distribution payable	67	-	-	-
<b>Contractual cash flows (excluding derivatives)</b>	<b>328,466</b>	<b>211</b>	-	-

### 4 Fair value measurements

The Fund measures and recognises the below 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 (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

## **4 Fair value measurements (continued)**

### **Fair value hierarchy (continued)**

#### *(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 period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs.

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

The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Fund is the last traded price; the appropriate quoted market price for financial liabilities is the last traded 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.

#### *(ii) 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 management's 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 valuation techniques, inputs are based on market data at the end of the reporting period. Fair values for unquoted equity 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.

Investments in other unlisted unit trusts are recorded at the redemption value per unit as reported by the investment managers of such trusts.

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

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.

#### 4 Fair value measurements (continued)

##### Fair value hierarchy (continued)

###### Recognised fair value measurements

The tables below set out the Fund's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy at 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020.

As at 30 June 2021	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:</b>				
Listed equities	611,502	-	-	611,502
Listed unit trusts	6,541	-	-	6,541
Unlisted equities	16,300	-	-	16,300
Futures	136	-	-	136
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>634,479</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>634,479</b>
<b>Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:</b>				
Listed equities	527,752	-	-	527,752
Listed unit trusts	91,705	-	-	91,705
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>619,457</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>619,457</b>

As at 30 June 2020	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:</b>				
Listed equities	331,914	8,225	-	340,139
Listed unit trusts	30,788	-	-	30,788
Unlisted equities	4,750	-	-	4,750
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>367,452</b>	<b>8,225</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>375,677</b>
<b>Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:</b>				
Listed equities	292,212	-	-	292,212
Listed unit trusts	33,138	-	-	33,138
Futures	211	-	-	211
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>325,561</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>325,561</b>

There were no transfers between levels during the year ended 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020.

**5 Dividend/Trust distribution income**

	Year ended	
	30 June 2021 \$'000	30 June 2020 \$'000
Dividends	7,459	7,125
Trust distributions	<u>388</u>	<u>919</u>
<b>Total dividend/trust distribution income</b>	<b><u>7,847</u></b>	<b><u>8,044</u></b>

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2021 \$'000	30 June 2020 \$'000
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(14,021)	49,682
Net realised* gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<u>(46,467)</u>	<u>(13,740)</u>
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b><u>(60,488)</u></b>	<b><u>35,942</u></b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	<u>211</u>	<u>(209)</u>
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b><u>211</u></b>	<b><u>(209)</u></b>
<b>Total net gain/(loss) in financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b><u>60,277</u></b>	<b><u>35,733</u></b>

\*Realised gains and losses are recorded using the historical cost information.



## 7 Auditor's remuneration

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2021 \$	30 June 2020 \$
<b>PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm</b>		
<b>Audit and other assurance service</b>		
Audit and review of financial statements	17,969	17,992
Audit of compliance plan	<u>2,936</u>	<u>2,936</u>
<b>Total remuneration of audit services</b>	<b><u>20,905</u></b>	<b><u>20,928</u></b>
<b>Non-audit services</b>		
Taxation compliance services	<u>5,000</u>	<u>4,900</u>
<b>Total remuneration for non-audit services</b>	<b><u>5,000</u></b>	<b><u>4,900</u></b>
<b>Total remuneration for PricewaterhouseCoopers</b>	<b><u>25,905</u></b>	<b><u>25,828</u></b>

The fees for audit and non-audit services are paid by the Investment Manager out of the management fee that they earn.

## 8 Distributions to unitholders

The distributions were paid/payable as follows:

	As at			
	30 June 2021 \$'000	30 June 2021 CPU	30 June 2020 \$'000	30 June 2020 CPU
<b>Class A</b>				
Distributions payable - June	<u>28</u>	0.0110	<u>61</u>	0.0345
	<u>28</u>		<u>61</u>	
	As at			
	30 June 2021 \$'000	30 June 2021 CPU	30 June 2020 \$'000	30 June 2020 CPU
<b>Class B</b>				
Distributions payable - June	<u>2</u>	0.0122	<u>6</u>	0.0355
	<u>2</u>		<u>6</u>	
	As at			
	30 June 2021 \$'000	30 June 2021 CPU	30 June 2020 \$'000	30 June 2020 CPU
<b>Class M</b>				
Distributions payable - June*	<u>-</u>	0.0084	<u>-</u>	-
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	

\*Distribution amount is nil when rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

## 9 Cash and cash equivalents

	As at	
	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash at bank	<u>316,268</u>	<u>148,935</u>
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b><u>316,268</u></b>	<b><u>148,935</u></b>

## 10 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	As at	
	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Listed equities	611,502	340,139
Listed unit trusts	6,541	30,788
Unlisted equities	16,300	4,750
Futures	<u>136</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b><u>634,479</u></b>	<b><u>375,677</u></b>

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

## 11 Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

	As at	
	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Listed equity	527,752	292,212
Listed unit trust	91,705	33,138
Futures	<u>-</u>	<u>211</u>
<b>Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b><u>619,457</u></b>	<b><u>325,561</u></b>

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

## 12 Receivables

	As at	
	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Applications receivable	394	127
Accrued income	820	235
Other receivables	372	147
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold	<u>6,098</u>	<u>310</u>
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b><u>7,684</u></b>	<b><u>819</u></b>

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**13 Payables**

	As at	
	30 June 2021 \$'000	30 June 2020 \$'000
Accrued expenses	389	264
Payable - Performance Fee	-	1,432
Other payables	2,825	791
Redemptions payable	632	184
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased	7,416	378
<b>Total payables</b>	<b>11,262</b>	<b>3,049</b>

**14 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 Fund shall classify a financial instrument as an equity instrument from the date when the instrument has all the features and meets the conditions.

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

	As at			
	30 June 2021 Units	30 June 2020 Units	30 June 2021 \$'000	30 June 2020 \$'000
<b>Class A</b>				
Balance as at 1 July	178,193,164	207,508,487	186,816	189,608
Applications	132,793,636	47,875,414	142,366	47,401
Redemptions	(59,960,237)	(77,214,414)	(51,866)	(74,759)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	14,079	23,677	15	22
Distributions paid and payable	-	-	(28)	(61)
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-	30,405	24,605
Closing balance	<u>251,040,642</u>	<u>178,193,164</u>	<u>307,708</u>	<u>186,816</u>

	As at			
	30 June 2021 Units	30 June 2020 Units	30 June 2021 \$'000	30 June 2020 \$'000
<b>Class B</b>				
Balance as at 1 July	16,670,430	16,998,747	17,048	15,763
Applications	3,595,739	325,459	5,190	320
Redemptions	(276,883)	(1,661,116)	(333)	(1,644)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	5,018	7,340	5	7
Distributions paid and payable	-	-	(2)	(6)
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-	3,857	2,608
Closing balance	<u>19,994,304</u>	<u>15,670,430</u>	<u>25,765</u>	<u>17,048</u>

**14 Net assets attributable to unitholders (continued)**

	As at			
	30 June 2021	30 June 2020	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
<b>Class M</b>	<b>Units</b>	Units	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Balance as at 1 July	-	-	-	-
Applications	<b>760,490</b>	-	<b>760</b>	-
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-	<b>(52)</b>	-
Closing balance	<u><b>760,490</b></u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>708</b></u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total net assets attributable to unitholders</b>			<u><b>334,181</b></u>	<u>203,864</u>

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 to the underlying assets of the Fund. For the year ended 30 June 2021, there were three separate classes of units and each unit has the same right attaching to it as all other units in the same class of the Fund. Unitholders of all classes of units are entitled to be notified of any general meetings regarding of the fund, voting rights and dividends. The difference between the unit classes is in regards to fees as outlined in the Product Disclosure Statement and Information Memorandum.

**Capital risk management**

The Fund considers its net assets attributable to unitholders as capital. 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. Net assets attributable to unitholders are representative of the expected cash outflows on redemption, excluding any applicable transaction costs.

The Fund monitors the level of daily applications and redemptions relative to the liquid assets in the Fund. The Fund's strategy was to hold a certain portion of the net assets attributable to unitholders in liquid investments. Liquid assets include cash and cash equivalents and listed equities. 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.

## 15 Related party transactions

### Responsible entity

The Responsible Entity of the Firetrail Absolute Return Fund is Pinnacle Fund Services Limited.

Pinnacle Investment Management Limited is the parent company of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited. Pinnacle Investment Management Group Limited is the ultimate holding company of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited.

Firetrail Investments Pty Limited is the Investment Manager of the Fund.

### Key management personnel

#### Directors

Key management personnel includes persons who were directors of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited and Pinnacle Investment Management Limited at any time during the financial year as follows:

Pinnacle Fund Services Limited

Mr I Macoun  
 Mr A Ihlenfeldt  
 Mr C Kwok  
 Mr A Whittingham

Pinnacle Investment Management Limited

Mr I Macoun  
 Mr A Ihlenfeldt  
 Mr A Whittingham

#### Other key management personnel

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

### Management fees and other transactions

All related party transactions are conducted on normal commercial terms and conditions. The transactions during the year and amounts payable at year end between the Fund and the Responsible Entity and the Investment Manager were as follows:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	\$	\$
Management fees for the year paid/payable by the Fund	3,834,739	2,967,371
Performance fees for the year paid/payable by the Fund	12,590,329	1,360,345
Aggregate amount payable to the Investment Manager at the reporting date	389,191	1,695,454

The management fee (1.50% p.a. for Class A, nil for Class B and 1.35% p.a. for Class M) is calculated daily based on the net asset value of the Fund. Performance fee of 20% (including the net effect of GST/RITC) based on outperformance of the benchmark, RBA Cash Rate as well as based on the NAV of the Fund which includes the management fee is calculated and paid quarterly. There was no performance fee paid for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Responsible Entity fees are paid by the Investment Manager out of the fees that they earn.

## 15 Related party transactions (continued)

### Related party unitholdings

Parties related to the Fund (including Pinnacle Fund Services Limited, its related parties and other schemes managed by Pinnacle Fund Services Limited), held units in the Fund as follows:

#### 2021

Unitholders	Number of units held opening (Units)	Number of units held closing (Units)	Fair value of investment (\$)	Interest held (%)	Number of units acquired (Units)	Number of units disposed (Units)	Distributions paid/payable by the Fund (\$)
<b>Macaun Family Super Fund</b>	201,037	201,055	271,786	0.08	18	-	25
<b>CKJZ Superfund</b>	68,882	68,888	93,123	0.03	6	-	8
<b>Pinnacle Charitable Foundation</b>	56,147	56,152	75,906	0.02	5	-	7

#### 2020

Unitholders	Number of units held opening (Units)	Number of units held closing (Units)	Fair value of investment (\$)	Interest held (%)	Number of units acquired (Units)	Number of units disposed (Units)	Distributions paid/payable by the Fund (\$)
<b>Macaun Family Super Fund</b>	200,971	201,037	182,501	0.09	66	-	71
<b>CKJZ Superfund</b>	68,859	68,882	62,531	0.03	23	-	24
<b>Pinnacle Charitable Foundation</b>	192,945	56,147	50,970	0.02	101,976	238,774	20

### Investments

The Fund did not hold any investments in Pinnacle Fund Services Limited or its related parties during the year.

### Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited are paid by Pinnacle Services Administration Pty Ltd. Payments made from the Fund to Pinnacle Fund Services Limited do not include any amounts directly attributable to key management personnel remuneration.

### 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 period.

## 15 Related party transactions (continued)

### Other transactions within the Fund

From time to time directors of Pinnacle Fund Services Limited, or their director related entities, may invest in or withdraw from the Fund. These investments or withdrawals are on the same terms and conditions as those entered into by other Fund investors and are not material in nature.

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

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2021 \$'000	30 June 2020 \$'000
<b>(a) Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>		
Net profit/(loss) for the year	34,210	27,213
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	266,271	252,944
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(169,039)	(269,643)
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(60,277)	(35,733)
Dividends/Distributions reinvested	-	(690)
Net change in interest receivable	-	1
Net change in dividends/distributions receivable	(585)	131
Net change in payables and other liabilities	727	1,252
Net change in receivables and other assets	(225)	82
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	<b><u>71,082</u></b>	<b><u>(24,443)</u></b>
 <b>(b) Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Cash at bank	<u>316,268</u>	<u>148,935</u>
	<b><u>316,268</u></b>	<b><u>148,935</u></b>
 <b>(c) Non-cash financing activities</b>		
Distributions reinvested	<u>20</u>	<u>29</u>
	<b><u>20</u></b>	<b><u>29</u></b>

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

## 17 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020.

## 18 Events occurring after the reporting period

No significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period which would impact on the financial position of the Fund as at 30 June 2021 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the year ended on that date.

## Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 6 to 30 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) complying with 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 2021 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date.
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (c) Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Mr A Ihlenfeldt  
Director

Brisbane  
17 September 2021





## *Independent auditor's report*

To the unitholders of Firetrail Absolute Return Fund

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### *Our opinion*

In our opinion:

The accompanying financial report of Firetrail Absolute Return Fund (the Registered Scheme) is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Registered Scheme's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

### ***What we have audited***

The financial report comprises:

- the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended
- the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information
- the directors of the Responsible Entity's declaration.

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

### ***Independence***

We are independent of the Registered Scheme in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & 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.

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### *Other information*

The directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2021, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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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 on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, 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.

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### *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 determines 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 ability of the Registered Scheme to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors of the Responsible Entity either intends to liquidate the Registered Scheme or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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### *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 the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Thomason', written over a white background.

Craig Thomason  
Partner

Sydney  
17 September 2021