Antares Diversified Fixed Income Fund

Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023

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Directors' Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023

The Directors of Antares Capital Partners Limited (ACP), the Responsible Entity of Antares Diversified Fixed Income Fund (the 'Scheme'), present their report together with the financial report of the Scheme for the financial year ended 30 June 2023, and the report of the auditor of the Scheme.

Responsible Entity

The Responsible Entity of the Scheme is Antares Capital Partners Limited. As at reporting date, the registered office and principal place of business of the Responsible Entity and the Scheme is '30 The Bond' Level 3, 30 Hickson Road, Millers Point NSW 2000.

The Directors of Antares Capital Partners Limited during or since the end of the financial year are:

Name	Position Held	Date Appointed
K A Watt	Independent Non-Executive Director, Chair	Appointed 05/12/2016
J Selak	Independent Non-Executive Director	Appointed 31/05/2021
M A Joiner	Independent Non-Executive Director	Appointed 01/01/2021
G J Mulcahy	Executive Director	Appointed 07/07/2014

Principal activities

The Scheme is an unlisted registered managed investment scheme domiciled in Australia.

The Scheme invests in accordance with the investment policy of the Scheme as set out in its Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) or investment mandate and in accordance with the Scheme's Constitution. The key asset categories are interest bearing securities and derivatives.

The Scheme did not have any employees during the year (2022: Nil).

Review of operations and results

The Scheme continues to invest in accordance with target asset allocations as set out in the governing documents of the Scheme and in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme's Constitution.

The results of operations of the Scheme is disclosed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The income distributions payable by the Scheme is disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position.

The distributions to unitholders by the Scheme is disclosed in the Statement of Changes in Equity.

For details in relation to the performance of the Scheme, information can be obtained from the website at https://www.antarescapital.com.au/home/prices-and-performance/fixed-income-performance.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

Responsible Entity change:

On 29 June 2023, the Directors of ACP resolved to retire as Responsible Entity of the Scheme, and appoint MLC Investments Limited (MLCI) as the Responsible Entity. The change of Responsible Entity is subject approvals and as at the date of this report all approvals are yet to be received.

In the opinion of the Responsible Entity, there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Schemes that occurred during the year.

Events subsequent to balance date

No significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period which would impact on the financial position of the Scheme disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023 or on the results of the Scheme for the financial year ended on that date.

Likely developments and expected results of operations

The Scheme will continue to pursue its investment policies as outlined in the PDS or investment mandate. The results of the Scheme will be affected by a number of factors, including the performance of investment markets in which the Scheme 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.

Further information has not been included in this report to avoid the disclosure of information that may result in unreasonable prejudice to the Scheme.

Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditor

The Scheme has not indemnified or made a relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability for any person who is or has been an officer of the Responsible Entity or an auditor of the Scheme during the year. Subject to the relevant Scheme constitution and relevant law, the Responsible Entity is entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Scheme for any liability incurred by it in properly performing or exercising any of its powers or duties in relation to the Scheme. The auditor of the Scheme is in no way indemnified out of the assets of the Scheme.

The ultimate parent company of the Responsible Entity, Insignia Financial Ltd, has paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums in respect of the Responsible Entity's officers for liability, legal expenses, insurance contracts, and premiums in respect of such insurance contracts, for the financial year ended 30 June 2023. Such insurance contracts insure against certain liability (subject to specified exclusions) for persons who are or have been the officers of the Responsible Entity. Details of the nature of the liabilities covered or the amount of the premium paid has not been included as such disclosure is prohibited under the terms of the contracts.

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Fees paid to and investments held by the Responsible Entity or its associates

Fees paid and payable to the Responsible Entity and its associates out of the Scheme's property during the year are disclosed in Note 7.4 Responsible Entity fees.

No fees were paid out of the Scheme's property to the Directors of the Responsible Entity during the year. Related party investments held in the Scheme as at the end of the financial year are disclosed in Note 7 Related parties.

Interests in the Scheme

The movements in units on issue in the Scheme during the year are disclosed in the Statement of Changes in Equity.

The value of the Scheme's assets and liabilities are disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position and derived using the basis set out in Note 2 Basis of preparation.

Environmental regulation

The operations of the Scheme is not subject to any significant environmental regulation under Commonwealth, State or Territory law.

Rounding

The Scheme meets the criteria set out in *Corporations Instrument 2016/191* issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, and in accordance with that Corporations Instrument, amounts in the financial report and the Directors' report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars unless otherwise stated.

Lead auditor's independence declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration, as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, is set out on page 31 and forms part of the Directors' Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Antares Capital Partners Limited.

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Director

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11 September 2023

Financial Report Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023

		1. Antares Diversified Fixe Income Fu		
	Note	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000	
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	5.2	4,779	5,427	
Margin accounts		3,694	4,380	
Receivables		2,761	2,523	
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	4.1	354,233	462,577	
Total assets		365,467	474,907	
Liabilities				
Distributions payable		-	105	
Payables		221	102	
Financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	4.2	1,224	745	
Total liabilities		1,445	952	
Total net assets attributable to unitholders - Equity		364,022	473,955	

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Financial Report Statement of Comprehensive Income for the financial year ended 30 June 2023

		1. Antares Dive I	rsified Fixed Income Fund
	Note	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Investment income			
Interest income		14,319	10,613
Net change in fair value of investments		1,736	(63,277)
Total investment income/(loss)		16,055	(52,664)
Expenses			
Responsible Entity fees	7.4	1,632	1,713
Interest expense		1	-
Other expenses		29	20
Total operating expenses		1,662	1,733
Operating profit/(loss)		14,393	(54,397)
Other comprehensive income			<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial year		14,393	(54,397)

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Financial Report Statement of Changes in Equity for the financial year ended 30 June 2023

		1. Antares Dive	rsified Fixed Income Fund
	Note	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year		473,955	461,211
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial year		14,393	(54,397)
Transactions with unitholders Applications Redemptions Distributions paid and payable Total transactions with unitholders		65,275 (189,601) - (124,326)	129,979 (61,375) (1,463) 67,141
Total equity at the end of the financial year		364,022	473,955
	Note	30 June 2023 Units '000	30 June 2022 Units '000
Opening balance		522,683	454,289
Applications Redemptions		70,788 (200,509)	130,951 (62,557)
Closing balance		392,962	522,683
Distribution Cents per Unit (CPU)		-	0.30

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Financial Report Statement of Cash Flows for the financial year ended 30 June 2023

		1. Antares Diversified Fixed Income Fund		
	Note	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Interest received		14,274	10,143	
Realised foreign exchange gains		71	38	
Net movement in margin accounts		686	(3,466)	
Interest expense		(1)	-	
Operating expenses paid		(1,675)	(1,737)	
Proceeds from sale of investments		256,724	86,857	
Purchase of investments		(146,216)	(160,724)	
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	<u>5.1</u>	123,863	(68,889)	
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from application of units		65,120	129,960	
Payments for redemption of units		(189,507)	(61,374)	
Distributions paid		(105)	(3,398)	
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing activities		(124,492)	65,188	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(629)	(3,701)	
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents		(19)	126	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		5,427	9,002	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	5.2	4,779	5,427	

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

1. Reporting entity

Antares Diversified Fixed Income Fund (the Scheme) is a registered Managed Investment Scheme under the *Corporations Act 2001*. The financial statements of the Scheme are for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

The financial statements were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of the Responsible Entity on 11 September 2023.

2. Basis of preparation

The Statement of Financial Position is prepared 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 generally expected to be recovered or settled within twelve months, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and net assets attributable to unitholders.

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified to achieve consistency in disclosure with current financial year amounts and other disclosures.

2.1 Statement of compliance

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The financial statements of the Scheme also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

2.2 Basis of consolidation

The Scheme has assessed whether its investments in unlisted registered managed investment schemes should be classified as structured entities. A structured entity is an entity in which voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in deciding control. The Scheme has concluded that its investments in unlisted registered managed investment schemes meet the definition of structured entities as the voting rights of these unlisted registered managed investment schemes are not substantive in nature as set out in Note 8 Interests in unconsolidated structured entities.

As such, the Scheme does not consolidate any entities.

2.3 Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for:

- financial assets and liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss, which are measured at fair value; and
- other financial liabilities, which are measured at amortised cost.

2.4 Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the Scheme'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 Scheme competes for funds and is regulated. The Australian dollar is also the Scheme's presentation currency.

2.5 Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements which are in conformity with IFRS, 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 and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. The estimates and associated assumptions can refer to historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable using market participant assumptions in the current market environment based on what is known and knowable at the measurement date. The results of which forms the basis of making the judgement about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from estimates.

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

Note 6.5 Valuation of financial instruments contains information about the estimation of fair values of financial instruments.

2.6 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

2.7 Changes in accounting policies

There were no changes in the accounting policies of the Scheme during the financial year.

2.8 New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 July 2023, 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 Scheme.

3. Significant accounting policies

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

3.1 Foreign currency translation

Foreign currency transactions are translated to Australian dollars at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the reporting date. Unrealised foreign exchange gains or losses, arising in translation of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at reporting date, are recognised as part of the 'Net change in fair value of investments' in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Realised gains and losses on amounts denominated in foreign currencies are also brought to account as part of 'Net change in fair value of investments' in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and as 'Realised foreign exchange gains/(losses)' in the Statement of Cash Flows.

3.2 Financial instruments

3.2.1 Recognition and initial measurement

Financial assets and liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss are recognised initially on the trade date at which the Scheme becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Other financial assets and liabilities are recognised on the due date they originated.

Financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss are measured initially at fair value, with transaction costs recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Financial assets or liabilities not held at fair value through profit or loss are measured initially at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue.

3.2.2 Derecognition

The Scheme derecognises financial assets when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire or it transfers the financial assets and the transfer qualifies for derecognition in accordance with AASB 9 *Financial Instruments*.

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired.

When there is objective evidence that the Scheme will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivable, the Scheme will write off the amount by reducing the carrying amount directly in the Statement of Financial Position and also recognise a loss or other expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

3.2.3 Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss are those that meet the definition of held for trading in AASB 9 Financial Instruments. These include investments in interest bearing securities and derivatives.

Financial assets measured at amortised cost include cash and cash equivalents. Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost include balances due to brokers and accounts payable.

3.2.4 Measurement

Subsequent to initial recognition, all instruments classified at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value with changes in their fair value recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Financial liabilities other than those at fair value through profit or loss, are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Refer to Note 6.5 Valuation of financial instruments for additional disclosures.

3.2.5 Fair value measurement principles

The Scheme has adopted AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement and as a result the Scheme has adopted the definition of fair value as set out below.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal, or in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Scheme has access at that date.

The prices used to value investments include, but are not limited to:

- independent prices obtained for each security;
- quoted 'bid' prices on long securities and quoted 'ask' prices on securities sold short; and
- net asset value prices published by the relevant Responsible Entity, for investments into unlisted unit trusts.

In accordance with the Constitution, the Scheme is contractually obliged to redeem units at redemption price, which includes an allowance for transaction costs that would be incurred by the Scheme on disposal of assets required to fund the redemptions. Where a transaction cost factor has been incurred, there will be a difference between the carrying amount of the net assets of the Scheme (excluding the unitholders' funds classified as equity) and the contractual amount payable to unitholders which is based on the redemption price.

When applicable, the Scheme measures the fair value of an instrument using the quoted prices in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

When there is no quoted price in an active market, the Scheme uses valuation techniques that maximise the use of relevant observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all the factors that market participants would take into account in pricing a transaction.

3.2.6 Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the Statement of Financial Position when, and only when, the Scheme has a legal right to offset the amounts and it intends either to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Refer to Note 6.2.8 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities for additional disclosures.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under AASBs, e.g. for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions, such as gains and losses from financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss.

3.2.7 Derivative financial instruments

The Scheme uses derivative financial instruments to hedge its exposure to credit, interest rate, foreign exchange and price risks arising from investment activities. In accordance with its investment strategy, the Scheme holds or issues derivative financial instruments for hedging purposes.

Derivative financial instruments are recognised initially at cost. Subsequent to initial recognition, derivative financial instruments are stated at fair value. The gain or loss on remeasurement to fair value is recognised immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The Scheme does not apply hedge accounting.

Futures contracts

Futures contracts are contractual obligations to buy or sell financial instruments on a future date at a specified price established in an organised market. Futures contracts are collateralised by cash and cash equivalents or by other assets ("initial margin"). Subsequent payments, known as "variation margin", are made or received by the Scheme each day, depending on the daily fluctuations in the fair value of the underlying security. The futures contracts are marked to market daily.

Swaps

Swaps are derivative instruments in which two parties exchange the cash flows or liabilities from two different financial instruments. Swaps are over-the-counter contracts and the most commonly seen swaps may include interest rate swaps, credit default swaps, currency swaps and total return swaps. The Scheme may use the swaps to hedge risk and minimize market uncertainty. Gains or losses are recorded in the relevant period as a change in the fair value of investments in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

3.3 Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents may include cash at bank, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown in liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position but are included within cash and cash equivalents for cash flow purposes.

3.4 Margin accounts

Margin accounts comprise cash held as collateral for derivative transactions. The cash is held by the broker in a custodial capacity.

3.5 Receivables

Receivables are measured at transaction price and may include amounts for accrued income and other receivables such as Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC).

Accrued income may include amounts for interest income. Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recorded as receivables. RITC is the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST) recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

3.6 Distributions payable

The distributions payable to unitholders as at the reporting date is recognised separately in the Statement of Financial Position as unitholders are presently entitled to the distributable income as at 30 June 2023 under the Scheme's Constitution.

3.7 Payables

Payables may include amounts for accrued expenses and other payables such as GST.

Accrued expenses include Responsible Entity fees payable.

3.8 Net assets attributable to unitholders

The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Scheme is subject to daily applications and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders. The Responsible Entity monitors the level of daily applications and redemptions relative to the liquid assets in the Scheme. Under the terms of the Scheme'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.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Responsible Entity may return capital to unitholders. The Scheme does not have any externally imposed capital requirements. The units can be put back to the Scheme at any time for cash based on the redemption price. The fair value of redeemable units is measured at the redemption amount that is payable (based on the redemption unit price) at the end of the reporting period if unitholders exercised their right to redeem units from the Scheme.

Under AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation, puttable financial instruments are classified as equity where the following criteria are met:

- the puttable financial instrument entitles the holder to a pro-rata share of net assets in the event of the Scheme'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 Scheme, and it is not a contract settled in the Scheme'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.

The above criteria are satisfied for the Scheme with a single unit class and net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as equity.

3.9 Terms and conditions of units

The Scheme has a single unit class.

All units of a class issued by the Scheme will be of an equal value and confer identical interests and rights to, and be subject to the same conditions as, all other units in that class. A unit does not confer any interest in any particular asset or investment of the Scheme. Unitholders have various rights under the Constitution and the *Corporations Act 2001*, including the right to:

- have their units redeemed;
- accumulate income, which is reflected in the unit price;
- attend and vote at meetings of unitholders; and
- participate in the termination and winding up of the Scheme.

3.10 Interest income

Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost is recognised on a time-proportionate basis using the effective interest method and includes interest from cash and cash equivalents.

Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is determined based on the contractual coupon interest rate and includes interest from debt securities.

3.11 Net change in fair value of investments

Changes in the fair value of investments are net gains or losses recognised in relation to financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. Changes are determined as the difference between the fair value at year end or consideration received (if sold during the year) and the fair value as at the prior year end or initial fair value (if the investment was acquired during the year).

3.12 Expenses

All expenses, including Responsible Entity fees, are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accrual basis.

Interest expense is interest accrued on overdraft balances held during the financial year, and other expenses relate to brokerage fees from purchasing and selling assets.

3.13 Foreign exchange gains and losses

Foreign exchange gains and losses on financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss are recognised together with other changes in the fair value. Included in the profit or loss line item are net foreign exchange gains or losses on monetary financial assets and financial liabilities other than those classified at fair value through profit or loss.

3.14 Distributions to unitholders

Distributions are payable as set out in the Scheme's PDS. Distributions are determined by the Responsible Entity in accordance with the Scheme's Constitution and applicable tax legislation.

Financial instruments held at fair value may include unrealised capital gains or losses. Unrealised gains or losses that are recognised as 'profit or loss from operating activities' are transferred to net assets attributable to unitholders and are not assessable and do not impact distributions until realised.

Under AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation, the Scheme that have single unit class disclose distributions paid and payable in the Statement of Changes in Equity.

Distributions paid are included in cash flows from financing activities in the Statement of Cash Flows.

3.15 Taxation

Under the Attribution Managed Investment Trust ("AMIT") tax regime, the AMIT Scheme is not subject to income tax as taxable income (including assessable realised capital gains) is attributed in full to the unitholders. The AMIT Scheme fully attributes its taxable income which is calculated in accordance with the Scheme's Constitution and applicable taxation legislation, to the unitholders on a fair and reasonable basis consistent with their rights.

Net realised capital losses are not distributed to unitholders, but are retained to be offset against any future realised capital gains. Where realised assessable capital gains exceed realised capital losses, the excess will be distributed and attributed to unitholders as assessable income for taxation purposes.

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

3.16 Goods and services tax

Expenses incurred by the Scheme is recognised net of the amount of GST recoverable from the ATO as RITC.

Payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO is included in receivables in the Statement of Financial Position. GST is included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis.

4. Financial assets and liabilities

The table below details the categories of the financial assets and liabilities held by the Scheme at the reporting date:

	1. Antares Dive	rsified Fixed Income Fund
	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
4.1 Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss		
Interest bearing securities	354,210	462,480
Derivative assets	23	97
Total financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	354,233	462,577
4.2 Financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss		
Derivative liabilities	1,224	745
Total financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	1,224	745

5. Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities

The table below details the reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities for the year. For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents may include cash at bank, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position.

	1. Antares Dive	rsified Fixed Income Fund
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	\$'000	\$'000
5.1 Operating profit/(loss) for the financial year Adjustments for net realised and unrealised (gains)/losses on:	14,393	(54,397)
Change in fair value of investments	(1,736)	63,277
Realised foreign exchange gains	71	38
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Proceeds from sale of investments	256,724	86,857
Purchase of investments	(146,216)	(160,724)
Net movement in margin accounts	686	(3,466)
Increase in receivables	(45)	(471)
Decrease in payables	(15)	(3)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	123,862	(68,889)
5.2 Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank	470	429
Deposits at call	4,309	4,998
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	4,779	5,427
5.3 Non-cash operating and financing activities		
Distributions reinvested by unitholders in additional scheme units	=	5

6. Financial risk management

6.1 Introduction and overview

The Scheme is exposed to a variety of financial risks from investments in financial instruments. These risks include:

- credit risk
- · liquidity risk
- market risk

This note presents information about the Scheme's exposure to each of the above risks, the Scheme's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the Scheme's management of investors' funds.

6.1.1 Risk management framework

The Scheme's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, liquidity risk, and market risk (including currency risk, interest rate risk, equity price risk). The Scheme's overall risk management programme is aligned to the investment strategy of the Scheme as detailed in its Constitution and PDS. It focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Scheme's financial performance.

The Responsible Entity monitors the risk management framework, which is performed internally and reported on a quarterly basis. The Scheme may use derivative financial instruments to moderate certain risk exposures.

6.1.2 Environmental, Social and Governance risks

The Scheme's risk to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues are managed in accordance with the 'Responsible Investing Policy' and 'Proxy Voting Standard' covering Antares Capital Partners Limited. This involves undertaking formal assessment of the investment manager's ESG practices when assessing, selecting and monitoring investment managers to protect investments and manage the risk profile for long-term returns.

6.2 Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Scheme, resulting in a financial loss to the Scheme. It arises principally from interest bearing securities held, derivative instruments and cash and cash equivalents.

6.2.1 Management of credit risk

The Scheme's policy over credit risk is to minimise its exposure to counterparties with higher risk of default by dealing only with counterparties meeting the credit standards set out in the Scheme's PDS and by taking collateral. Credit risk is further minimised by managing the assets of the Scheme within credit rating limits.

Credit risk is monitored by the investment managers in accordance with the policies and procedures in place, including assessing the credit rating and quality of interest bearing instruments relative to their price and yield.

6.2.2 Investments in interest bearing securities

Credit risk on interest bearing securities is mitigated by investing primarily in investment grade rated instruments as determined by Standard & Poor's or Moody's. The investment managers review monthly rating updates from the rating agencies and rebalance the portfolio where necessary.

Investments in interest bearing securities that are non investment grade rated are either in accordance with the Scheme's mandates or a result of a decline in the credit quality of the security. To manage credit risk of non investment grade rated securities, an active process of monitoring the investment is in place to ensure the security performs in line with expectations and meets portfolio requirements.

The credit quality of the interest bearing securities invested into by the Scheme, if any, is disclosed in Note 6.2.7 Credit risk exposure.

6.2.3 Derivative financial instruments

The Scheme may enter into two types of derivative transactions: exchange-traded derivatives (ETD) and over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives. Credit risk arising from ETD is mitigated by margin requirements. OTC derivatives expose the Scheme to the risk that the counterparties to the derivative financial instruments might default on their obligations to the Scheme.

Derivative financial instruments are transacted with counterparties on arm's length basis and within predetermined limits.

The fair value of the derivatives assets held by the Scheme is disclosed in Note 6.2.7 Credit risk exposure.

6.2.4 Cash and cash equivalents

The Scheme's cash and cash equivalents are held mainly by National Australia Bank Limited (NAB). The short term credit rating of NAB determined by Standard & Poor's is A-1+ (2022: A-1+), as at reporting date. Maximum credit risk exposure from cash and cash equivalents is represented by the carrying amount in the Statement of Financial Position.

6.2.5 Settlement risk

The Scheme's activities may give rise to risk at the time of settlement of transactions. Settlement risk is the risk of loss due to the failure of an entity to honour its obligations to deliver cash, securities or other assets as contractually agreed.

For the majority of transactions, the Scheme mitigates this risk by conducting settlements through a broker to ensure that a trade is settled only when both parties have fulfilled their contractual settlement obligations. Settlement limits form part of the credit approval and monitoring processes described in Note 6.2.1 Management of credit risk.

6.2.6 Past due and impaired assets

No financial assets carried at amortised cost were past due or impaired either at 30 June 2023 or 30 June 2022.

6.2.7 Credit risk exposure

The Scheme's maximum credit risk exposure (without taking into account collateral and other credit enhancements) is represented by the respective carrying amounts of the relevant financial securities in the Statement of Financial Position at reporting date.

The table below details the maximum exposure to credit risk for the assets held by the Scheme.

	1. Antares Di	versified Fixed Income Fund
	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Fixed interest securities	267,688	346,399
Floating interest securities	86,522	116,081
Derivatives	21	-
Total	354,231	462,480
Credit quality of interest bearing securities		
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	\$'000	\$'000
AAA to AA-	188,567	231,230
A+ to A-	53,261	83,569
BBB to BB-	112,382	147,681

6.2.8 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

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.

The gross and net positions of swaps that have been offset in the Statement of Financial Position is disclosed in the following table:

	1. Antares Diversified Fixed Income Fund					
	Amounts offset	in the Statement of Fi	nancial Position	Related amounts not	offset in the Statement	of Financial Position
	Gross amounts of recognised financial instruments \$'000	Gross amounts of recognised financial instruments offset in the Statement of Financial Position \$'000	Net amount of financial instruments presented in the Statement of Financial Position \$'000	Financial instruments (including non-cash collateral) \$'000	Cash Collateral received/pledged \$'000	Net amount \$'000
30 June 2023						
Financial assets Derivative financial instruments	21	-	21	(21)	-	-
Financial liabilities Derivative financial instruments	(689)	-	(689)	21	668	-
Total	(668)	-	(668)	-	668	-
30 June 2022 Financial assets						
Derivative financial instruments	79	-	79	(79)	-	-
Financial liabilities Derivative financial instruments Total	(504) (425)	<u>-</u>	(504) (425)		180 180	(245) (245)

6.3 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Scheme will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations arising from their financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset, or that such obligations will have to be settled in a manner disadvantageous to the Scheme.

6.3.1 Management of liquidity risk

The Scheme's policy and the investment managers' approaches to managing liquidity is to have sufficient liquidity to meet their liabilities, including estimated redemptions of units, as and when they fall due, without incurring undue losses.

The Scheme's PDS allows for the daily creation and cancellation of units and it is therefore exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting unitholder redemptions at each redemption date. The amounts attributable to unitholders are considered to be on call.

The Scheme's payables are expected to be settled within less than one month.

The Scheme's liquidity risk is managed on a daily basis and the investment managers' approaches is in accordance with its investment mandate. Daily monitoring of cash flow and liquidity levels is conducted to ensure appropriate and timely action which is in the best interests of the unitholders. In addition to monitoring daily cash flows, the Scheme's portfolio of assets are maintained within defined mandate limits and monitoring these positions is part of liquidity risk management.

6.3.2 Liquidity risk exposure

The table below details the financial instruments that give rise to liquidity exposure. Information is provided on a contractual basis.

		1. Antares Dive	ersified Fixed Income Fund
		30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
On call amounts	tributable to unitholders	364,022 364,022	473,955 473,955
Derivative financia	ıl liabilities		
Fair value	< 1 month	-	1
	≥ 1 month but < 6 months ≥ 6 months but < 12 months	603 55	302
	≥ 6 months but < 12 months ≥ 1 year	55 566	- 442
Total derivative fir		1,224	745

6.4 Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, equity prices, foreign exchange rates and credit spreads (not relating to changes in the obligor's/issuer's credit standing), will affect the Scheme's income or the fair value of their holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

6.4.1 Management of market risk

The Scheme's strategy for the management of market risk is driven by the Scheme's investment objectives. The Scheme's market risk is managed on a daily basis by the investment managers in accordance with the investment guidelines of the Scheme's investment mandates.

The Scheme uses derivatives to manage its exposure to foreign currency, interest rate and other price risks. The instruments used include interest rate swaps and futures. The Scheme does not apply hedge accounting.

6.4.2 Interest rate risk

The Scheme is exposed to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of their financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates. Financial instruments that would be impacted by changes in market interest rates include cash and cash equivalents, interest bearing securities, derivatives (such as swaps and futures) and deposits with brokers.

The Scheme's interest rate risk is actively managed in accordance with the defined investment process and within the guidelines and restrictions outlined in the Scheme's PDS. The investment process actively assesses the level of interest rate risk and seeks to manage the interest rate exposure accordingly.

6.4.3 Exposure and sensitivity analysis - interest rate risk

Direct interest rate risk exposure at the reporting date are disclosed in Note 6.4.4 Interest rate risk exposure and sensitivity analysis.

A sensitivity analysis reflects how 'Net assets attributable to unitholders' and Profit/(loss) for the financial year/Total comprehensive income would have been affected by changes in the relevant risk at the end of the reporting period. Management have determined that an increase of 50 basis points or a reduction of 25 basis points at 30 June 2023 is reasonably possible, considering the economic environment in which the Scheme operates (2022: an increase of 125 basis points or a reduction of 25 basis points).

Interest rate risk is not considered to be significant to the Scheme excepts in relation to investments in interest bearing securities. The interest rate risk disclosures have been prepared on the basis of the Scheme's direct investments and not on a look through basis for investments held indirectly through unit trusts.

The table at Note 6.4.4 Interest rate risk exposure and sensitivity analysis sets out the effect on the Scheme's Net assets attributable to unitholders' and 'Change in net assets attributable to unitholders/Total comprehensive income'.

6.4.4 Interest rate risk exposure and sensitivity analysis

The table below details the assets and liabilities exposed to, and sensitivity analysis on, interest rate risk.

	1. Antares Diversified Fixed Income Fund		
	Fixed interest rate \$'000	Floating interest rate \$'000	Total \$'000
30 June 2023 Financial investments held at fair value through profit or loss Total financial investment exposure	267,708 267,708		353,009
30 June 2022 Financial investments held at fair value through profit or loss Total financial investment exposure	346,399 346,399	116,081 116,081	462,480
Sensitivity analysis	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000	
Impact on Profit/loss from operating activities and Net assets attributable to unitholders / Other comprehensive			
Interest rate risk - increase of 50bps (2022: 125bps) Interest rate risk - decrease of 25bps (2022: 25bps)	(8,949) 4,476	(21,792) 4,362	

6.4.5 Currency risk

Currency 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.

There was no significant direct foreign exchange risk in the Scheme as at 30 June 2023 (2022: Nil).

6.4.6 Other price risk

At the reporting date, other price risk is the risk that the fair value of the financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer or factors affecting all instruments traded in the market. Other price risk is managed by the investment managers by diversifying the portfolio and economically hedging using derivative financial instruments such as options and future contracts, in accordance with the PDS or information memorandum.

The Scheme's financial instruments which are carried at fair value have any change in the fair value of investments recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the line item 'Net change in fair value of investments'.

6.4.7 Exposure and Sensitivity analysis - other price risk

The other price risk exposure of financial instruments is equal to the fair value of financial instruments as reported in the Statement of Financial Position and in Note 4 Financial assets and liabilities.

A sensitivity analysis reflects how 'Net assets attributable to unitholders' and Profit/(loss) for the financial year/Total comprehensive income would have been affected by changes in the relevant risk at the end of the reporting period.

Changes in price as disclosed in this note set out below are illustrative only and are based on simplified scenarios. These represent what is considered to be a reasonably possible change rather than extreme fluctuations that may occur from time to time. As such, actual future market movement may differ.

Management has determined that a movement in market prices of 10% is possible, considering the economic environment in which the Scheme operates.

The table at Note 6.4.8 Other price risk and sensitivity analysis sets out the effect on the Scheme's Net assets attributable to unitholders' and Profit/(loss) for the financial year/Total comprehensive income of a possible increase or decrease in market prices of 10% (2022: 10%).

6.4.8 Other price risk and sensitivity analysis

At the reporting date, the Scheme's other price risk sensitivity analysis is detailed in the table below:

	1. Antares Diversified Fixed Income Fund	
	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Interest bearing securities Derivatives	354,210 (1,201)	462,480 (648)
Total	353,009	461,832
Sensitivity analysis	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Impact on Profit/loss from operating activities and Net assets attributable to unitholders / Other comprehensive income		
Price risk - increase of 10% (2022: 10%)*	35,301	46,183

^{*} A decrease will have an equal and opposite effect on the Profit/loss from operating activities and Net assets attributable to unitholders / Other comprehensive income.

6.4.9 Derivative financial instruments

The Scheme's derivative financial instruments are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainties about future prices of the instruments. As at 30 June 2023, the overall direct market exposures were as follows:

	1. Antares Diversified Fixed Income Fund			
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	Contract/Notional value \$'000	Contract/Notional value \$'000	Fair value \$'000	Fair value \$'000
Derivative financial instruments:				
Futures	70,481	74,405	(533)	(223)
Swaps	(669)	(1,460)	(668)	(425)
Total	69,812	72,945	(1,201)	(648)

6.5 Valuation of financial instruments

The Scheme's accounting policy on fair value measurement is discussed in Note 3.2.5 Fair value measurement principles.

The Scheme measures financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss using the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 - Quoted price (unadjusted) in an active market for an identical instrument.

The quoted market price used for financial assets is the current bid price. The quoted market price used for financial liabilities is the current ask price.

Level 2 - Valuation techniques based on observable inputs, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).

This category includes instruments valued using: quoted prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques for which all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.

Level 3 - Valuation techniques using significant unobservable inputs.

This category includes all instruments that use a valuation technique which includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instruments valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments for which significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the Responsible Entity. The Responsible Entity considers observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The Scheme determines Level 2 fair values for corporate bonds using either a price, credit spread or spread basis evaluation as determined by the observed market data including quoted prices for similar assets, benchmark yield curves and market corroborated inputs.

Level 2 fair values for simple, over the counter derivative financial instruments are based on the amount to terminate the contract at the end of reporting period taking into account current market conditions. Fair values reflect the credit risk of the instrument and include an adjustment to take account of the credit risk of the Scheme and counterparty where appropriate.

The Scheme recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period during which the transfer has occurred. Changes in Level 2 and 3 fair values are analysed at each reporting date and the reasons for the fair value movements are explained. There were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy during the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

The carrying value of assets and liabilities not held at fair value such as cash and cash equivalents approximate fair value.

6.5.1 Financial instruments hierarchy

6.5.1.1 Recurring fair value measurements

The table below details financial instruments measured at fair value at the end of the reporting period by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorised:

		1. Antares Diversified Fixed Income Fund		
	Note	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000	
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss Interest bearing securities:				
Level 1 Level 2 Level 3		- 354,210 -	21,960 440,520 -	
Derivative assets: Level 1 Level 2		2 21	18 79	
Level 3 Total financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	4.1	354,233	462,577	
Financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss Equities held on short position:				
Level 2		-	-	
Level 3 Derivative liabilities:		- -	- -	
Level 1 Level 2		535 689	241 504	
Level 3 Total financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	4.2	1,224	745	

6.5.1.2 Non - recurring fair value measurements

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

6.5.2 Valuation processes

The Responsible Entity has established a Unit Pricing and Valuations Forum (UPVF) which incorporates the valuation of investments. The purpose of the UPVF is to support the Responsible Entity through: identifying, assessing, and managing key risks for activities impacting unit pricing and valuation of investments, endorse valuation related discretions and matters related to unit pricing and valuation, and facilitating senior management oversight of policies, processes, and systems, by establishing a single point of review while considering implications on stakeholders. The UPVF has overall responsibility for the valuation of investments. Specific valuation controls may include: analysis and investigation of significant daily valuation movements, benchmarking Scheme performance, reviewing significant unobservable inputs and valuation adjustments, verification of observable pricing inputs, reviewing methodologies to value assets for which market quotes are not readily available, and determining where escalation is warranted for assets have been stale for an extended period. When third party information, such as custodian valuations, broker quotes or pricing services, is used to measure fair value, the UPVF assess the evidence from these third parties to support the conclusion that these valuations meet the fair value requirements. This may include: information and inputs from the Responsible Entity, verifying that the custodian valuation, broker or pricing service, is appropriate to use in pricing the relevant type of financial instruments, understanding how the fair value has been arrived and the extent at which it represents actual market transactions, and whether it represents a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset.

7. Related parties

7.1 Responsible Entity

The Responsible Entity of the Scheme is Antares Capital Partners Limited (ABN 85 066 081 114). Antares Capital Partners Limited (ACP) is a subsidiary of Insignia Financial Ltd (Insignia).

7.2 Key management personnel

The Scheme does not employ personnel in its own right. However, the Scheme is required to have an incorporated Responsible Entity to manage the activities and this is considered to be key management personnel. The directors of the Responsible Entity, which are key management personnel, during or since the end of the financial year are:

Name	Position Held	Date Appointed
K A Watt	Independent Non-Executive Director, Chair	Appointed 05/12/2016
J Selak	Independent Non-Executive Director	Appointed 31/05/2021
M A Joiner	Independent Non-Executive Director	Appointed 01/01/2021
G J Mulcahy	Executive Director	Appointed 07/07/2014

The Scheme has not made, guaranteed or secured, directly or indirectly, any loans to the key management personnel at any time during the reporting period.

No director has entered into a material contract with the Scheme since the end of the previous financial year and there were no material contracts involving directors' interests existing at financial year end.

7.3 Related party transactions

All related party transactions are conducted on commercial terms and conditions.

The Directors of the Responsible Entity may also be employees and/or directors of other companies owned by Insignia. The Responsible Entity may also be involved in activities other than the business of managed investment schemes.

The Scheme has not made, guaranteed or secured, directly or indirectly, any loans to the Responsible Entity at any time during the reporting period.

During the financial period, there was no compensation paid directly by the Scheme to the Directors of the Responsible Entity. Directors' compensation was paid by MLC Wealth Ltd (a wholly owned subsidiary of Insignia Financial Ltd, the ultimate parent company of ACP).

From time to time the Directors of Antares Capital Partners Limited may invest or withdraw from the Scheme. These investments or withdrawals are on the same terms and conditions as those entered into by other unitholders in the Scheme.

7.4 Responsible Entity fees

The Responsible Entity is entitled to management fees which are calculated as a proportion of net assets attributable to unitholders. All transactions with related parties are conducted on normal commercial terms and conditions. Management fees are reflected as 'Responsible Entity fees' in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Fees received and receivable by the Responsible Entity for the year ended 30 June 2023 are as follows:

	paid and pa	gement fees yable to the he financial year
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
1. Antares Diversified Fixed Income Fund	1,631,678	1,713,344

7.5 Related party investments held by the Scheme

The Scheme did not hold any investments in Insignia Financial Ltd or units in other managed investment schemes operated by the Responsible Entity or its related parties at year end.

7.6 Units in the Scheme held by related parties

As at the reporting date, no related parties held any investments in the Scheme at year end (2022: Nil).

8. Interests in unconsolidated structured entities

The Scheme's maximum exposure to loss from its investments in unlisted managed investment schemes, which have been assessed to be structured entities, is restricted to their fair value which are disclosed in 7.5 Related party investments held by the Scheme. The Scheme has not sponsored or provided support and has no intention of providing support, financial or otherwise to the unlisted managed investment schemes they hold.

9. Auditor's remuneration

During the year, the following Auditor's remuneration fees were paid or payable by the Responsible Entity for services provided by KPMG as the auditor of the Scheme:

	1. Antares Dive	ersified Fixed Income Fund
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022 \$
KPMG	Ψ	Ψ
- Audit Services		
Audit & Review of financial reports	6,637	12,189
 Other assurance services 		
Other compliance & regulatory audit services	2,793	4,107
Total audit fees paid	9,430	16,296

10. Commitments and contingencies

There were no commitments or contingencies for the Scheme as at the reporting date (30 June 2022: Nil).

11. Events subsequent to reporting date

No significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period which would impact on the financial position of the Scheme disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023 or on the results of the Scheme for the financial year ended on that date.

Financial Report Directors' Declaration for the financial year ended 30 June 2023

Antares Capital Partners Limited presents the Directors' Declaration in respect of the following Scheme:

1. Antares Diversified Fixed Income Fund

In the opinion of the Directors:

- 1. The financial statements and notes to the financial statements of the Scheme, set out on pages 5 to 26 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
- 1.1 giving a true and fair view of the Scheme's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the financial year ended on that date.
- 1.2 complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.
- 2. The financial statements and notes to the financial statements of the Scheme, set out on pages 5 to 26 comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.
- 3. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Scheme will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This Declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Antares Capital Partners Limited.

Kathryn Watt

Director

Melbourne

11 September 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the unitholders of Antares Diversified Fixed Income Fund:

Opinion

We have audited the *Financial Report* of Antares Diversified Fixed Income Fund (the Scheme).

In our opinion, the accompanying *Financial Report* of the Scheme is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Scheme's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

The *Financial Report* comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023;
- Statement of comprehensive income, Statement of changes in equity, and Statement of cash flows for the year then ended;
- Notes including a summary of significant accounting policies; and
- Directors' Declaration.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report section of our report.

We are independent of the Scheme in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Report in Australia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.



Other Information

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in the Scheme's annual reporting which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. The Directors of Antares Capital Partners Ltd (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the Financial Report does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Report, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we 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.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of Antares Capital Partners Ltd (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for:

- preparing the Financial Report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001;
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- assessing the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Scheme or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objective is:

- 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 *Australian Auditing Standards* 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 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. This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

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Joshua Pearse

Partner

Melbourne

11 September 2023



Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act

To the Directors of Antares Capital Partners Ltd, the Responsible Entity for Antares Diversified Fixed Income Fund:

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of the Scheme for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



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Joshua Pearse

Partner

Melbourne

11 September 2023