

First Mortgage Trust Wholesale Fund

# Financial Statements 2025

►► For the eight months  
ended 31 March 2025





first mortgage managers 

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



Chairman  
Michael Smith



Director  
Simon Cotter

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## Chairman's Report

We are pleased to present the financial statements for the First Mortgage Trust Wholesale Fund for the eight months ended 31 March 2025.

Despite challenging economic conditions, the underlying fund, First Mortgage Trust Group Investment Fund, 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 underlying 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 eight month period ended 31 March

	Note	Eight months to 31 March 2025 \$000's
Distribution income - First Mortgage Trust Group Investment Fund		823
Interest income – Bank deposits		-
<b>Net interest income</b>		<b>823</b>
Expenses	6	-
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Net profit for the year before tax</b>		<b>823</b>
Income tax expense		-
<b>Net profit for the year and total comprehensive income</b>		<b>823</b>

## Statement of changes in equity

For the eight month period ended 31 March

	Investors' funds \$000's	Retained earnings \$000's	Total equity \$000's
<b>Balance at 1 August 2024</b>	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	823	823
<b>Contributions by and distributions to investors</b>			
Distributions to investors	-	(823)	(823)
Units issued during the period	32,806	-	32,806
Units redeemed during the period	(54)	-	(54)
Total contributions by and distributions to investors	32,752	(823)	31,929
<b>Balance at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>32,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,752</b>

## Statement of financial position

As at 31 March

	Note	Eight months to 31 March 2025 \$000's
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents		125
Investment – Units in First Mortgage Trust Group Investment Fund	7	32,752
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>32,877</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
PIE tax payable		125
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>125</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>32,752</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Investors' funds	8	32,752
Retained earnings	9	-
<b>Total Investors Equity</b>		<b>32,752</b>

## Statement of cash flows

For the eight month period ended 31 March

	Note	Eight months to 31 March 2025 \$000's
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Distributions received		823
Cash paid to related party		-
Bank interest received		-
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>		<b>823</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities*</b>		
Investments made		(13,452)
Investments redeemed		-
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(13,452)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities*</b>		
Proceeds from issue of units		13,457
Distributions to investors		(649)
Redemption of units		(54)
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>		<b>12,754</b>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		125
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>		<b>125</b>

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

# Notes to the financial statements

For the eight month period ended 31 March 2025

## 1. REPORTING ENTITY

First Mortgage Trust Wholesale Fund ("FMT WF") is an unlisted open end Unit Trust domiciled in New Zealand.

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

Trustee Executors Limited (the "Supervisor") is the trustee and supervisor of FMT WF.

FMT WF was established by a master trust deed dated 4 September 2023 between the Supervisor and the Manager ("Trust Deed"). FMT WF commenced trading on 23 August 2024.

The financial statements of FMT WF have been prepared by the manager for the period 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.

FMT WF 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 the Financial Reporting Act 2013, and generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. They comply with NZ IFRS Reduced Disclosure Regime ("NZ IFRS RDR") and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards as appropriate to profit oriented entities, as the entity is not publicly accountable. NZ IFRS RDR includes a number of disclosure concessions.

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

FMT WF only holds investments in New Zealand which are denominated in New Zealand dollars.

These financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars which is FMT WF'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 FMT WF becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are derecognised if FMT WF's contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire or if FMT WF 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 FMT WF'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.



## Notes to the financial statements

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### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### (b) Investors' funds

FMT WF classifies financial instruments issued as financial liabilities or equity instruments in accordance with the substance of the contractual terms of the instruments.

FMT WF 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 FMT WF 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 FMT WF's net assets in the event of FMT WF'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 FMT WF 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 FMT WF over the life of the instrument.

#### (c) Impairment

The carrying amounts of FMT WF'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

FMT WF as a Unit Trust elected to become a Portfolio Investment Entity (PIE) from the commencement date of the Fund. FMT WF 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%. FMT WF allocates 100% of net income to investors and as a result FMT WF 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 Investment Memorandum for FMT WF states that the Manager will not charge a fee (see note 11).

### 5. SUPERVISOR FEES

The Trustee Reporting Agreement between the Manager and the Supervisor entitles the Supervisor to receive an amount of 0.03% per annum calculated on the average daily balance of FMT WF, subject to a minimum fee of \$15,000 plus GST per annum. In addition, the Supervisor is permitted to be reimbursed out of FMT WF for all costs, expenses and liabilities incurred whilst acting for FMT WF.

The current Investment Memorandum states that the Manager will pay the Supervisor fees from their own resources. For the period ended 31 March 2025, the manager paid \$11,500 supervisor fees.

### 6. EXPENSES

Under the terms of FMT WF's Investment Memorandum the Manager meets the expenses of FMT WF, including audit fees of \$17,025 for the eight months ended 31 March 2025. 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 period expenses of \$0 were reimbursed.

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For the eight month period ended 31 March 2025

## 7. INVESTMENTS – FIRST MORTGAGE TRUST GROUP INVESTMENT FUND

	As at 31 March 2025 \$000's
<b>Current investments:</b>	
Units in the FMT GIF at \$1 per unit	32,752
<b>Total units and amount of investment</b>	<b>32,752</b>

## 8. INVESTORS' FUNDS

	Eight months to 31 March 2025 Number of Units / \$000's
On issue at beginning of period at \$1 per unit	-
Units issued during the period at \$1 per unit	32,752
Units redeemed during the period at \$1 per unit	-
<b>On issue at end of period at \$1 per unit</b>	<b>32,752</b>

The investors receive quarterly distributions within 3 working days of being declared. Distributions of \$880,111 were declared and paid by FMT WF during the period ended 31 March 2025.

## 9. RETAINED EARNINGS

	Eight months to 31 March 2025 \$000's
Balance at beginning of period	-
Profit for the period	823
Distributions to investors	(823)
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>-</b>

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

## 10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

### Financial Risk Management

FMT WF'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, FMT WF 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, FMT WF is exposed directly and indirectly to a variety of financial risks including credit, market (interest rate), and liquidity risks. FMT WF relies on the credit, liquidity and market risk policies of the manager of FMT GIF to manage FMT WF'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 FMT WF are discussed in the notes below.

### Equity and credit risk

FMT WF has equity risk in that it invests in units in FMT GIF.

FMT WF's investment policy is to invest in units in FMT GIF which creates credit exposure to FMT GIF equal to 100% of equity of FMT WF 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. FMT WF relies on the investment policy of FMT GIF to manage exposure to credit risk.

As of 31 March 2025, there was one aggregate exposure to an individual counterparty which exceeded 10% of FMT WF's Equity. This exposure will be reduced as the FMT WF grows.

The credit risk disclosures have been prepared based on FMT WF'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 FMT WF. For an understanding of credit risk users of these financial statements should read FMT GIF's financial statements.

# Notes to the financial statements

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## 10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

### Liquidity risk

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

FMT WF 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 FMT WF's approach to managing liquidity is to rely on the liquidity management of FMT GIF.

FMT WF is exposed to the same liquidity risk as FMT GIF. FMT WF 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 FMT WF'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 FMT WF.

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, FMT WF 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%. 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 3.75%.

The interest rate risk disclosures have been prepared based on FMT WF'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 FMT WF.

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

### Capital management

FMT WF'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. FMT WF'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. RELATED PARTIES

### (a) Nature of relationship

FMT WF is managed by the Manager as outlined in the Investment Memorandum. The Manager makes all decisions relating to administration, investment management, investment applications, and the management of FMT WF'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 FMT WF. The Manager provides investors in FMT WF a bonus return (by way of issuing additional units in FMT WF which are paid for out of FMML's own funds) but does not guarantee the return of principal or income to investors.

The Supervisor is the appointed trustee and supervisor of FMT WF. The role of the Supervisor is to hold all the assets of FMT WF 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 FMT WF on the terms set out in clause 25.2 of the Trust Deed. The Supervisor and Manager are entitled to be reimbursed out of FMT WF for all expenses, costs or liabilities incurred by them acting as supervisor or manager. General expenses and supervisor fees in relation to FMT WF 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 FMT WF due to timing differences between the payment of distributions from FMT WF and the due date for payment of tax in relation to those distributions to Inland Revenue.

# Notes to the financial statements

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## 11. RELATED PARTIES (continued)

### (a) Nature of relationship (continued)

FMT GIF is also managed by the Manager and FMT WF invests in FMT GIF.

Directors and key management personnel of the Manager are also considered related parties of FMT WF.

Directors of the Manager may be trustees in their professional capacity as solicitors of other trusts that borrow from FMT GIF or invest in FMT WF 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, there were no directors or key management personnel of the Manager, either individually or through related interests, holding units in FMT WF which invests in FMT GIF and who received nil distributions during the period.

The Manager of FMT WF receives a fee on funds invested by FMT WF 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, of which \$281,163 was remitted to the Manager and the remaining \$286,983 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, of which \$175,703 related to FMT WF investment.

In addition, during the year borrowers of FMT GIF have paid loan processing fees direct to the Manager of \$26,102,146. 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, FMT WF held units to the value of \$32,752,237 in FMT GIF and received \$822,693 of distributions during the year. The value of units issued by FMT GIF to FMT WF during the period was \$32,752,237. There have not been any units redeemed by FMT GIF to FMT WF.

As of 31 March 2025, the Manager issued \$57,417 of additional units in FMT WF as a bonus return, and \$54,140 of those units were redeemed.

## 12. 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 Trust Wholesale 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 8 month period then ended; and
- notes, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of First Mortgage Trust Wholesale Fund (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 8 month period ended on that date;
- in accordance with New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime (NZ IFRS RDR) issued by the New Zealand 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 Trust Wholesale Fund 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) are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Fund.



### USE OF THIS INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

This independent auditor's report is made solely to the Investors. 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 RDR issued by the New Zealand 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-8/>

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

For and on behalf of:



KPMG Tauranga  
12 June 2025





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