

First Mortgage PIE Trust

Financial Statements 2025

►► For the year ended
31 March 2025





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Signed for and on behalf of the manager,
First Mortgage Managers Limited:



Chairman
Michael Smith



Director
Simon Cotter

Date: 12 June 2025

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Chairman's Report

We are pleased to present the financial statements for the First Mortgage PIE Trust for the year ending 31 March 2025.

Despite challenging economic conditions, First Mortgage Trust has delivered another year of strong performance. We are proud to report continued growth in both funds under management and our investor base. This reflects the Fund's resilient track record and the trust our investors continue to place in us.

For the year, the Fund achieved an annualised pre-tax return of 7.46%, after fees and expenses. This strong result demonstrates our ability to deliver consistent returns, even in a declining interest rate environment.

Our investment philosophy remains unchanged: prudent risk management, strong relationships with borrowers, and an unwavering commitment to protecting and growing investor capital.

As First Mortgage Managers Limited approaches our 30th anniversary, we remain focused on delivering stable, long-term value for our investors.

Thank you for your continued support.



Michael Smith
Chairman
First Mortgage Managers Limited

Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 March

	Note	2025 \$000's	2024 \$000's
Distribution income - First Mortgage Trust Group Investment Fund		52,061	45,174
Interest income – Bank deposits		23	22
Net interest income		52,084	45,196
Expenses	6	23	22
Total expenses		23	22
Net profit for the year before tax		52,061	45,174
Income tax expense		-	-
Net profit for the year and total comprehensive income		52,061	45,174

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 March

	Investors' funds \$000's	Retained earnings \$000's	Total equity \$000's
Balance at 1 April 2023	609,178	-	609,178
Total comprehensive income	-	45,174	45,174
Contributions by and distributions to investors			
Distributions to investors	-	(45,174)	(45,174)
Units issued during the year	163,142	-	163,142
Units redeemed during the year	(106,906)	-	(106,906)
Total contributions by and distributions to investors	56,236	(45,174)	11,062
Balance at 31 March 2024	665,414	-	665,414
Balance at 1 April 2024	665,414	-	665,414
Total comprehensive income	-	52,061	52,061
Contributions by and distributions to investors			
Distributions to investors	-	(52,061)	(52,061)
Units issued during the year	283,696	-	283,696
Units redeemed during the year	(143,395)	-	(143,395)
Total contributions by and distributions to investors	140,301	(52,061)	88,240
Balance at 31 March 2025	805,715	-	805,715

Statement of financial position

As at 31 March

	Note	2025 \$000's	2024 \$000's
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		3,383	13
Distribution receivable		-	12,012
Investment – Units in First Mortgage Trust Group Investment Fund	7	805,715	665,414
Total current assets		809,098	677,439
Liabilities			
PIE tax payable		3,379	2,937
Distribution payable		-	9,076
Accounts payable		4	12
Total current liabilities		3,383	12,025
Net Assets		805,715	665,414
Equity			
Investors' funds	8	805,715	665,414
Retained earnings	9	-	-
Total Investors Equity		805,715	665,414

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 March

	Note	2025 \$000's	2024 \$000's
Cash flows from operating activities			
Distributions received		64,073	33,162
Cash paid to related party		(31)	(10)
Bank interest received		23	22
Net cash from operating activities	11	64,065	33,174
Cash flows from investing activities*			
Investments made		(228,564)	(133,954)
Investments redeemed		101,959	87,047
Net cash used in investing activities		(126,605)	(46,907)
Cash flows from financing activities*			
Proceeds from issue of units		205,286	114,743
Distributions to investors		(37,418)	(16,317)
Redemption of units		(101,959)	(87,046)
Net cash from financing activities		65,909	11,380
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		3,369	(2,353)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		13	2,366
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		3,382	13

*Cash flows from investing and financing activities excludes non-cash transfers between investor accounts and funds.

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1. REPORTING ENTITY

First Mortgage PIE Trust ("FM PIE Trust") is an unlisted open end Unit Trust domiciled in New Zealand.

First Mortgage Managers Limited (the "Manager") in its capacity as the manager of FM PIE Trust is a Financial Markets Conduct (FMC) reporting entity in terms of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013.

Public Trust (the "Supervisor") is the trustee and supervisor of FM PIE Trust.

FM PIE Trust was established by a master trust deed and an establishment deed. Both the master trust deed and the establishment deed were dated 28 November 2007 between the Supervisor and the Manager as varied by deed dated 20 September 2010 and deeds of amendment and restatement dated 14 September 2015 ("Trust Deed"). The FM PIE Trust commenced trading on 1 January 2008.

The financial statements of FM PIE Trust have been prepared by the Manager for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 2013, the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 and with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

FM PIE Trust invests solely in units in First Mortgage Trust Group Investment Fund ("FMT GIF") except for a small amount of cash for transactional and tax purposes. FMT GIF is primarily involved in facilitating the collective investment in loans secured by first ranking mortgages over land and buildings.

Readers of these financial statements should also refer to the financial statements of FMT GIF.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

(a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("NZ GAAP") and comply with New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ("NZ IFRS"), and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards as appropriate for tier 1 profit-oriented entities. The financial statements also comply with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

The financial statements were approved by the Directors of the Manager on 12 June 2025.

(b) Basis of preparation

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost, except in relation to investment in FMT GIF units as outlined in 3(a) below.

The methods used to measure fair values for disclosure purposes are discussed further in note 3(a).

(c) Functional and presentation currency

FM PIE Trust only holds investments in New Zealand which are denominated in New Zealand dollars.

These financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars which is FM PIE Trust's functional currency. All financial information presented in New Zealand dollars has been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

(d) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

These estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

Information about critical judgements made by management in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amount recognised in the financial statements are described in note 3(b). This relates specifically to the classification of units issued.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

(a) Financial instruments

Non-derivative financial instruments

Non-derivative financial instruments comprise of investments in FMT GIF, other receivables, cash and cash equivalents and other payables.

Non-derivative financial instruments are recognised initially at fair value plus, for instruments not at fair value through profit or loss, any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition non-derivative financial instruments are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

A financial instrument is recognised if FM PIE Trust becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are derecognised if FM PIE Trust's contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire or if FM PIE Trust transfers the financial asset to another party without retaining control or substantially all risks and rewards of the asset. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are accounted for at settlement date. Financial liabilities are derecognised if FM PIE Trust's obligations as specified in the contract expire or are discharged or cancelled.

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances, call and short-term deposits with a remaining term to maturity of three months or less.

Investments in FMT GIF's units are recorded at the redemption value per unit as reported by the Manager of FMT GIF. They are classified as fair value through profit and loss. Due to the nature of FMT GIF, its units are consistently valued at one New Zealand dollar as determined by the unit valuation methodology prescribed in FMT GIF's trust deed and therefore there have been no movements in fair value in the profit and loss.

FMT GIF's units are considered to fall within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy as defined in NZ IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement.



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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(b) Investors' funds

FM PIE Trust classifies financial instruments issued as financial liabilities or equity instruments in accordance with the substance of the contractual terms of the instruments.

FM PIE Trust units are puttable instruments and meet the criteria required under NZ IAS 32 Financial Instruments to be classified as equity.

A puttable financial instrument that includes a contractual obligation for FM PIE Trust to repurchase or redeem that instrument for cash or another financial asset is classified as equity if it meets all of the following conditions:

- It entitles the holder to a pro rata share of FM PIE Trust's net assets in the event of FM PIE Trust's liquidation;
- It is in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments;
- All financial instruments in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments have identical features;
- Apart from the contractual obligation for FM PIE Trust to repurchase or redeem the instrument for cash or another financial asset, the instrument does not include any other features that would require classification as a liability; and
- The total expected cash flows attributable to the instrument over its life are 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 FM PIE Trust over the life of the instrument.

(c) Impairment

The carrying amounts of FM PIE Trust's assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any objective evidence of impairment.

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses directly reduce the carrying amount of assets and are recognised in the profit and loss.

(d) Distribution income

Distribution income comprises of returns on units in FMT GIF. Distribution income is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

(e) Income tax

FM PIE Trust as a Unit Trust elected to become a Portfolio Investment Entity (PIE) from the commencement date of the Fund. FM PIE Trust is required to allocate income to investors under one of the options available under the PIE rules, daily or quarterly, and then deduct tax at the investors prescribed investor rate of either 0%, 10.5%, 17.5% or 28%, provided the investor meets the PIE rules in accordance with the tax laws. The tax deducted is a debt due to the crown and is paid directly to Inland Revenue on the investors behalf.

Any income not allocated to investors is liable for tax at 28%. FM PIE Trust allocates 100% of net income to investors and as a result FM PIE Trust has no undistributed surplus that would be liable for tax.

(f) New standards and interpretations not yet effective

Where a new or revised standard is not effective for the period ended 31 March 2025, these have not been applied in preparing these financial statements.

4. MANAGEMENT FEES

The current Product Disclosure Statement for FM PIE Trust states that the Manager will not charge a fee (see note 12).

5. SUPERVISOR FEES

The Trust Deed entitles the Supervisor to receive an amount not greater than 0.1% per annum calculated on the average daily balance of FM PIE Trust. In addition, the Supervisor is permitted to be reimbursed out of FM PIE Trust for all costs, expenses and liabilities incurred whilst acting for FM PIE Trust.

The current Product Disclosure Statement states that the Manager will pay the Supervisor fees from their own resources. For the year ended 31 March 2025, the Manager paid \$373,123 supervisor fees (2024: \$336,284).

6. EXPENSES

Under the terms of FM PIE Trust's Product Disclosure Statement the Manager meets the expenses of FM PIE Trust, including audit fees (2025: \$28,262, 2024: \$27,240) and audit-related services (2025: \$4,994, 2024: \$4,824). The Manager is entitled to be reimbursed for expenses by an amount equal to the interest earned on cash on hand due to timing differences between the date of distributions and the due date for the payment of tax in relation to those distributions to Inland Revenue. During the year expenses of \$23,123 were reimbursed (2024: \$21,800). As at 31 March 2025 \$4,103 remains payable to the Manager (2024: \$12,000).

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7. INVESTMENTS – FIRST MORTGAGE TRUST GROUP INVESTMENT FUND

	As at 31 March 2025 \$000's	As at 31 March 2024 \$000's
Current investments:		
Units in the FMT GIF at \$1 per unit	805,715	665,414
Total units and amount of investment	805,715	665,414

8. INVESTORS' FUNDS

	Year to 31 March 2025 Number of Units / \$000's	Year to 31 March 2024 Number of Units / \$000's
On issue at beginning of year at \$1 per unit	665,414	609,178
Units issued during the year at \$1 per unit	283,696	163,142
Units redeemed during the year at \$1 per unit	(143,395)	(106,906)
On issue at end of year at \$1 per unit	805,715	665,414

The investors receive quarterly distributions within 3 working days of being declared. Distributions of \$52,060,760 were declared and paid by FM PIE Trust during the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024: \$45,173,610).

9. RETAINED EARNINGS

	Year to 31 March 2025 \$000's	Year to 31 March 2024 \$000's
Balance at beginning of year	-	-
Profit for the year	52,061	45,174
Distributions to investors	(52,061)	(45,174)
Balance at end of year	-	-

Retained earnings represent the net proceeds from FM PIE Trust's investment activities for the year which have not yet been distributed or credited to investors. The current policy of FM PIE Trust is to distribute 100% of net proceeds from investment activities.

10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial Risk Management

FM PIE Trust's investment portfolio consists only of investments in units of FMT GIF that it intends to hold for an indefinite period of time. In addition, FM PIE Trust has financial instruments in the form of cash and cash equivalents and accounts payable and receivable which arise directly from its daily operations.

Through the holding of these investments, FM PIE Trust is exposed directly and indirectly to a variety of financial risks including credit, market (interest rate), and liquidity risks. FM PIE Trust relies on the credit, liquidity and market risk policies of the Manager of FMT GIF to manage FM PIE Trust's indirect risk exposure. Readers of these financial statements should refer to the financial statements of FMT GIF for information on FMT GIF's exposure to the above risks.

The risk management policies employed by FM PIE Trust are discussed in the notes below.

Equity risk

FM PIE Trust has equity risk in that it invests in units in FMT GIF.

FM PIE Trust's investment policy is to invest in units in FMT GIF which creates credit exposure to FMT GIF equal to 100% of equity of FM PIE Trust at all times.

The investment policy of FMT GIF is to establish and maintain a broad range of loan investments secured by first registered mortgages over land and buildings. FM PIE Trust relies on the investment policy of FMT GIF to manage exposure to credit risk.

As of 31 March 2025, there are no other aggregate exposures to individual counterparties which equalled or exceeded 10% of FM PIE Trust's Equity (2024: Nil).

The credit risk disclosures have been prepared based on FM PIE Trust's direct investments and not on a look through basis for investments held indirectly through FMT GIF's units. Consequently, the disclosure of credit risk in the note only represents the direct credit risk profile of FM PIE Trust. For an understanding of credit risk users of these financial statements should read FMT GIF's financial statements.

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10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that FM PIE Trust will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. FM PIE Trust is exposed to daily cash redemptions of units, which are accounted for as equity.

FM PIE Trust invests most of its assets in investments in FMT GIF, which under normal market conditions are readily convertible to cash. Investments in FMT GIF are redeemable on demand, but under the terms of investment, the Manager can take up to 90 business days to settle redemptions. Payment of investor withdrawals are met by redeeming the equivalent units in FMT GIF.

The Manager monitors the funds' liquidity positions through the review of daily cash flow information which highlights current and known future levels of redemptions. FMT GIF maintains a portion of the fund in liquid assets to provide for withdrawals and running expenses. As of 31 March 2025, FMT GIF held 15.2% of the Fund in liquid assets (2024: 13.7%). FM PIE Trust's approach to managing liquidity is to rely on the liquidity management of FMT GIF.

FM PIE Trust is exposed to the same liquidity risk as FMT GIF. FM PIE Trust relies on the ability to redeem a portion of any investment in FMT GIF to meet withdrawal requests.

The liquidity risk disclosures have been prepared based on FM PIE Trust's direct investments and not on a look through basis for investments held in FMT GIF. Consequently, the disclosure of liquidity risk in the note only represents the direct liquidity risk profile of FM PIE Trust.

For a better understanding of liquidity risk users of these financial statements should read FMT GIF's financial statements.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair value of financial instruments.

The investments in units in FMT GIF provide a floating rate return. As a result, FM PIE Trust is directly subject to risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates. The annualised distribution rate for the quarter on investment in these units as of 31 March 2025 was 7.04% (2024: 7.29%). Cash and cash equivalents are held in a call account on a floating rate. The weighted average interest rate on cash and cash equivalents as of 31 March 2025 was 1.30% (2024: 2.72%).

The interest rate risk disclosures have been prepared based on FM PIE Trust's direct investments and not on a look through basis for investments held in FMT GIF. Consequently, the disclosure of interest rate risk in the note only represents the direct interest rate risk profile of FM PIE Trust.

For a better understanding of interest rate risk users of these financial statements should read FMT GIF's financial statements.

Capital management

FM PIE Trust's capital consists of investors' funds and is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements. See discussion on liquidity risk above for capital management techniques for investors' funds.

Sensitivity analysis

The quarterly distribution to investors is the quarterly net profit arising from operations, after allowing for expenses, bad debts, and taxes.

The key driver of this distribution is income from the investment in FMT GIF. A 1% increase/(decrease) in the distribution rates received from FMT GIF and bank deposits would normally drive a corresponding 1% increase/(decrease) in the distribution to investors.

Estimation of fair values

The methods used in determining the fair values of financial instruments are discussed in note 3. FM PIE Trust's investments are carried at fair value on the statement of financial position. For certain other financial instruments (including accounts payable) the carrying amounts approximate fair value due to their immediate or short-term nature.

11. RECONCILIATION OF THE PROFIT FOR THE YEAR WITH THE NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Year to 31 March 2025 \$000's	Year to 31 March 2024 \$000's
Profit for the year	52,061	45,174
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Change in accounts payable	(8)	12
Change in distributions receivable	12,012	(12,012)
Net cash from operating activities	64,065	33,174

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12. RELATED PARTIES

(a) Nature of relationship

FM PIE Trust is managed by the Manager as outlined in the Product Disclosure Statement. The Manager makes all decisions relating to administration, investment management, investment applications, and the management of FM PIE Trust's investment portfolio. The Manager's responsibilities are set out in detail in the registered Trust Deed between the Manager and the Supervisor. The Manager does not hold or own any of the assets of FM PIE Trust. The Manager does not guarantee the return of principal or income to investors.

The Supervisor is the appointed trustee and supervisor of FM PIE Trust. The role of the Supervisor is to hold all the assets of FM PIE Trust on behalf of investors and to monitor compliance by the Manager with the requirements of the Trust Deed. The Supervisor's responsibilities are set out in detail in the Trust Deed. The Supervisor is required to exercise reasonable diligence to ascertain whether or not a breach of the terms of the Trust Deed or the offer of units has occurred. The Supervisor does not guarantee the return of principal or income to investors.

The Supervisor and Manager are indemnified by FM PIE Trust on the terms set out in clause 25.2 of the Trust Deed. The Supervisor and Manager are entitled to be reimbursed out of FM PIE Trust for all expenses, costs or liabilities incurred by them acting as supervisor or manager. General expenses and supervisor fees in relation to FM PIE Trust are met by the Manager in the first instance. The Manager is reimbursed for these expenses to the extent of interest earned on cash on hand in FM PIE Trust due to timing differences between the payment of distributions from FM PIE Trust and the due date for payment of tax in relation to those distributions to Inland Revenue.

FMT GIF is also managed by the Manager and FM PIE Trust invests in FMT GIF.

Directors and key management personnel of the Manager are also considered related parties of FM PIE Trust.

Directors of the Manager may be trustees in their professional capacity as solicitors of other trusts that borrow from the FMT GIF or invest in FM PIE Trust or FMT GIF. In these cases, the director is not a named beneficiary of the trust.

Except for loans where a director of the Manager is a trustee in a professional capacity there are no loans to related parties by FMT GIF as at balance date.

(b) Transactions and balances

As of 31 March 2025, directors and key management personnel of the Manager, either individually or through related interests, held units to the value of \$821,441 in FM PIE which invests in FMT GIF and received \$58,788 distributions during the year (2024 Restated*: \$750,000 units held and \$27,448 of distributions received for the year).

*In the comparative period units held of \$750,000 and distributions received of \$27,448 through related interests by a director, whilst included within the total units and distributions, were not disclosed within the comparative figures. The comparatives figure have been restated.

The Manager of FM PIE Trust receives a fee on funds invested by FM PIE Trust in FMT GIF direct from FMT GIF. The Manager is entitled to a management fee of 1.5% plus GST (if any) per annum calculated on the average daily balance of FMT GIF. The Manager charged the full management fee during the year ending 31 March 2025. To reimburse the Manager for expenses incurred in collecting overdue mortgages, the Manager may charge FMT GIF an amount equal to half of the penalty interest (if any) received on those loans.

During the year \$568,146 of penalty interest was charged by FMT GIF (2024: \$1,285,700), of which \$281,163 was remitted to the Manager and the remaining \$286,983 (2024: \$642,850) remained within FMT GIF. In addition, the Manager is permitted to be reimbursed out of FMT GIF for all costs, expenses and liabilities incurred whilst acting for FMT GIF. Management fees paid to the Manager of FMT GIF during the year were \$26,541,731 (2024: \$24,887,902), of which \$10,900,325 (2024: \$9,690,092) related to FM PIE Trust investment.

In addition, during the year borrowers of FMT GIF have paid loan processing fees direct to the Manager of \$26,102,146 (2024: \$22,390,514). The fees are loan establishment fees which are generally paid by FMT GIF across to the Manager from loan advances made to the borrower.

Supervisor fees paid to the Supervisor are detailed in note 5.

As of 31 March 2025, FM PIE Trust held units to the value of \$805,714,890 (2024: \$665,414,028) in FMT GIF and received \$52,060,760 of distributions during the year (2024: \$45,173,610). The value of units issued by FMT GIF to FM PIE Trust during the year was \$283,695,551 (2024: \$163,141,472) and the value of the units redeemed by FMT GIF to FM PIE Trust during the year was \$143,394,689 (2024: \$106,905,758).

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There have been no material events subsequent to the reporting date that require disclosure in these financial statements.



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Investors of First Mortgage PIE Trust (Fund)

Report on the audit of the financial statements

OPINION

We have audited the accompanying financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2025;
- the statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- notes, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of First Mortgage PIE Trust (the Fund) on pages 4 to 10 present fairly in all material respects:

- the Fund's financial position as at 31 March 2025 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date;
- in accordance with New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board and the International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.



BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)). We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We are independent of First Mortgage PIE Trust in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (Including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code), as applicable to audits of financial statements of public interest entities. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standards 1 and the IESBA Code.

Our responsibilities under ISAs (NZ)(Revised) are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

Our firm has provided other services to the Fund in relation to the investor register. Subject to certain restrictions, partners and employees of our firm may also deal with the Fund on normal terms within the ordinary course of trading activities of the business of the Fund. These matters have not impaired our independence as auditor of the Fund. The firm has no other relationship with, or interest in, the Fund.



MATERIALITY

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. Materiality helped us to determine the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and to evaluate the effect of misstatements, both individually and on the financial statements as a whole. The materiality for the financial statements as a whole was set at \$3,500,000 determined with reference to a benchmark of the Fund's Total Assets. We chose the benchmark because, in our view, this is a key measure of the Fund's performance.



KEY AUDIT MATTERS

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements in the current period. Due to the simple nature of the fund's operations, it was determined that there were no key audit matters to report.



OTHER INFORMATION

The Directors of the Manager, on behalf of the Fund, are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Directory and Chairman's Report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Directory and Chairman's Report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover any other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements our responsibility is to read the other information and in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears materially misstated.

When we read the Directory and Chairman's Report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to the Directors of the Manager.





USE OF THIS INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

This independent auditor's report is made solely to the members as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Investors those matters we are required to state to them in the independent auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, none of KPMG, any entities directly or indirectly controlled by KPMG, or any of their respective members or employees, accept or assume any responsibility and deny all liability to anyone other than the Investors for our audit work, this independent auditor's report, or any of the opinions we have formed.



RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGER FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors of The Manager, on behalf of the fund, are responsible for:

- the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with NZ IFRS issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board and the International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board;
- implementing the necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a set of financial statements that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- assessing the ability of the Fund to continue as a going concern. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objective is:

- to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- to issue an independent auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs NZ will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They 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 statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the External Reporting Board (XRB) website at: <https://www.xrb.govt.nz/standards/assurance-standards/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-2/>

This description forms part of our independent auditor's report.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is John Kensington.

For and on behalf of:



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