

# Paradice Equity Alpha Plus Fund

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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

## Product Disclosure Statement

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This Product Disclosure Statement ("PDS") is dated 19 April 2024. This PDS is for the offer of units in the Paradise Equity Alpha Plus Fund ARSN 631 044 678 APIR ETL8096AU (referred throughout this PDS as the "Fund").

The PDS has been prepared and issued by Equity Trustees Limited in its capacity as the responsible entity of the Fund (referred throughout this PDS as the "Responsible Entity", "Equity Trustees", "us" or "we"). The investment manager is Paradise Investment Management Pty Ltd (referred to throughout this PDS as the "Investment Manager" or "Paradice").

The Responsible Entity has authorised the use of this PDS as disclosure to investors and prospective investors who invest directly in the Fund, as well as investors and prospective investors of an investor directed portfolio service, master trust, wrap account or an investor directed portfolio service-like scheme ("IDPS"). This PDS is available for use by persons applying for units through an IDPS ("Indirect Investors").

This PDS is prepared for your general information only. It is not intended to be a recommendation by the Responsible Entity, Investment Manager, any associate, employee, agent or officer of the Responsible Entity, Investment Manager or any other person to invest in the Fund. This PDS does not take into account the investment objectives, financial situation or needs of any particular investor. You should not base your decision to invest in the Fund solely on the information in this PDS. You should consider whether the information in this PDS is appropriate for you, having regard to your objectives, financial situation and needs and you may want to seek professional financial advice before making an investment decision.

Equity Trustees, the Investment Manager and their employees, associates, agents or officers do not guarantee the success, repayment of capital or any rate of return on income or capital or the investment performance of the Fund. Past performance is no indication of future performance. An investment in the Fund does not represent a deposit with or a liability of Equity Trustees, the Investment Manager or any of their associates. An investment is subject to investment risk, including possible delays in repayment and loss of income or capital invested. Units in the Fund are offered and issued by the Responsible Entity on the terms and conditions described in this PDS. You should read this PDS in its entirety because you will become bound by it if you become an investor in the Fund.

Any forward looking statements included in this PDS involve subjective judgment and analysis and are subject to significant uncertainties, risks and contingencies, many of which are outside the control of, and are unknown to, Equity Trustees, the Investment Manager and their officers, employees, agents and associates. Actual future events may vary materially from any forward looking statements and the assumptions on which those statements are based. Given these uncertainties, you are cautioned to not place undue reliance on such forward looking statements.

In considering whether to invest in the Fund, investors should consider the risk factors that could affect the financial performance of the Fund. Some of the significant risk factors affecting the Fund are summarised in Section 6.

The offer to which this PDS relates is only available to persons receiving this PDS in Australia or New Zealand (electronically or otherwise). All references to dollars or "\$" in this PDS are to Australian dollars. New Zealand investors wishing to invest in the Fund should be aware that there may be different tax implications of investing in the Fund and should seek their own tax advice as necessary.

This PDS does not constitute a direct or indirect offer of securities in the US or to any US Person as defined in Regulation S under the US Securities Act of 1933 as amended ("US

Securities Act"). Equity Trustees may vary its position and offers may be accepted on merit at Equity Trustees' discretion. The units in the Fund have not been, and will not be, registered under the US Securities Act unless otherwise determined by Equity Trustees and may not be offered or sold in the US to, or for the account of any US Person (as defined) except in a transaction that is exempt from the registration requirements of the US Securities Act and applicable US state securities laws.

You should read this document in its entirety. If you received this PDS electronically, we can provide a paper copy free on request.

Certain information in this PDS is subject to change. To the extent the change is not materially adverse to investors, we may update this information by posting a notice of the change on the Paradise website at [www.paradice.com/au/funds/equity-alpha-plus-fund/](http://www.paradice.com/au/funds/equity-alpha-plus-fund/). You can obtain any updated information:

- by contacting Paradise on 02 8227 7400; or
- by visiting the Paradise website at [www.paradice.com/au/funds/equity-alpha-plus-fund/](http://www.paradice.com/au/funds/equity-alpha-plus-fund/)

A paper copy of the updated information will be provided free of charge on request.

You may also contact Equity Trustees:

- by writing to GPO Box 2307 Melbourne VIC 3001; or
- by calling +613 8623 5000

Unless otherwise stated, all fees quoted in the PDS are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax ("GST"), after allowing for an estimate for Input Tax Credits ("ITC"). All amounts are in Australian dollars unless otherwise specified. All references to legislation are to Australian law unless otherwise specified.

### **New Zealand investors warning statement**

(a) This offer to New Zealand investors is a regulated offer made under Australian and New Zealand law. In Australia, this is Chapters 7 and 8 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Aust) and regulations made under that Act. In New Zealand, this is subpart 6 of Part 9 of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 and Part 9 of the Financial Markets Conduct Regulations 2014.

(b) This offer and the content of the offer document are principally governed by Australian rather than New Zealand law. In the main, the Corporations Act 2001 (Aust) and the regulations made under that Act set out how the offer must be made.

(c) There are differences in how financial products are regulated under Australian law. For example, the disclosure of fees for managed investment schemes is different under the Australian regime.

(d) The rights, remedies, and compensation arrangements available to New Zealand investors in Australian financial products may differ from the rights, remedies, and compensation arrangements for New Zealand financial products.

(e) Both the Australian and New Zealand financial markets regulators have enforcement responsibilities in relation to this offer. If you need to make a complaint about this offer, please contact the Financial Markets Authority, New Zealand (<http://www.fma.govt.nz>). The Australian and New Zealand regulators will work together to settle your complaint.

(f) The taxation treatment of Australian financial products is not the same as for New Zealand financial products.

(g) If you are uncertain about whether this investment is appropriate for you, you should seek the advice of an appropriately qualified financial adviser.

(h) The offer may involve a currency exchange risk. The currency for the financial products is not New Zealand dollars. The value of the financial products will go up or down according to changes in the exchange rate between that currency and New Zealand dollars. These changes may be significant.

(i) If you expect the financial products to pay any amounts in a currency that is not New Zealand dollars, you may incur significant fees in having the funds credited to a bank account in New Zealand in New Zealand dollars.

(j) The dispute resolution process described in this offer document is available only in Australia and is not available in New Zealand.

# 1. Fund at a glance

	Summary	For further information
Name of the Fund	Paradice Equity Alpha Plus Fund	Section 5
Investment objective	The Fund aims to outperform the Benchmark (after fees and before taxes) over the long term. There is no guarantee that this objective will be achieved. Returns are not guaranteed.	Section 5
Benchmark	S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index	Section 5
Investment strategy	<p>The Fund primarily invests in a portfolio of securities that are listed on the Australian, and New Zealand stock exchanges (or soon to be listed)– long and short – that are generally chosen from the S&amp;P / ASX 200 Index. The Fund may also invest in international securities (i.e. non-Australian). The Fund's exposure to international securities will not exceed 20% of the Fund's market value.</p> <p>The Fund may also invest in derivatives (exchange traded or over-the-counter "OTC") to manage risk and cash or cash equivalents.</p> <p>The Fund does not leverage by borrowing cash. Short selling may be used to expand the range of available investment opportunities and achieve returns when share prices are expected to go down.</p>	Section 5
The type(s) of investor(s) for whom the Fund would be suitable	The Fund is designed for investors seeking capital appreciation over the medium-term (5 years) by primarily investing in both long and short positions in listed shares. The risk level of the Fund would be considered high.	Section 5
Recommended investment timeframe	At least 5 years. The recommended investment timeframe may not be appropriate for you at all times or suit your particular needs. You should regularly review all aspects of your investments.	Section 5
Minimum initial investment	\$20,000 noting that Equity Trustees may, at its discretion, accept amounts less than the minimum disclosed.	Section 7
Minimum additional investment	\$1,000 noting that Equity Trustees may, at its discretion, accept amounts less than the minimum disclosed.	Section 7
Minimum withdrawal amount	\$5,000 noting that Equity Trustees may, at its discretion, accept amounts less than the minimum disclosed.	Section 7
Minimum balance	\$20,000 noting that Equity Trustees may, at its discretion, accept amounts less than the minimum disclosed.	Section 7
Cut off time for applications and withdrawals	2pm (Sydney time) each Business Day.	Section 7
Valuation frequency	The Fund's assets are normally valued each Business Day.	Section 7
Application requests	Accepted each Business Day.	Section 7
Withdrawal requests	Accepted each Business Day.	Section 7
Income distribution	The Fund aims to pay distributions semi annually at 31 Dec and 30 June.	Section 7
Management fee	0.99% p.a. of the Net Asset Value ("NAV") (including GST and ITCs).	Section 9
Entry fee/exit fee	Nil	Section 9
Buy/Sell spread	+/- 0.30% on applications into the Fund, and withdrawals out of the Fund.	Section 9
Performance fee	15% p.a. of the amount by which the Fund's performance (after management fees) exceeds the Benchmark. Any underperformance from a prior period must be recouped before this fee can be taken (we call this the high-watermark).	Section 9

## 2. ASIC benchmarks

The Fund is a 'hedge fund' for the purposes of Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("ASIC") Regulatory Guide 240. The following table sets out a summary of the disclosure ASIC requires for hedge funds, the key features of the Fund and a guide to where more detailed information can be found in this PDS.

The information summarised in this table and explained in detail in the identified section reference is intended to assist investors with analysing the risks of investing in the Fund. Investors should consider this information together with the detailed explanation of various benchmarks and principles referenced throughout this PDS and the significant risks of investing in the Fund highlighted in section 6 of this PDS.

ASIC Benchmark	Is the benchmark satisfied?	Summary	For further information
<b>Valuation of assets</b>			
This benchmark addresses whether valuations of the Fund's non-exchange traded assets are provided by an independent administrator or an independent valuation service provider.	Yes	Equity Trustees has appointed an independent custodian and administrator, State Street Australia Limited ("State Street"), to provide custodial and administration services for the Fund, including valuation services.  The Fund satisfies this benchmark by having its non-exchange traded assets (such as any securities that are not yet listed) independently valued by State Street in accordance with its pricing policy.	Section 5.4
<b>Periodic reporting</b>			
This benchmark addresses whether the responsible entity of the Fund will provide periodic disclosure of certain key information specified by ASIC on an annual and monthly basis.	Yes	The Responsible Entity will provide periodic disclosure of certain key information on an annual and monthly basis.	Section 8.2

### 3. ASIC disclosure principles

	Summary	Section (for further information)
<i>Investment strategy</i>	<p>The Fund primarily invests in a portfolio of securities that are listed on the Australian and New Zealand stock exchanges (or soon to be listed) – long and short – that are generally chosen from the S&amp;P / ASX 200 Index. The Fund may also invest in international securities (i.e. non-Australian equities). The Fund’s exposure to international securities will not exceed 20% of the Fund’s market value.</p> <p>The Fund may also invest in derivatives (exchange traded or OTC derivatives) to manage risk and cash or cash equivalents.</p> <p>The Fund does not leverage by borrowing cash. Short selling may be used to expand the range of available investment opportunities and achieve returns when share prices are expected to go down.</p> <p>The Responsible Entity may change and/or vary the investment objectives, strategies, benchmarks, asset allocation ranges and processes of the Fund. If this occurs, the Responsible Entity will provide investors with written notice of any material variation as required by law.</p> <p>See Section 5.2 for an explanation of what we mean by “long” and “short” positions in the Fund and for more information on the investment strategy.</p> <p>See Section 6 for information on the significant risks of the Fund and the risk management strategy of the Fund and section 9 for the fees and costs of investing in the Fund.</p>	Section 5.2, Section 6, Section 9
<i>Investment manager</i>	<p>Equity Trustees, as responsible entity of the Fund, has appointed Paradise as the investment manager of the Fund.</p> <p>See Section 4.2 in relation to the expertise of the Investment Manager and a summary of the terms of the investment management agreement under which the Investment Manager has been appointed (the “Investment Management Agreement”).</p>	Section 4.2
<i>Fund structure</i>	<p>The Fund is an Australian unit trust registered under the Corporations Act as a managed investment scheme.</p> <p>The responsible entity of the Fund is Equity Trustees. Equity Trustees may appoint service providers to assist in the ongoing operation, management and administration of the Fund.</p> <p>The key service providers to the Fund are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paradise, the investment manager of the Fund; and</li> <li>• State Street, the custodian and administrator of the assets of the Fund.</li> </ul> <p>See Section 5.3 for further information on other key service providers, Equity Trustees’ role in monitoring the performance of service providers and a diagram of the flow of funds through the Fund.</p> <p>See Section 6 for information on the significant risks of the Fund and Section 9 for the fees and costs of investing in the Fund.</p>	Section 5.3, Section 6, Section 9
<i>Valuation, location and custody of assets</i>	<p>State Street is the custodian and administrator of the Fund and provides custodial, administrative, accounting, registry and transfer agency services. The Administrator is responsible for calculating the Fund’s NAV.</p> <p>See section 5.4 for further information on the custodial arrangements and the geographical location of the Fund’s assets.</p>	Section 5.4
<i>Liquidity</i>	<p>The Fund invests predominantly in liquid assets that are generally chosen from the S&amp;P / ASX 200 Index and the Responsible Entity and Investment Manager reasonably expect that the Fund will be able to realise at least 80% of the Fund’s assets, at the value ascribed to those assets in the most recent calculation of the NAV of the Fund, within 10 days.</p> <p>See Section 7.6 for an explanation of when you can access your money and Section 6 for information on the significant risks of the Fund.</p>	Section 7.6, Section 6

	Summary	Section (for further information)
<i>Leverage</i>	<p>The Constitution does not limit the amount of borrowings by the Fund. However, it is not intended that the Fund will be geared through borrowings. Although the Fund does not borrow in the traditional sense (e.g. borrowing cash to buy securities), the Fund may utilise the cash generated from a short securities sale to purchase additional securities, thereby magnifying the exposure to the relevant securities. This strategy has the effect of magnifying both positive and negative Fund returns, which in turn may magnify other investment risks. See Section 5.5 for an explanation of leverage and Section 6 for information on the significant risks of the Fund.</p>	Section 5.5, Section 6
<i>Derivatives</i>	<p>Exchange traded derivatives (primarily traded on the Australian Stock Exchange "ASX") or OTC derivatives may be used as a risk management tool and to manage cash or cash equivalents.</p> <p>See Section 6 for information on the significant risks of the Fund.</p>	Section 5.2, Section 6
<i>Short selling</i>	<p>Short selling may be used to expand the range of available investment opportunities and achieve returns when share prices are expected to go down.</p> <p>The Fund may be exposed to short position risk where there is no limit on the maximum loss that can be incurred when short selling.</p> <p>Short selling risk is managed through the use of specific techniques as part of the Fund's investment management process.</p> <p>The risks associated with short selling and the ways in which the Investment Manager seeks to mitigate those risks are set out in Sections 5.2 and 6.</p>	Section 5.2, Section 6
<i>Withdrawals</i>	<p>Each Business Day.</p> <p>Withdrawal requests must be received by 2pm (Sydney time) on any Business Day to receive that day's unit price.</p> <p>See Section 7.6 for an explanation of when you can access your funds.</p>	Section 7

## 4. Who is managing the Fund?

### 4.1 The Responsible Entity

#### Equity Trustees

Equity Trustees, a subsidiary of EQT Holdings Limited ABN 22 607 797 615, which is a public company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: EQT), is the Fund's responsible entity and issuer of this PDS. Established as a trustee and executorial service provider by a special Act of the Victorian Parliament in 1888, today Equity Trustees is a dynamic financial services institution which continues to grow the breadth and quality of products and services on offer.

Equity Trustees' responsibilities and obligations as the Fund's responsible entity are governed by the Fund's constitution ("Constitution"), the Corporations Act and general trust law. Equity Trustees has appointed Paradice as the investment manager of the Fund.

### 4.2 The Investment Manager

#### Paradice

Paradice was established in 1999 and began managing funds in 2000. As Australia's first boutique investment firm specialising in smaller companies, Paradice quickly became known for its ability to deliver solid long term returns within this niche marketplace. Recognising investor demand for portfolios focusing on mid and large cap investment strategies, Paradice expanded its investment offerings to incorporate these options. The Australian Small Cap product was launched in 2000, the Australian Mid Cap product was launched in 2006 the Australian Large Cap (now the Australian Equities) product followed in 2007, the Equity Alpha Plus in 2020 and the Sustainable Transition Fund in 2022. In 2010, Paradice established an office in Denver USA, from where the Paradice Global Small Cap Fund is managed.

The key investment personnel who have day to day responsibility for running the Fund are:

- Tom Richardson – portfolio manager / analyst – has over 15 years' industry experience. Tom will devote 85% of his time to investment decision making.
- Troy Angus – currently manages the Paradice Australian Equities portfolios. Troy has over 22 years' finance experience with 20 of those gained in the Australian equity market. Troy will devote at least 75% of his time to investment decision making.

- Philip Wensley - portfolio manager / analyst – has over 25 years' industry experience. Philip will devote at least 75% of his time to investment decision making.

There have been no adverse regulatory findings against Paradice or its personnel.

Equity Trustees has appointed Paradice as the investment manager under the Investment Management Agreement. The Investment Management Agreement is largely consistent with an industry standard format and allows Equity Trustees to terminate the Investment Manager's appointment where the Investment Manager becomes insolvent, materially breaches the agreement, ceases to carry on its business or in certain other circumstances. In the event that Equity Trustees terminates the Investment Manager following one of these events, the Investment Manager's appointment would cease upon any termination date specified in the notice, and the Investment Manager would be entitled to receive fees in accordance with the agreement until the effective date of termination. There are no penalty payouts in the event the Investment Management Agreement is terminated. There are no unusual or onerous (from an investor's perspective) terms in the Investment Management Agreement.

### 4.3 The Custodian and Administrator

#### State Street

The Responsible Entity has appointed State Street to act as custodian and administrator for the Fund.

State Street holds legal title to the assets of the Fund. State Street has no supervisory role in relation to the operation of the Fund and is not responsible for protecting your interests.

State Street performs all general administrative tasks for the Fund, including keeping financial books and records and calculating the NAV of the Fund.

The Responsible Entity has entered into a custody and administration agreement with State Street, which governs the services that it will provide to Equity Trustees.

The Investment Manager may at any time, in consultation with the Responsible Entity, select any other custodian and/or administrator to serve as custodian and/or administrator to the Fund.



## 5. How the Fund invests

### 5.1 Investment Objective

The Fund aims to outperform the Benchmark as defined in Section 1 (after fees and before taxes) over the long term. There is no guarantee that this objective will be achieved. Returns are not guaranteed.

### 5.2. Investment Strategy

The Fund primarily invests in a portfolio of securities that are listed on the Australian and New Zealand stock exchanges (or soon to be listed) – long and short – that are generally chosen from the S&P / ASX 200 Index. The Fund may also invest in international securities (i.e. non-Australian equities) which may be listed or unlisted. The Fund's exposure to international securities will not exceed 20% of the Fund's market value.

The Fund may also use short selling. The Fund may also invest in exchange traded derivatives (primarily traded on the ASX), OTC derivatives and cash or cash equivalents.

The Fund will invest a portion of the portfolio in securities that it aims to profit from if the price of the security goes up. This is known as "long" equity exposure and is the more conventional practice of investing. The Fund will generally hold between 20 and 60 securities for its long equity exposure.

The Fund also uses short selling with the aim of enhancing returns. Short selling is the practice of selling securities that have been borrowed from a securities lender and selling them in the market for cash leaving the Fund with a "short" position. This is done in the expectation that the Fund can repurchase the securities at a price lower than the initial sale price due to the

Broadly, the asset classes and asset allocation ranges of the Fund are as follows:

Asset class	Range
Long equity positions	80-150%
Short equity positions	0-50%
Net equity exposure (ie the total long equity positions – total short equity positions)	80-120% (with a target of 100%)
Gross equity exposure (ie the total long equity positions + total short equity positions)	80-200%
Australian or New Zealand listed equities	65-150%
International equities	0-20%
Exchange traded or OTC derivatives	0-50%
Cash and cash equivalents	0-20%

The investment strategy, and the other limits set out in this PDS, should be viewed as objectives only and not absolute limits. Should they be exceeded for any reason, for example due to market movements or cash flows, Paradise will endeavour to effect such adjustments as are necessary to meet the limits set out in this PDS whilst considering the best interests of unit holders.

The investment returns of the Fund depend primarily on whether the securities that it holds in long positions increase in value and whether the securities that it sells short decrease in value (thereby resulting in a profit for the Fund). The ability to produce investment returns depends on the performance of the market generally and on Paradise's ability to select a portfolio of stocks that overall generate returns in excess of the Benchmark return.

If the investment program changes significantly, you will be given at least 30 days' notice where practicable.

In the event that the Fund receives an application or redemption, the Fund may buy or sell equities on market prior to that application or redemption being reflected in the Net

value of the securities falling and then return the securities to the securities lender. The difference between the initial sale price and the repurchase price (after fees) is the profit and is retained by the Fund. For example, if the Fund sells borrowed securities for \$100 and later repurchases the equivalent securities for \$90, the Fund will profit \$10 (less fees) on the sale. In addition to making a profit, the Fund can also use the \$100 it initially receives to buy additional shares that the Investment Manager believes to be attractive, thereby "leveraging" the long positions. The Fund will generally hold a maximum of 50 securities for its short equity exposure.

The short positions are intended to enhance the Fund's ability to add returns and preserve capital. Through its short positions, the Investment Manager seeks to take advantage of underperforming stocks due to shorter term catalysts or event driven opportunities and longer-term structural decline.

In aggregate, long equity positions may range between 80% and 150% of the Fund's NAV and short equity positions may range between 0% and 50%. So, for each \$1 held in the Fund, the Investment Manager may buy up to \$1.50 worth of securities (long positions) or short sell up to \$0.50 worth of securities (short positions).

The target net equity exposure is generally expected to be 100% and the maximum allowable exposure to cash is generally 20%.

The Fund may use derivatives for the purposes of managing risk and to manage cash or cash equivalents. In all cases, there will be cash and/or underlying assets available to meet the exposure positions of the derivative instruments.

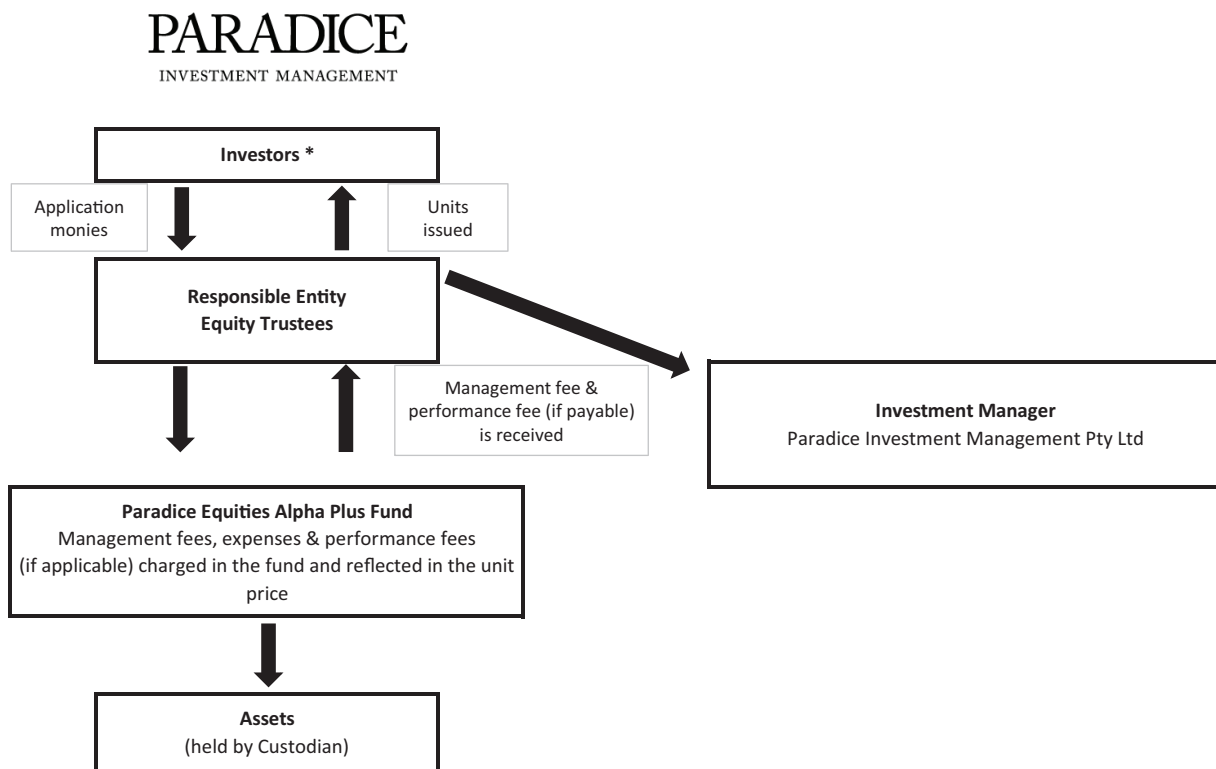
Asset Value of the Fund. This may result in the Fund being temporarily leveraged beyond target ranges. Such temporary leverage may also occur if application monies are equitized and ultimately not received by the Fund.

See Section 6 for information on the significant risks of the Fund and the risk management strategy of the Fund.

Returns are not guaranteed. No one promises that you will make any money or that your initial capital will be returned.

### 5.3. Fund Structure

The Fund is a registered managed investment scheme with the ability to have multiple unit classes.



\*Indirect investors do not become unitholders in the Fund. Instead, units and the rights in relation to the investment are held by the IDPS operator, subject to the terms of the IDPS.

The key service providers that support the Fund are as follows:

**Investment Manager:** Paradice who is responsible for managing the investments of the Fund.

**Custodian and Administrator:** State Street who holds legal title to the assets and administers the Fund on a day to day basis.

Other service providers include:

**Brokers:** The Fund has a select panel of approved brokers to perform brokerage functions and to be securities lending counterparties.

**Auditors:** The Fund has appointed KPMG to audit the financial statements.

**Lenders:** The Fund has a select panel of lenders who are prudentially regulated.

All service providers are appointed on arm’s length, commercial terms.

Equity Trustees ensures compliance of its service providers with their obligations under the relevant service agreements and applicable laws by monitoring performance, and by conducting on-site visits where practicable.

Service providers to the Fund may change without prior notice to investors. Risks relating to the use of third-party service providers, as well as the significant risks associated with an investment in the Fund, are outlined in Section 6.

See Section 9 for the fees and costs of investing in the Fund.

### 5.4. Valuation, location and custody of assets

Below is a table summarising the Fund’s assets, location of assets and custody arrangements:

Assets	Location	Custody
Listed equities, equities soon to be listed, exchange traded or OTC derivatives and cash/cash equivalents	Australia or New Zealand or international	State Street

See Section 5.2 for the asset allocation ranges.

The Fund does not have a geographic location policy, as it primarily invests in Australian securities (both long and short) listed (or soon to be listed) on the Australian and New Zealand stock exchanges but can also invest up to 20% in international securities.

Exchange traded and OTC derivative assets are valued on a mark to market basis at the close of trading on each trading day. Assets not traded on exchanges may include cash and cash equivalent instruments and securities soon to be listed and such assets are independently valued in accordance with State Street's valuation policy and the Responsible Entity.

## 5.5. Leverage

Whilst the Fund may borrow securities in the short term to facilitate the efficient settlement of transactions, the Fund's underlying strategy does not employ leverage (i.e. the Fund will not use derivatives or borrowing to amplify exposure of capital to investments).

Generally, the maximum potential exposure of the Fund is 150% of the Fund's NAV. This means that for every \$1 of the Fund's NAV, the Fund may leverage up to \$1.50. E.g. this means that, compared to an unleveraged fund and assuming that the Fund reaches its maximum growth exposure of 150% of NAV, then:

- a 1% increase in the return on assets of the Fund will result in a 1.5% increase in returns to investors; and
- a 1% decrease in the return on assets of the Fund will result in a 1.5% decrease in returns to investors.

This example is for illustration purposes only and is not intended to be an indication of actual increases (or decreases) in any return on assets of the Fund.

Please see section 5.3 for information on the Fund's leverage providers as well as section 6 for information on the risks associated with leverage and short selling.

## 5.6. Suggested investment timeframe

At least 5 years. The recommended investment timeframe may not be appropriate for you at all times or suit your particular needs. You should regularly review all aspects of your investments.

## 5.7. Labour standards and environmental, social and ethical considerations

EQT has delegated the investment function (including ESG responsibilities) to the Investment Manager and the Investment Manager has contemplated that 'Labour, Environmental, Social and Ethical' considerations (ESG matters) may be taken into account in relation to the investment of the Fund.

Decisions about the selection, retention or realisation of investments for the Fund are primarily based on company and industry fundamentals. All factors that are considered to be materially relevant to an investment are examined, including labour standards, environmental, social and ethical issues (ESG matters) when making these decisions to the extent that these issues are assessed to have a material impact on either investment risk or return. Paradise does not have a predetermined view about what it regards to be an ESG matter and does not apply any specific methodology to measure individual companies with respect to their ESG standing or

apply any specific weighting system to the standards or considerations. Paradise's assessment of whether a factor is material may differ between investments ideas. Paradise assesses whether all identified, material risk, including ESG risks, are reflected in the investments for the Fund and may proactively engage with the board and/or management teams of investments, to address ESG risks, among other risks. Where Paradise believes a company has demonstrated wilful disregard for general ESG principles, it may choose to avoid or divest securities in the relevant company in the Fund's portfolio on a case by case basis. Where Paradise chooses to divest assets from the Fund due to ESG principles, it will do so within a timeframe it considers reasonable in all the circumstances. Paradise is a signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) as at the date hereof.

## 5.8. Fund performance

Available on [www.paradice.com/au/funds/equity-alpha-plus-fund/](http://www.paradice.com/au/funds/equity-alpha-plus-fund/). Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

## 5.9. Significant benefits of investing in the Fund

The Investment Manager believes that there is opportunity to find value no matter where we are in the economic cycle. By building a diversified portfolio of investments that exhibit four key characteristics (undervaluation, business quality, strong financial metrics and shareholder-friendly boards) the Fund aims to generate strong, long term risk-adjusted returns.

Other significant benefits of investing in the Fund may include:

- access to Paradise's global investment expertise;
- active risk management (through the form of risk spreading);
- access to long and short investment opportunities in companies that individual investors often cannot achieve;
- managed funds can often invest for less cost than ordinary investors can achieve individually;
- generally, you can add to or withdraw your investment on any Business Day;
- you have the right to receive any distributions we make from the Fund (usually semi-annually). Distributions may also carry tax credits;
- you can also receive capital gains (or suffer losses) when you dispose of your investment such as by exiting the Fund or selling your units; and
- a robust compliance and governance structure with a trusted responsible entity and legal rights under the Constitution of the Fund.

## 6. Managing risk

All investments carry risks. Different investment strategies may carry different levels of risk, depending on the assets acquired under the strategy. Assets with the highest long-term returns may also carry the highest level of short-term risk. The significant risks below should be considered in light of your risk profile when deciding whether to invest in the Fund. Your risk profile will vary depending on a range of factors, including your age, the investment time frame (how long you wish to invest for), your other investments or assets and your risk tolerance.

The Responsible Entity and the Investment Manager do not guarantee the liquidity of the Fund's investments, repayment of capital or any rate of return or the Fund's investment performance. The value of the Fund's investments will vary.

Returns are not guaranteed and you may lose money by investing in the Fund. The level of returns will vary and future returns may differ from past returns. Laws affecting managed investment schemes may change in the future. The structure and administration of the Fund is also subject to change.

In addition, we do not offer advice that takes into account your personal financial situation, including advice about whether the Fund is suitable for your circumstances. If you require personal financial or taxation advice, you should contact a licensed financial adviser and/or taxation adviser.

### 6.1 Significant Risks

#### Climate Change Risk

Climate-related risks can manifest in a number of different ways and have the potential to have an adverse effect on investments and operations.

Climate-related risks to the business of the Responsible Entity, the Investment Manager and other key service providers to the Fund, include but are not limited to physical risks (such as direct damage to assets or property as a result of climate change causing supply chain disruption and resulting in lower productivity) and transitional risks (such as a move towards a lower carbon economy, changes in regulatory policy, and social adaptation).

Climate-related risks can also impact the value of investments and assets (such as the devaluation of investments due to unfavourable changes, such as statutory requirements or taxes).

#### Currency risk

The Fund will invest in securities denominated in currencies of other countries. If these currencies change in value relative to the Australian dollar, the value of the Fund's investments can fluctuate.

#### Derivatives risk

The use of derivative positions to hedge the risk of physical securities will involve 'basis risk', which refers to the possibility that derivative positions may not move perfectly in line with the physical security. Fluctuations in the price of derivatives reflect movements in the underlying assets, reference rate or index to which the derivatives relate. As a consequence, the derivative positions cannot be expected to perfectly hedge the risk of the physical security.

Other risks associated with derivatives may include:

- counterparty risk (in the case of OTC derivatives);
- loss of value because of a sudden price move or because of the passage of time;
- potential illiquidity of the derivative;
- the Fund being unable to meet payment obligations as they arise; and
- significant volatility in prices.

Note that neither Equity Trustees nor Paradise guarantees that the Fund's derivatives strategy will be successful.

#### Epidemic/Pandemic and Catastrophe Risk

Health crises, such as pandemics and epidemic diseases, as well as other catastrophes that interrupt the expected course of events, such as natural disasters, war or civil disturbance, acts of terrorism, power outages and other unforeseeable and external events, and the public response to or fear of such diseases or events, have and may in the future have an adverse effect on investments and operations. For example, any preventative or protective actions that governments may take in respect of such diseases or events may result in periods of business disruption, inability to obtain raw materials, supplies and component parts, and reduced or disrupted operations for client portfolio companies. In addition, under such circumstances the operations, including functions such as trading and valuation of the Investment Manager and other service providers, could be reduced, delayed, suspended or otherwise disrupted. Further, the occurrence of epidemics, pandemics and catastrophes that may arise in the future, could result in a general decline in the global economy, and negatively affect the performance of individual countries, industries, or sectors in significant and unforeseen ways. Deteriorating economic fundamentals may in turn increase the risk of default or insolvency of companies, negatively impact market value, increase market volatility, cause credit spreads to widen, and reduce liquidity. Further, the Fund's key service providers may incur extraordinary expenses, reduction in revenues, delays, or interruption of critical business functions relating to such events. All these risks may have a material adverse effect on the performance and financial condition of the securities in which the Fund invests, and on the overall performance of the Fund.

#### Distribution risk

No guarantee can be given concerning the distributions made by the Fund, the future earnings of the Fund, the income and capital appreciation of the portfolio or the return of capital invested by investors.

#### Emerging markets risk

The Fund may also hold a portion of its investments in emerging markets, which are markets in certain countries which may not be as developed, efficient or liquid as in Australia. Therefore, the value of securities in these markets may often be more volatile and the markets for securities may be less liquid. Emerging markets risk is also caused by exposure to economic structures that are less diverse and mature and to political systems that are less stable than those of developed countries. In addition, issuers in emerging markets may experience a greater degree of change in earnings and business prospects than would companies in developed markets. The Fund's exposure to international securities will generally not exceed 20% of the Fund's market value.

#### Fund risk

Risks particular to the Fund include that it could terminate (e.g. at a date we in consultation with the Investment Manager decide), the fees and expenses could change (although we would always give you 30 days' notice if fees were to increase), we or the Investment Manager could be replaced and the investment professionals could change. There is also a risk that investing in the Fund may give different results than investing directly in the underlying assets of the Fund themselves because of income or capital gains accrued in the Fund and the consequences of investment and withdrawal by other investors.

## **Inflation risk**

Inflation risk is the risk that returns will not be sufficiently higher than inflation to enable an investor to meet their financial goals.

## **Interest rate risk**

Changes in official interest rates can directly and indirectly impact (negatively or positively) on investment returns.

Generally, an increase in interest rates has a contractionary effect on the state of the economy and thus the valuation of stocks. For instance, rising interest rates can have a negative impact on the Fund's or company's value as increased borrowing costs may cause earnings to decline. As a result, the unit value or share price may fall.

## **International investing risk**

The Fund will hold investments in global securities. Certain countries may impose restrictions on the ability of locally domiciled companies to make payments of principal, dividends or interest to investors located outside the country, due to blockage of foreign currency exchanges or otherwise. Generally, there may be less publicly available information about foreign companies due to less rigorous disclosure or accounting standards and regulatory practices. In addition, the Fund could be subject to risks associated with adverse political and economic developments in certain countries, which could cause the Fund to lose money on these investments.

## **Legal risk**

There is a risk that laws, including tax laws, might change or become difficult to enforce. This risk is generally higher in emerging markets. Legal and regulatory risk may affect the performance of individual investments held by the Fund.

## **Leverage risk**

Where investments are leveraged, losses may exceed the original investment. The Fund may utilise the cash generated from a short securities sale to purchase additional securities. The Fund may short sell up to 30% of the value of the Fund and leverage the cash from these short positions to buy long positions. The purchase of the additional securities has the effect of leveraging the Fund and carries the associated risk of magnifying the volatility of investment gains or losses and potentially reduces the security of capital invested. Leveraged investments may significantly underperform equivalent non-leveraged investments when the underlying assets experience negative returns. These risks also give rise to the possibility that positions may have to be liquidated at a loss and not at a time of Paradise's choosing.

## **Liquidity risk**

While the Fund intends to invest in large cap stocks that might generally be expected to trade frequently, there could be times when there may be a limited secondary market for some of the securities in which the Fund may invest and that may affect the ability of the Fund to realise investments or to meet withdrawal requests (e.g. in a falling market where companies may become less liquid). Paradise and Equity Trustees attempt to mitigate the liquidity risk factor by generally investing in securities that are believed to offer sufficient liquidity to allow investors to withdraw from the Fund as set out in this PDS. Note that neither Equity Trustees nor Paradise guarantees the liquidity of the Fund's investments or of investments in the Fund.

## **Market risk**

The market price of investments may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. Assets may decline in value due to factors affecting markets generally or particular industries represented in the markets. The value of an investment may decline due to general market conditions which are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or

perceived adverse economic conditions, supply and demand for particular securities or instruments, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. They may also decline due to factors which affect a particular industry or industries, such as labour shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry. During a general market downturn, multiple asset classes may decline in value simultaneously.

Further, changes in tax, legal and economic policy, political events and technology failure can all directly or indirectly create an environment that may influence the value of the investments of the Fund and your investment in it.

## **Operational risk**

The day to day operations of the Fund may be adversely affected by circumstances beyond the Responsible Entity's and Investment Manager's reasonable control, such as a failure of technology or infrastructure, or natural disasters. A breakdown of administrative procedures and risk control measures implemented by the Responsible Entity, the Investment Manager and their service providers, including with respect to cyber-security, may also adversely affect the operation and performance of the Fund.

## **International investing risk**

The Fund will invest in international equities which may give rise to foreign currency exposure. The relative strength or weakness of the Australian dollar against other currencies will affect the Fund's performance and the Fund may have less protection under laws outside of Australia, and any investments in emerging markets may be more volatile than investments in more developed countries.

## **Security selection risk**

Paradise may make investment decisions that result in low returns or losses. This risk is mitigated to some extent by the knowledge and experience of Paradise.

## **Security specific risk**

There may be instances where a security will fall in price because of security specific factors (e.g. where a company's major product is subject to a product recall). The value of investments can vary because of changes to management, product distribution or the company's business environment.

## **Service provider / counter party risk**

The Fund is, to a certain extent, reliant on external service providers in connection with the operation of the Fund and investment activities. There is a risk with these arrangements that the other party to a contract (such as a derivatives contract) may fail to perform its contractual obligations either in whole or in part. Please see short selling risk for more information on the risks associated with providing collateral.

## **Short selling risk**

Selling securities short involves borrowing stock and selling these borrowed securities. Short selling is subject to the theoretically unlimited risk of loss because there is no limit on how much the price of a security may appreciate. Short selling has the effect of leveraging the Fund (as mentioned above) and carries the risk of magnifying the impact of negative returns and increased margin calls. Additionally, there is a risk that the stock lender may request the return of the stock. These risks give rise to the possibility that positions may have to be liquidated at a loss and not at a time of the Investment Manager's choosing.

Further, when the Fund borrows securities, the securities lender may be entitled to take collateral from the assets of the Fund. When this happens, the Custodian for the Fund no longer holds the legal title to the securities. Any assets taken by the securities lender may be used by the securities lender for its own purposes

(including lending those assets to third parties) for the period that the Fund retains the relevant liability. Therefore, there is a risk that if the securities lender becomes insolvent whilst the Fund remains indebted to the securities lender, the assets of the Fund may not be returned in full.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

On 22 December 2021, Charter Hall Group (ASX: CHC) (CHC) announced a strategic partnership comprising a 50% interest investment in Paradise. Consequently, certain conflicts of interest may arise in the management of the Fund, including potential trading restrictions that may be placed on Paradise in respect of securities in CHC, and its associated real estate trusts as well as any other Charter Hall listed or unlisted funds. While conflicts of interest may, from time to time arise in relation to managing the Fund, Paradise has implemented policies and procedures that are designed to identify and where possible mitigate, avoid or appropriately manage any conflicts of interest that may arise.

## **6.2 Risk management strategy**

The risk management strategy adopted for the Fund involves:

- selecting a generally diverse portfolio of stocks (typically between 20 and 60 securities for its long equity exposure);
- applying a robust investment process developed by experienced investment professionals;
- using portfolio analytics that show sources of risk and tracking error; and
- adopting stop loss limits (i.e. selling a security when it reaches a certain price), pairing trades (i.e. short positions are offset by also taking long positions in similar securities) or applying option overlay strategies to reduce equity related risk.

## 7. Investing and withdrawing

### 7.1 Applying for units

You can acquire units by completing the Application Form that accompanies this PDS. The minimum initial investment amount for the Fund is \$20,000, noting that Equity Trustees may, at its discretion, accept amounts less than the minimum disclosed.

Completed Application Forms should be sent along with your identification documents (if applicable) to:

Unit Registry Services - Paradise Investment Management  
GPO Box 804  
Melbourne VIC 3001

Please note that cash and cheques cannot be accepted.

Payment should be made via electronic bank transfer and the transferring party must be Real Time Gross Settlement ("RTGS") compliant.

We reserve the right to accept or reject applications in whole or in part at our discretion.

The price at which units are acquired is determined in accordance with the Constitution ("Application Price"). The Application Price on a Business Day is, in general terms, equal to the Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the Fund, divided by the number of units on issue and adjusted for transaction costs ("Buy Spread"). At the date of this PDS, the Buy Spread is 0.30%.

No interest is earned on application monies.

Fractions of units may be issued by Equity Trustees in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

The Application Price will vary as the market value of assets in the Fund rises or falls.

### 7.2 Application cut-off times

If we receive a correctly completed Application Form, identification documents (if applicable) and cleared application money:

- before or at 2pm (Sydney time) on a Business Day and your application for units is accepted, you will generally receive the Application Price calculated for that Business Day; or
- after 2pm (Sydney time) on a Business Day and your application for units is accepted, you will generally receive the Application Price calculated for the next Business Day.

We will only start processing an application if:

- we consider that you have correctly completed the Application Form;
- you have provided us with the relevant identification documents if required; and
- we have received the application money (in cleared funds) stated in your Application Form.

### 7.3 Additional applications

You can increase your units in the Fund by reinvesting distributions (see below) or by making additional investments into the Fund at any time by sending us your additional investment amount together with a completed Application Form. The minimum additional investment into the Fund is \$1,000, noting that Equity Trustees may, at its discretion, accept amounts less than the minimum disclosed.

### 7.4 Terms and conditions for applications

Applications can be made at any time. Application cut-off times and unit pricing are set out in the initial applications section above.

If for any reason Equity Trustees refuses or is unable to process your application to invest in the Fund, Equity Trustees will return your application money to you, subject to regulatory considerations, less any taxes or bank fees in connection with the application.

Under the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006, applications made without providing all the information and supporting identification documentation requested on the Application Form cannot be processed until all the necessary information has been provided. As a result, delays in processing your application may occur.

### 7.5 Cooling-off period

If you are a Retail Client who has invested directly in the Fund, you may have a right to a "cooling off" period in relation to your investment in the Fund for 14 days from the earlier of:

- confirmation of the investment being received; and
- the end of the fifth Business Day after the units are issued.

A Retail Client may exercise this right by notifying Equity Trustees in writing. A Retail Client is entitled to a refund of their investment adjusted for any increase or decrease in the relevant Application Price between the time we process your application and the time we receive the notification from you, as well as any other tax and other reasonable administrative expenses and transaction costs associated with the acquisition and termination of the investment.

The right of a Retail Client to cool off does not apply in certain limited situations, such as if the issue is made under a distribution reinvestment plan, switching facility or represents additional contributions required under an existing agreement. Also, the right to cool off does not apply to you if you choose to exercise your rights or powers as a unitholder in the Fund during the 14-day period. This could include selling part of your investment or switching it to another product.

Indirect Investors should seek advice from their IDPS Operator as to whether cooling off rights apply to an investment in the Fund by the IDPS. The right to cool off in relation to the Fund is not directly available to an Indirect Investor. This is because an Indirect Investor does not acquire the rights of a unit holder in the Fund. Rather, an Indirect Investor directs the IDPS Operator to arrange for their monies to be invested in the Fund on their behalf. The terms and conditions of the IDPS Guide or similar type document will govern an Indirect Investor's investment in relation to the Fund and any rights an Indirect Investor may have in this regard.

Cooling off rights may apply to New Zealand investors. If you wish to exercise your cooling off rights you should contact Equity Trustees.

### 7.6 Access to your money

Investors in the Fund can request to decrease their units by making a withdrawal request of their investment by completing a written request to withdraw from the Fund and mailing it to:

Unit Registry Services - Paradise Investment Management  
GPO Box 804  
Melbourne VIC 3001

The minimum withdrawal amount is \$5,000, noting that Equity Trustees may, at its discretion, accept amounts less than the minimum disclosed. Once we receive and accept your withdrawal request, we may act on your instruction without further enquiry if the instruction bears your account number or investor details and your (apparent) signature(s), or your authorised signatory's (apparent) signature(s).

Equity Trustees will generally allow an investor to access their investment within 7 days of acceptance of a withdrawal request by transferring the withdrawal proceeds to such investors' nominated Australian domiciled and AUD denominated bank account. Payments are typically made within 21 days of acceptance of a withdrawal request. However, Equity Trustees is allowed to reject withdrawal requests in certain circumstances, and also to delay making payment of withdrawal proceeds where it is not possible, or not in the best interests of unitholders, or there is a circumstance outside Equity Trustee's control (such as restricted or suspended trading or extreme price fluctuation or uncertainty in the market for an asset).

The price at which units are withdrawn is determined in accordance with the Constitution ("Withdrawal Price"). The Withdrawal Price on a Business Day is, in general terms, equal to the NAV of the Fund, divided by the number of units on issue and adjusted for transaction costs ("Sell Spread"). At the date of this PDS, the Sell Spread is 0.30%.

The Withdrawal Price will vary as the market value of assets in the Fund rises or falls.

Equity Trustees reserves the right to fully redeem your investment if your investment balance in the Fund falls below \$20,000 as a result of processing your withdrawal request, noting that Equity Trustees may, at its discretion, allow balances less than the minimum disclosed, although we will generally provide investors with 30 days' notice of any proposed redemption in these circumstances. In certain circumstances, for example, when there is a freeze on withdrawals, where accepting a withdrawal is not in the best interests of investors in the Fund including due to one or more circumstances outside its control or where the Fund is not liquid (as defined in the Corporations Act), Equity Trustees can deny or suspend a withdrawal request and you may not be able to withdraw your funds in the usual processing times or at all. When the Fund is not liquid, an investor can only withdraw when Equity Trustees makes a withdrawal offer to investors in accordance with the Corporations Act. Equity Trustees is not obliged to make such offers.

Equity Trustees will notify all investors in writing if there is any change to the withdrawal rights associated with the Fund.

Minimum withdrawal amounts are subject to the Australian dollars minimum amounts disclosed above. Withdrawal requests received from New Zealand investors must specify:

- the withdrawal amount in Australian dollars; or
- the number of units to be withdrawn.

We are unable to accept withdrawal amounts quoted in New Zealand dollars. Please note that the withdrawal amount paid to you will be in Australian dollars and may differ from the amount you receive in New Zealand dollars due to:

- Foreign Exchange spreads between Australian and New Zealand dollars (currency rate differs daily); and
- Overseas Telegraphic Transfer ("OTT") costs.

Withdrawals will only be paid directly to the unitholder's AUD denominated bank account held in the name of the unitholder with an Australian domiciled bank. Withdrawal payments will not be made to third parties.

If you are an Indirect Investor, you need to provide your withdrawal request directly to your IDPS Operator. The time to process a withdrawal request will depend on the particular IDPS Operator and the terms of the IDPS.

## 7.7. Withdrawal cut-off times

If we receive a withdrawal request:

- before 2pm (Sydney time) on a Business Day and your withdrawal request is accepted, you will generally receive the Withdrawal Price calculated for that Business Day; or
- on or after 2pm (Sydney time) on a Business Day and your withdrawal request is accepted, you will generally receive the Withdrawal Price calculated for the next Business Day.

We reserve the right to accept or reject withdrawal requests in whole or in part at our discretion. We have the discretion to delay processing withdrawal requests where we believe this to be in the best interest of the Fund's investors.

## 7.8 Terms and conditions for withdrawals

The Responsible Entity can deny a withdrawal request in whole or in part. Equity Trustees will refuse to comply with any withdrawal request if the requesting party does not satisfactorily identify themselves as the investor. Withdrawal payments will not be made to third parties (including authorised nominees), and will only be paid directly to the investor's bank account held in the name of the investor at a branch of an Australian domiciled bank. By lodging a facsimile or email withdrawal request the investor releases, discharges and agrees to indemnify Equity Trustees from and against any and all losses, liabilities, actions, proceedings, account claims and demands arising from any facsimile or email withdrawal request.

You also agree that any payment made in accordance with the email instructions shall be in complete satisfaction of the obligations of Equity Trustees, notwithstanding any fact or circumstance including that the payment was made without your knowledge or authority.

When you are withdrawing, you should take note of the following:

- We are not responsible or liable if you do not receive, or are late in receiving, any withdrawal money that is paid according to your instructions.
- We may contact you to check your details before processing your Redemption Request Form. This may cause a delay in finalising payment of your withdrawal money. No interest is payable for any delay in finalising payment of your withdrawal money.
- If we cannot satisfactorily identify you as the withdrawing investor, we may refuse or reject your withdrawal request or payment of your withdrawal proceeds will be delayed. We are not responsible for any loss you consequently suffer.
- As an investor who is withdrawing, you agree that any payment made according to instructions received by post, courier, or email, shall be a complete satisfaction of our obligations, despite any fact or circumstances such as the payment being made without your knowledge or authority.

You agree that if the payment is made according to all the terms and conditions for withdrawals set out in this PDS, you and any person claiming through or under you, shall have no claim against Equity Trustees or the Investment Manager in relation to the payment.

## 7.9 Distributions

An investor's share of any distributable income is calculated in accordance with the Constitution and is generally based on the number of units held by the investor at the end of the distribution period.

The Fund intends to distribute any income semi-annually in or around the end of June and December, however, Equity Trustees may change the distribution frequency without notice.



Distributions are calculated effective the last day of each distribution period and are normally paid to investors as soon as practicable after the distribution calculation date.

Investors in the Fund can indicate a preference to have their distribution:

- reinvested back into the Fund; or
- directly credited to their Australian domiciled and AUD denominated bank account.

Investors who do not indicate a preference will have their distributions automatically reinvested. Applications for reinvestment will be taken to be received immediately prior to the next Business Day after the relevant distribution period. There is no Buy Spread on distributions that are reinvested.

In some circumstances, the Constitution may allow for an investor's withdrawal proceeds to be taken to include a component of distributable income.

Indirect Investors should review their IDPS Guide for information on how and when they receive any income distribution.

New Zealand investors can only have their distribution directly credited if an AUD Australian domiciled bank account is provided, otherwise it must be reinvested. If New Zealand investors elect to have their distribution paid in cash, they will need to nominate a bank account held in their own name with an Australian domiciled bank. Cash distributions will only be paid in Australian dollars to such an account. When the distribution is reinvested, New Zealand investors will be allotted units in accordance with the terms and conditions set out above.

The distribution reinvestment plan described above is offered to New Zealand investors on the following basis:

(a) At the time the price of the units allotted pursuant to the distribution reinvestment plan is set, Equity Trustees will not have any information that is not publicly available that would, or would be likely to, have a material adverse effect on the realisable price of the units if the information were publicly available.

(b) The right to acquire, or require Equity Trustees to issue, units will be offered to all investors of the same class, other than those resident outside New Zealand who are excluded so as to avoid breaching overseas laws

(c) Units will be issued on the terms disclosed to you, and will be subject to the same rights as units issued to all investors of the same class as you.

There is available from Equity Trustees, on request and free of charge, a copy of the most recent annual report (if any) of the Fund, the most recent financial statements (if any) of the Fund, the auditor's report on those financial statements or, if those financial statements are not audited or reviewed by an auditor, a statement to that effect, the PDS and the Constitution for the Fund (including any amendments). Other than the Constitution, these documents maybe obtained electronically from [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto).

## 7.10 Valuation of the Fund

The value of the investments of the Fund is generally determined each Business Day. The value of a unit is determined by the NAV. This is calculated by deducting from the gross value of the Fund assets the value of the liabilities of the Fund (not including any unitholder liability). Generally, investments will be valued on each Business Day at their market value but other

valuation methods and policies may be applied by Equity Trustees if appropriate or if otherwise required by law or applicable accounting standards.

## 7.11 Joint account operation

For joint accounts, each signatory must sign withdrawal requests. Please ensure both signatories sign the declaration in the Application Form. Joint accounts will be held as joint tenants.

## 7.12 Authorised signatories

You can appoint a person, partnership or company as your authorised signatory. To do so, please nominate them on the initial Application Form and have them sign the relevant sections. If a company is appointed, the powers extend to any director and officer of the company. If a partnership is appointed, the powers extend to all partners. Such appointments will only be cancelled or changed once we receive written instructions from you to do so.

Once appointed, your authorised signatory has full access to operate your investment account for and on your behalf. This includes the following:

- making additional investments;
- requesting income distribution instructions to be changed;
- withdrawing all or part of your investment;
- changing bank account details;
- enquiring and obtaining copies of the status of your investment; and
- having online account access to your investment.

If you do appoint an authorised signatory:

- you are bound by their acts;
- you release, discharge and indemnify Equity Trustees, the Investment Manager and their employees, associates, agents or officers from and against any losses, liabilities, actions, proceedings, account claims and demands arising from instructions received from your authorised representatives; and
- you agree that any instructions received from your authorised representative shall be complete satisfaction of our obligations, even if the instructions were made without your knowledge or authority.

## 7.13 Electronic instructions

If an investor instructs Equity Trustees by electronic means, such as by email, the investor releases Equity Trustees and Paradice from, and indemnifies Equity Trustees and Paradice against, all losses and liabilities arising from any payment or action Equity Trustees or Paradice makes based on any instruction (even if not genuine) that Equity Trustees receives by an electronic communication bearing the investor's investor code and which appears to indicate to Equity Trustees that the communication has been provided by the investor e.g. a signature which is apparently the investor's and that of an authorised signatory for the investment or an email address which is apparently the investor's. The investor also agrees that neither they nor anyone claiming through them has any claim against Equity Trustees, the Investment Manager or the Fund in relation to such payments or actions. There is a risk that a fraudulent withdrawal request can be made by someone who has access to an investor's investor code and a copy of their signature or email address. Please take care.

## 8. Keeping track of your investment

### 8.1 Complaints resolution

Equity Trustees has an established complaints handling process and is committed to properly considering and resolving all complaints. If you have a complaint about your investment, please contact us on:

Phone: 1300 133 472

Post: Equity Trustees Limited

GPO Box 2307, Melbourne VIC 3001

Email: [compliance@eqt.com.au](mailto:compliance@eqt.com.au)

We will acknowledge receipt of the complaint within 1 Business Day or as soon as possible after receiving the complaint. We will seek to resolve your complaint as soon as practicable but not more than 30 calendar days after receiving the complaint.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your complaint, you may be able to lodge a complaint with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority ("AFCA").

Contact details are:

Online: [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)

Phone: 1800 931 678

Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)

Post: GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001.

The external dispute resolution body is established to assist you in resolving your complaint where you have been unable to do so with us. However, it's important that you contact us first.

All investors (regardless of whether you hold units in the Fund directly or hold units indirectly via an IDPS) are able to access Equity Trustee's complaints procedures. For Indirect Investors, if your complaint concerns the operation of the IDPS you should contact the IDPS Operator directly.

### 8.2 Reports

We will make the following statements available to all investors;

- A transaction confirmation statement, showing a change in your unit holding (provided when a transaction occurs or on request).
- The Fund's annual audited accounts for each period ended 30 June.
- Annual distribution, tax and confirmation of holdings statements for each period ended 30 June.
- Annual report detailing each of the following:
  - the actual allocation to each asset type;
  - the liquidity profile of the portfolio assets as at the end of the period;
  - the maturity profile of the liabilities as at the end of the period;
  - the derivative counterparties engaged;
  - the leverage ratio (including leverage embedded in the assets of the Fund, other than listed equities and bonds) as at the end of the period; and
  - the key service providers if they have changed since the latest report given to investors, including any change in their related party status.

The latest annual report will be available online from [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) and [www.paradice.com/funds/long-short-australian-equities](http://www.paradice.com/funds/long-short-australian-equities).

The following information is available at [www.paradice.com/au/funds/equity-alpha-plus-fund](http://www.paradice.com/au/funds/equity-alpha-plus-fund) and/or is disclosed monthly:

- the current total NAV of the Fund and the withdrawal value of a unit in each class of units as at the date the NAV was calculated;
- the monthly or annual investment returns since its inception;
- any change to key service providers if they have changed since last report given to investors;
- for each of the following matters since the last report on those matters:
  - the net return on the Fund's assets after fees, costs and taxes;
  - any material change in the Fund's risk profile;
  - any material change in the Fund's strategy; and
  - any change in the individuals playing a key role in investment decisions for the Fund.

By applying to invest in the Fund, you agree that, to the extent permitted by law, any periodic information which is required to be given to you under the Corporations Act or ASIC policy can be given to you by making that information available at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) and/or the [www.paradice.com/au/funds/equity-alpha-plus-fund](http://www.paradice.com/au/funds/equity-alpha-plus-fund).

Please note that Indirect Investors who access the Fund through an IDPS will receive reports directly from the IDPS Operator and not from the Responsible Entity. However, Equity Trustees will be providing the reports described above to relevant IDPS Operators. Indirect Investors should refer to their IDPS Guide for information on the reports they will receive regarding their investment.

If and when the Fund has 100 or more direct investors, it will be classified by the Corporations Act as a 'disclosing entity'. As a disclosing entity the Fund will be subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations. Investors would have a right to obtain a copy, free of charge, of any of the following documents:

- the most recent annual financial report lodged with ASIC ("Annual Report");
- any subsequent half yearly financial report lodged with ASIC after the lodgement of the Annual Report; and
- any continuous disclosure notices lodged with ASIC after the Annual Report but before the date of this PDS.

Equity Trustees will comply with any continuous disclosure obligation by lodging documents with ASIC as and when required.

Copies of these documents lodged with ASIC in relation to the Fund may be obtained through ASIC's website at [www.asic.gov.au](http://www.asic.gov.au).

## 9. Fees and other costs

### DID YOU KNOW?

Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long-term returns.

For example, total annual fees and costs of 2% of your investment balance rather than 1% could reduce your final return by up to 20% over a 30-year period (for example, reduce it from \$100,000 to \$80,000).

You should consider whether features such as superior investment performance or the provision of better member services justify higher fees and costs.

You may be able to negotiate to pay lower fees. Ask the Fund or your financial adviser.

### TO FIND OUT MORE

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Moneysmart website** ([www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au)) has a managed funds fee calculator to help you check out different fee options.

### 9.1 Fees and other costs

This section shows fees and other costs that you may be charged. These fees and costs may be deducted from your money, from the returns on your investment or from the assets of the managed investment scheme as a whole.

Taxes are set out in another part of this document. You should read all the information about fees and costs because it is important to understand their impact on your investment.

### Fees and Costs Summary

Paradice Equity Alpha Plus Fund		
Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
<b>Ongoing annual fees and costs<sup>1</sup></b>		
<i>Management fees and costs</i> The fees and costs for managing your investment	0.99% of the NAV of the Fund	The management fees component of management fees and costs are accrued daily and paid from the Fund monthly in arrears and reflected in the unit price. Otherwise, the fees and costs are variable and deducted and reflected in the unit price of the Fund as they are incurred. The management fees component of management fees and costs can be negotiated. Please see "Differential fees" in the "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs" for further information.
<i>Performance fees<sup>2</sup></i> Amounts deducted from your investment in relation to the performance of the product	1.42% of the NAV of the Fund <sup>2</sup>	Performance fees are calculated daily and paid semi-annually in arrears from the Fund and reflected in the unit price.
<i>Transaction costs</i> The costs incurred by the scheme when buying or selling assets	0.23% of the NAV of the Fund	Transaction costs are variable and deducted from the Fund as they are incurred and reflected in the unit price. They are disclosed net of amounts recovered by the buy-sell spread.
<b>Member activity related fees and costs (fees for services or when your money moves in or out of the scheme)</b>		
<i>Establishment fee</i> The fee to open your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Contribution fee</i> The fee on each amount contributed to your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable

## Paradice Equity Alpha Plus Fund

<b>Buy-sell spread</b> An amount deducted from your investment representing costs incurred in transactions by the scheme	0.30% upon entry and 0.30% upon exit	These costs are an additional cost to the investor but are incorporated into the unit price and arise when investing application monies and funding withdrawals from the Fund and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into the Fund as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Fund as part of a redemption.
<b>Withdrawal fee</b> The fee on each amount you take out of your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Exit fee</b> The fee to close your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Switching fee</b> The fee for changing investment options	Not applicable	Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> All fees quoted above are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST) and net of RITC. See below for more details as to how the relevant fees and costs are calculated.

<sup>2</sup> This represents the average of the performance fees paid over the previous four financial years ending 30 June 2023 and is not a forecast of future performance fees. See "Performance fees" below for more information.

## 9.2 Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs

### Management fees and costs

The management fees and costs include amounts payable for administering and operating the Fund, investing the assets of the Fund, expenses and reimbursements in relation to the Fund and indirect costs if applicable.

Management fees and costs do not include performance fees or transaction costs, which are disclosed separately.

The management fees component of management fees and costs of 0.99% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund is payable to the Responsible Entity of the Fund for managing the assets and overseeing the operations of the Fund. The management fees component is accrued daily and paid from the Fund monthly in arrears and reflected in the unit price. As at the date of this PDS, the management fees component covers certain ordinary expenses such as Responsible Entity fees, investment management fees, custodian fees (excluding transaction-based fees such as trading or settlement costs incurred by the custodian), and administration and audit fees.

The indirect costs and other expenses component of 0.00% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund may include other ordinary expenses of operating the Fund, as well as management fees and costs (if any) arising from interposed vehicles in or through which the Fund invests. The indirect costs and other expenses component is variable and reflected in the unit price of the Fund as the relevant fees and costs are incurred. They are borne by investors, but they are not paid to the Responsible Entity or Investment Manager.

Actual indirect costs for the current and future years may differ. If in future there is an increase to indirect costs disclosed in this PDS, updates will be provided on Equity Trustees' website at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) where they are not otherwise required to be disclosed to investors under law.

### Performance fees

Performance fees include amounts that are calculated by reference to the performance of the Fund. The performance fees for the Fund are 1.42%<sup>2</sup> of the NAV of the Fund.

The performance fee figure that is disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is generally based on an average of the performance fees over the previous five financial years, where each performance fee relevant to the Fund is averaged and

totalled to give the performance fees for the Fund. However, as the Fund that was not in operation for the previous five financial years, the performance fee average is instead calculated by reference to the number of financial years in which the Fund was operated.

The reported performance fee may not be representative of future performance fee outcomes due to the future varying market conditions which may vary from those in the financial year ending 30 June 2023 (on which the average performance fee disclosed above was calculated) in which unusual market conditions were experienced as a result of the global pandemic. However, there is no certainty that the Investment Manager's assessment of this will turn out to be accurate and you should read the important notes below.

A performance fee may be payable to the Investment Manager where the investment performance of the Fund after management fees and costs exceeds the performance of the Benchmark (as defined in Section 1). The performance fees are 15% of this excess, calculated daily based on the daily NAV of the Fund over the relevant period and (where payable) paid semi-annually in arrears from the Fund and calculated based on the daily NAV of the Fund over the relevant period.

If the Fund does not outperform the Benchmark, after deduction of management fees and costs (in dollar terms) no performance fees are payable. Also, if the Fund outperforms the Benchmark, no performance fees are payable until any accrued under performance (in dollar terms) from prior periods has been made up (this is known as the high-watermark). In the event that there is a redemption from the Fund at a time when performance fee losses exist, the amount of the performance fee losses will be reduced by the percentage of the NAV of the Fund that the relevant redemption represents.

Please note that the performance fees disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is not a forecast as the actual performance fee for the current and future financial years may differ. The Responsible Entity cannot guarantee that performance fees will remain at their previous level or that the performance of the Fund will outperform the Benchmark.

It is not possible to estimate the actual performance fee payable in any given period, as we cannot forecast what the performance of the Fund will be. Information on prevailing performance fee entitlements will be updated from time to time and available at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto).

### Transaction costs

In managing the assets of the Fund, the Fund may incur transaction costs such as brokerage, buy-sell spreads in respect of the underlying investments of the Fund, settlement costs, clearing costs and applicable stamp duty when assets are bought and sold. Transaction costs also include costs incurred by interposed vehicles in which the Fund invests (if any), that would have been transaction costs if they had been incurred by the Fund itself. Transaction costs are an additional cost to the investor where they are not recovered by the Buy/Sell Spread, and are generally incurred when the assets of the Fund are changed in connection with day-to-day trading or when there are applications or withdrawals which cause net cash flows into or out of the Fund.

The Buy/Sell Spread that is disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is a reasonable estimate of transaction costs that the Fund will incur when buying or selling assets of the Fund. These costs are an additional cost to the investor but are incorporated into the unit price and arise when investing application monies and funding withdrawals from the Fund and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into the Fund as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Fund as part of a redemption and not paid to Equity Trustees or the Investment Manager. The estimated Buy/Sell Spread is 0.30% upon entry and 0.30% upon exit. The dollar value of these costs based on an application or a withdrawal of \$20,000 is \$60 for each individual transaction. The Buy/Sell Spread can be altered by the Responsible Entity at any time and [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) will be updated as soon as practicable to reflect any change. The Responsible Entity may also waive the Buy/Sell Spread in part or in full at its discretion. The transaction costs figure in the Fees and Costs Summary is shown net of any amount recovered by the Buy/Sell Spread charged by the Responsible Entity.

### 9.3 Example of annual fees and costs for an investment option

This table gives an example of how the ongoing annual fees and costs in the investment option for this product can affect your investment over a 1-year period. You should use this table to compare this product with other products offered by managed investment schemes.

EXAMPLE – Paradise Equity Alpha Plus Fund		
BALANCE OF \$50,000 WITH A CONTRIBUTION OF \$5,000 DURING THE YEAR		
Contribution Fees	Nil	For every additional \$5,000 you put in, you will be charged \$0
<b>Plus</b> Management fees and costs	0.99% p.a.	<b>And</b> , for every \$50,000 you have in the Paradise Equity Alpha Plus Fund you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$495 each year
<b>Plus</b> Performance fees	1.42% p.a.	<b>And</b> , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$710 in performance fees each year
<b>Plus</b> Transaction costs	0.23% p.a.	<b>And</b> , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$115 in transaction costs

Transaction costs generally arise through the day-to-day trading of the Fund's assets and are reflected in the Fund's unit price as an additional cost to the investor, as and when they are incurred. The gross transaction costs for the Fund are 0.34% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund, which based on the relevant costs incurred during the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

However, actual transaction costs for future years may differ.

### Can the fees change?

Yes, all fees can change without investor consent, subject to the maximum fee amounts specified in the Constitution. The current maximum management fee to which Equity Trustees is entitled is 2% of the Gross Asset Value ("GAV") of the Fund. However, Equity Trustees does not currently intend to charge that amount and will generally provide investors with at least 30 days' notice of any proposed increase to the management fees component of management fees and costs. In most circumstances, the Constitution defines the maximum level that can be charged for fees described in this PDS. Equity Trustees also has the right to recover all reasonable expenses incurred in relation to the proper performance of its duties in managing the Fund and as such these expenses may increase or decrease accordingly, without notice.

### Payments to IDPS Operators

Subject to the law, annual payments may be made to some IDPS Operators because they offer the Fund on their investment menus. Product access is paid by the Investment Manager out of its investment management fee and is not an additional cost to the investor.

### Differential fees

The Investment Manager may from time to time negotiate a different fee arrangement (by way of a rebate or waiver of fees) with certain investors who are Australian Wholesale Clients. Please contact the Investment Manager on 02 8227 7400 for further information.

### Taxation

Please refer to Section 10 of the Product Disclosure Statement for further information on taxation.

## EXAMPLE – Paradise Equity Alpha Plus Fund

Equals Cost of Paradise Equity Alpha Plus Fund		If you had an investment of \$50,000 at the beginning of the year and you put in an additional \$5,000 during that year, you would be charged fees and costs of: \$1,320* <b>What it costs you will depend on the investment option you choose and the fees you negotiate.</b>
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\* Additional fees may apply. Please note that this example does not capture all the fees and costs that may apply to you such as the Buy/Sell Spread.

This example assumes the \$5,000 contribution occurs at the end of the first year, therefore the fees and costs are calculated using the \$50,000 balance only.

**Warning: If you have consulted a financial adviser, you may pay additional fees. You should refer to the Statement of Advice or Financial Services Guide provided by your financial adviser in which details of the fees are set out.**

ASIC provides a fee calculator on [www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au), which you may use to calculate the effects of fees and costs on account balances. The performance fees stated in this table are based on the average performance fee for the Fund, over the previous three financial years. The performance of the Fund for this financial year, and the performance fees, may be higher or lower or not payable in the future. This table is not a forecast of the performance of the Fund or the amount of the performance fees in the future.

The indirect costs and other expenses component of management fees and costs and transaction costs may also be based on estimates. As a result, the total fees and costs that you are charged may differ from the figures shown in the table.

## 10. Taxation

The following information summarises some of the Australian taxation issues you may wish to consider before making an investment in the Fund and assumes that you hold your investment in the Fund on capital account and are not considered to be carrying on a business of investing, trading in investments or investing for the purpose of profit making by sale. The information should be used as a guide only and does not constitute professional tax advice as individual circumstances may differ.

A number of tax reform measures are currently under review by the Australian Government. These reforms may impact on the tax position of the Fund and its investors. Accordingly, it is recommended that investors seek their own professional advice, specific to their own circumstances, of the taxation implications of investing in the Fund.

### General

The Fund is an Australian resident trust for Australian tax purposes. The Fund is required to determine its net income (taxable income) for each income year. Each investor will be assessed on that share of net income that accords to the proportion of the trust income to which they are presently entitled for that year. On the basis that investors are, each year, presently entitled to all of the trust income, Equity Trustees (the Responsible Entity) should not be assessed on the net income of the Fund and it will be treated as flow through for income tax purposes.

In the case where the Fund makes a loss for Australian tax purposes, the Fund cannot distribute the tax loss to investors. However, the tax loss may be carried forward by the Fund for offset against taxable income of the Fund in subsequent years, subject to the operation of the trust loss rules. Different rules apply in respect of capital losses (see below).

### Attribution Managed Investment Trust ("AMIT") – core rules

The Fund may qualify as an eligible AMIT, and if so, intends to elect into the AMIT regime. The remainder of the Taxation section generally assumes that this is the case. The AMIT legislation applies an attribution model whereby Equity Trustees as the Responsible Entity of the Fund attributes amounts of trust components of a particular character to investors (or "members") on a fair and reasonable basis consistent with the operation of the Fund's Constitution, which includes provisions in relation to AMIT. Under the AMIT rules, the following will apply:

**Fair and reasonable attribution:** Each year, the Fund's determined trust components of assessable income, exempt income, non-assessable non-exempt income and tax offsets (i.e. credits) will be calculated. As the Responsible Entity intends to attribute the taxable income of the Fund to investors on a fair and reasonable basis, the Responsible Entity should not be subject to tax on the taxable income of the Fund. On

**Unders or overs adjustments:** Where the Fund's determined trust components for a year are revised in a subsequent year (e.g. due to actual amounts differing to the estimates of income, gains / losses or expenses), then unders and overs may arise. Unders and overs will generally be carried forward and adjusted in the calculation of determined trust components in the year of discovery.

**Cost base adjustments:** Where the distribution made is less than (or more than) certain components attributed to investors, then the cost base of an investor's units may be increased (or

decreased). Details of cost base adjustments will be included on an investor's annual tax statement, referred to as an AMIT Member Annual Statement ("AMMA").

**Large redemptions:** In certain circumstances, gains may be attributed to a specific investor, for example, gains on disposal of assets to fund a large redemption being fairly and reasonably attributed to the redeeming investor.

**Penalties:** In certain circumstances (e.g. failure to comply with certain AMIT rules), specific penalties may be imposed upon the Responsible Entity.

The new rules are intended to reduce complexity, increase certainty and reduce compliance costs for managed investment trusts and their investors. Where the Fund does not elect into the AMIT regime, or has made the election but the election is not effective for the income year (e.g. the Fund does not satisfy the requirements to be a managed investment trust for the income year), the Tax Law applicable to non-AMITs should be relevant. In particular, the Fund should not generally pay tax on behalf of its investors and instead, investors should be assessed for tax on any income and capital gains generated by the Fund as mentioned above under the heading "General".

### Deemed Capital Gains Tax ("CGT") Election

A unit trust may make an irrevocable election, in the first year it qualifies as a managed investment trust ("MIT"), for deemed capital account treatment on realised gains and losses on covered assets (including equities and units in other trusts but excluding debt securities and foreign exchange contracts, and most derivatives). Where the irrevocable election is made, realised gains or losses from the disposal of covered assets are treated as capital gains or losses. Where closed short positions arise on the disposal of covered assets e.g., shares, the gains and losses would be capital gains and losses. Realised capital gains on eligible investments held for 12 months or greater (excluding dates of acquisition and disposal) may be eligible to be treated as discount capital gains. Capital losses incurred by the Fund can generally be carried forward and offset against nominal capital gains of the Fund derived in subsequent income years. In the event that short positions are not in respect of covered assets, the gain or loss would be treated as assessable or deductible under the ordinary income provisions.

Where the irrevocable CGT election is not made by a MIT in the first year it qualifies as a MIT, the Fund is deemed to hold its eligible investments on revenue account and gains/(losses) from the disposal of all assets (including covered assets) will be assessable and deductible under the ordinary income provisions.

### Controlled Foreign Company ("CFC") Provisions

There are certain tax rules (i.e. the CFC provisions) which may result in assessable income arising in the Fund in relation to passive income and gains on investments in foreign equities, where certain control thresholds are met. If such interests were to be held at the end of the income year, the net income of the Fund may include a share of net income and gains (i.e. CFC attributable income) from such investments.

### Taxation of Financial Arrangements ("TOFA")

The TOFA rules may apply to certain "financial arrangements" held by the Fund. In broad terms, the TOFA regime generally seeks to recognise "sufficiently certain" returns on certain financial arrangements on an accruals basis for tax purposes rather than on a realisation basis. Where returns from derivative instruments are not "sufficiently certain" they will continue to be recognised on a realisation basis, unless specific tax timing elections are made.

## Franking Credits

The Fund is expected to receive franked dividends each income year on long positions (and in some circumstances on short positions) on Australian equities. The Fund's entitlement to allocate the franking credits to members is subject to factors including the 'holding period rule', which requires the Fund to continuously hold the shares to which the franking credits relate "at risk" for at least 45 days (excluding the dates of acquisition and disposal). In relation to the "at risk" measurement, days on which the Fund has only 30% or less of the ordinary financial risk of loss or gain from owning the shares cannot be taken into account. The financial risk of owning shares may be affected by hedging, shorting, options and futures. Accordingly the Responsible Entity will determine the Fund's franking credits each income year having regard to the holding period rule and whether short positions affect the at risk measurement of Australian shares held as long positions.

## Taxation Reform

The tax information included in this PDS is based on the taxation legislation and administrative practice as at the issue date of this PDS, together with proposed changes to the taxation legislation as announced by the Government. However, the Australian tax system is in a continuing state of reform, and based on the Government's reform agenda, it is likely to escalate rather than diminish. Any reform of a tax system creates uncertainty as to the full extent of announced reforms, or uncertainty as to the meaning of new law that is enacted pending interpretation through the judicial process. These reforms may impact on the tax position of the Fund and its investors. Accordingly, it will be necessary to closely monitor the progress of these reforms, and investors should seek their own professional advice, specific to their own circumstances, of the taxation implications of investing in the Fund.

## Tax File Number ("TFN") and Australian Business Number ("ABN")

It is not compulsory for an investor to quote their TFN or ABN. If an investor is making this investment in the course of a business or enterprise, the investor may quote an ABN instead of a TFN. Failure by an investor to quote an ABN or TFN or claim an exemption may cause the Responsible Entity to withhold tax at the top marginal rate, plus the Medicare Levy, on gross payments including distributions or attribution of income to the investor. The investor may be able to claim a credit in their tax return for any TFN or ABN tax withheld. Collection of TFNs is permitted under taxation and privacy legislation.

By quoting their TFN or ABN, the investor authorises Equity Trustees to apply it in respect of all the investor's investments with Equity Trustees. If the investor does not want to quote their TFN or ABN for some investments, Equity Trustees should be advised.

## GST

The Fund is registered for GST. The issue or withdrawal of units in the Fund and receipt of distributions are not subject to GST. The Fund may be required to pay GST included in management and other fees, charges costs and expenses incurred by the Fund.

However, to the extent permissible, the Responsible Entity will claim on behalf of the Fund a proportion of this GST as a reduced input tax credit. Unless otherwise stated, fees and charges quoted in this PDS are inclusive of GST and take into account any available reduced input tax credits. The Fund may be entitled to as yet undetermined additional input tax credits on the fees, charges or costs incurred. If the Responsible Entity is unable to claim input tax credits on behalf of the Fund, the Responsible Entity retains the ability to recover the entire GST component of all fees and charges.

The impact of GST payments and credits will be reflected in the unit price of the Fund. Investors should seek professional advice with respect to the GST consequences arising from their unit holding.

## Australian Taxation of Australian Resident Investors

### Distributions

For each year of income, each Australian resident investor will be required to include within their own tax calculations and tax return filings the assessable income, exempt income, non-assessable non-exempt income and tax offsets (i.e. credits) of the Fund advised to them by Equity Trustees as the Responsible Entity of the Fund.

The tax consequences for investors in the Fund depends on the tax components of assessable income, exempt income, non-assessable non-exempt income and tax offsets (i.e. credits) of the Fund advised to them.

Investors will receive an Annual Tax Statement (or an "AMMA" for an AMIT) detailing all relevant taxation information concerning attributed amounts and cash distributions, including any Foreign Income Tax Offset ("FITO") and franking credit entitlements, returns of capital (requiring a capital gains cost base reduction), assessable income, and in the case of an AMIT, any upwards or downwards net cost base adjustment in the capital gains tax cost base of their units in the Fund.

Should the cost base of an Investor's units be reduced below zero, the amounts in excess of the Investor's cost base should be a capital gain that should be included in the Investor's calculation of net capital gain or loss for the income year.

Where an investor makes a large withdrawal from the Fund, the Responsible Entity may include, in the redemption payment, an income distribution representing that share of realised income and capital gains of the Fund referable to the units redeemed. The redeeming investor will be advised of any tax offsets relating to this income distribution.

### Foreign Income

The Fund may derive foreign source income that is subject to tax overseas, for example withholding tax. Australian resident investors should include their share of both the foreign income and the amount of the foreign tax withheld in their assessable income. In such circumstances, investors may be entitled to a FITO for the foreign tax paid, against the Australian tax payable on the foreign source income. To the extent the investors do not have sufficient overall foreign source income to utilise all of the FITOs relevant to a particular year of income, the excess FITOs cannot be carried forward to a future income year.

### Disposal of Units by Australian Resident Investors

If an Australian resident investor transfers or redeems their units in the Fund, this may constitute a disposal for tax purposes depending on their specific circumstances.

On the basis that an investor holds their units in the Fund on capital account, a capital gain or loss may arise on disposal and each investor should calculate their capital gain or loss according to their own particular facts and circumstances, including any assessable capital gains that have been attributed to them as per the "Distributions" section above, or from other sources. As noted above, proceeds on disposal may include a component of distributable income. In calculating the taxable amount of a capital gain, after offsetting capital losses, a discount of 50% for individuals and trusts or 33 1/3% for complying Australian superannuation funds may be allowed where the units in the Fund have been held for 12 months or more (excluding the date of acquisition and date of disposal). No CGT discount is available to corporate investors.



Any capital losses arising from the disposal of the investment may be used to offset other nominal capital gains the investor may have derived (after "grossing up" any discounted capital gains). Net capital losses may be carried forward for offset against capital gains of subsequent years but may not be offset against ordinary income.

The capital gains discount concession may be denied in certain circumstances where an investor (together with associates) holds 10% or more of the issued units of the Fund, the Fund has less than 300 beneficiaries and other requirements are met. Investors who together with associates are likely to hold more than 10% of the units in the Fund should seek advice on this issue.

## **Australian Taxation of Non-Resident Investors**

### **Tax on Income**

The Fund expects to derive income which may be subject to Australian withholding tax when attributed by Equity Trustees as the Responsible Entity of the Fund to non-resident investors.

Australian withholding tax may be withheld from distributions of Australian source income and gains attributed to a non-resident investor. The various components of the net income of the Fund which may be regarded as having an Australian source include

Australian sourced interest, Australian sourced other gains, Australian sourced dividends and CGT taxable Australian property.

We recommend that non-resident investors seek independent tax advice before investing, taking into account their particular circumstances and the provisions of any relevant Double Taxation Agreement/ Exchange of Information Agreement ("EOI") between Australia and their country of residence.

### **Disposal of Units by Non-Resident Investors**

Based on the Fund's investment profile, generally non-resident investors holding their units on capital account should not be subject to Australian capital gains tax on the disposal or redemption of units in the Fund unless the units were capital assets held by the investor in carrying on a business through a permanent establishment in Australia. Australian tax may apply in certain circumstances if the non-resident holds their units on revenue account. CGT may also apply in some cases where the Fund has a direct or indirect interest in Australian real property. We recommend that non-resident investors seek independent tax advice in relation to the tax consequences of the disposal of their units.

# 11. Other important information

## 11.1 Consent

The Investment Manager and the Custodian have both given and, as at the date of this PDS, have not withdrawn:

- written consent to be named in this PDS as the investment manager and custodian respectively of the Fund; and
- written consent to the inclusion of the statements made about them which are specifically attributed to them, in the form and context in which they appear.

The Investment Manager and the Custodian have not otherwise been involved in the preparation of this PDS or caused or otherwise authorised the issue of this PDS. Neither the Investment Manager, the Custodian nor their employees or officers accept any responsibility arising in any way for errors or omissions, other than those statements for which it has provided its written consent to Equity Trustees for inclusion in this PDS.

## 11.2 Constitution of the Fund

You will be issued units in the Fund when you invest. Subject to the rights, obligations and restrictions of a class, each unit represents an equal undivided fractional beneficial interest in the assets of the Fund as a whole subject to liabilities, but does not give you an interest in any particular property of the Fund.

Equity Trustees' responsibilities and obligations, as the responsible entity of the Fund, are governed by the Constitution as well as the Corporations Act and general trust law. The Constitution contains a number of provisions relating to the rights, terms, conditions and obligations imposed on both Equity Trustees, as the responsible entity of the Fund, and investors. Some of the provisions of the Constitution are discussed elsewhere in this PDS.

Other provisions relate to an investor's rights under the Constitution, and include:

- an investor's right to share in any Fund income, and how we calculate it;
- what you are entitled to receive when you withdraw or if the Fund is wound up;
- an investor's right to withdraw from the Fund - subject to the times when we can cease processing withdrawals, such as if the Fund becomes 'illiquid';
- the nature of the units - identical rights attach to all units within a class; and
- an investor's rights to attend and vote at meetings – these provisions are mainly contained in the Corporations Act.

There are also provisions governing our powers and duties, including:

- how we calculate unit prices, the maximum amount of fees we can charge and expenses we can recover;
- when we can amend the Constitution - generally we can only amend the Constitution where we reasonably believe that the changes will not adversely affect investors' rights. Otherwise the Constitution can only be amended if approved at a meeting of investors. To the extent that any contract or obligation arises in connection with the acceptance by Equity Trustees of an application or reliance on this PDS by an investor, any amendment to the Constitution may vary or cancel that contract or obligation. Further, that contract or obligation may be varied or cancelled by a deed executed by Equity Trustees with the approval of a special resolution of investors, or without that approval if Equity Trustees considers the variation or cancellation will not materially and adversely affect investors' rights;

- when we can retire as the Responsible Entity of the Fund - which is as permitted by law;
- when we can be removed as the Responsible Entity of the Fund - which is when required by law; and
- our broad powers to invest, borrow and generally manage the Fund.

The Constitution also deals with our liabilities in relation to the Fund and when we can be reimbursed out of the Fund's assets.

For example:

- subject to the Corporations Act we are not liable for acting in reliance and good faith on professional advice;
- subject to the Corporations Act we are not liable for any loss; and
- we can be reimbursed for any liabilities we incur in connection with the proper performance of our powers and duties in respect of the Fund.

As mentioned above, Equity Trustees' responsibilities and obligations as the Responsible Entity of the Fund are governed by the Constitution of the Fund, the Corporations Act and general trust law, which require that we:

- act in the best interests of investors and, if there is a conflict between investors' interests and our own, give priority to investors;
- ensure the property of the Fund is clearly identified, held separately from other funds and our assets, and is valued regularly;
- ensure payments from the Fund's property are made in accordance with the Constitution and the Corporations Act; and
- report to ASIC any breach of the Corporations Act in relation to the Fund which has had, or is likely to have, a materially adverse effect on investors' interests as well as other significant breaches required by law. Copies of the Constitution are available, free of charge, on request from Equity Trustees.

A copy of the Constitution of the Fund is available, free of charge, on request from Equity Trustees.

## 11.3 Non-listing of units

The units in the Fund are not listed on any stock exchange.

## 11.4 Termination of the Fund

The Responsible Entity may resolve at any time to terminate and liquidate the Fund (if it provides investors with notice) in accordance with the Constitution and the Corporations Act. Upon termination and after conversion of the assets of the Fund into cash and payment of, or provision for, all costs, expenses and liabilities (actual and anticipated), the net proceeds will be distributed pro-rata among all investors according to the aggregate of the Withdrawal Price for each of the units they hold in the Fund.

## 11.5 Compliance plan

Equity Trustees has prepared and lodged a compliance plan for the Fund with ASIC. The compliance plan describes the procedures used by Equity Trustees to comply with the Corporations Act and the Constitution of the Fund. Each year the compliance plan for the Fund is audited and the audit report is lodged with ASIC.

## 11.6 Unit pricing discretions policy

Equity Trustees has developed a formal written policy in relation to the guidelines and relevant factors taken into account when exercising any discretion in calculating unit prices (including determining the value of assets and liabilities). A copy of the policy and, where applicable and to the extent required, any other relevant documents in relation to the policy (such as records of any discretions which are outside the scope of, or inconsistent with, the unit pricing policy) will be made available to investors free of charge on request.

## 11.7 Indemnity

Equity Trustees, as the responsible entity of the Fund, is indemnified out of the Fund against all liabilities incurred by it in performing or exercising any of its powers or duties in relation to the Fund. To the extent permitted by the Corporations Act, this indemnity includes any liability incurred as a result of any act or omission of a delegate or agent appointed by the Responsible Entity. Subject to the law, Equity Trustees may retain or pay out from the assets of the Fund any sum necessary to affect such an indemnity.

## 11.8 Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing ("AML/CTF")

Australia's AML/CTF laws require Equity Trustees to adopt and maintain a written AML/CTF Program. A fundamental part of the AML/CTF Program is that Equity Trustees must hold up-to-date information about investors (including beneficial owner information) in the Fund.

To meet this legal requirement, we need to collect certain identification information (including beneficial owner information) and documentation ("KYC Documents") from new investors. Existing investors may also be asked to provide KYC Documents as part of an ongoing customer due diligence/verification process to comply with AML/CTF laws. If applicants or investors do not provide the applicable KYC Documents when requested, Equity Trustees may be unable to process an application, or may be unable to provide products or services to existing investors until such time as the information is provided.

In order to comply with AML/CTF Laws, Equity Trustees may also disclose information including your personal information that it holds about the applicant, an investor, or any beneficial owner, to its related bodies corporate or service providers, or relevant regulators of AML/CTF Laws (whether inside or outside Australia). Equity Trustees may be prohibited by law from informing applicants or investors that such reporting has occurred.

Equity Trustees and the Investment Manager shall not be liable to applicants or investors for any loss you may suffer because of compliance with the AML/CTF laws.

## 11.9 Common Reporting Standard ("CRS")

The CRS is developed by the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development and requires certain financial institutions resident in a participating jurisdiction to document and identify reportable accounts and implement due diligence procedures. These financial institutions will also be required to report certain information on reportable accounts to their relevant local tax authorities.

Australia signed the CRS Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement and has enacted provisions within the domestic tax legislation to implement CRS in Australia. Australian financial institutions need to document and identify reportable accounts, implement due diligence procedures and report certain information with respect to reportable accounts to the ATO. The ATO may then exchange this information with foreign tax authorities in the relevant signatory countries.

In order to comply with the CRS obligations, we may request certain information from you. Unlike FATCA, there is no withholding tax that is applicable under CRS.

## 11.10 Information on underlying investments

Information regarding the underlying investments of the Fund will be provided to an investor of the Fund on request, to the extent Equity Trustees is satisfied that such information is required to enable the investor to comply with its statutory reporting obligations. This information will be supplied within a reasonable timeframe having regard to these obligations.

## 11.11 Indirect Investors

You may be able to invest indirectly in the Fund via an IDPS by directing the IDPS Operator to acquire units on your behalf. If you do so, you will need to complete the relevant forms provided by the IDPS Operator and not the Application Form accompanying the PDS. This will mean that you are an Indirect Investor in the Fund and not an investor or member of the Fund. Indirect Investors do not acquire the rights of an investor as such rights are acquired by the IDPS Operator who may exercise, or decline to exercise, these rights on your behalf.

Indirect Investors do not receive reports or statements from us and the IDPS Operator's application and withdrawal conditions determine when you can direct the IDPS Operator to apply or redeem. Your rights as an Indirect Investor should be set out in the IDPS Guide or other disclosure document issued by the IDPS Operator.

## 11.12 Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA")

In April 2014, the Australian Government signed an intergovernmental agreement ("IGA") with the United States of America ("U.S."), which requires all Australian financial institutions to comply with the FATCA regime.

Under FATCA, Australian financial institutions are required to collect and review their information to identify account holders that are U.S. residents and U.S. controlling persons that invest indirectly through certain passive entities. The information of such account holders is reported to the ATO. The ATO may then pass that information onto the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

In order to comply with the FATCA obligations, we may request certain information from you. Failure to comply with FATCA obligations may result in the Fund, to the extent relevant, being subject to a 30% withholding tax on payment of U.S. income or gross proceeds from the sale of certain U.S. investments. If the Fund suffers any amount of FATCA withholding and is unable to obtain a refund for the amounts withheld, we will not be required to compensate investors for any such withholding and the effect of the amounts withheld will be reflected in the returns of the Fund.

## 12. Glossary of important terms

### **AFSL**

Australian Financial Services Licence

### **Application Form**

The Application Form that accompanies this PDS.

### **ARSN**

Australian Registered Scheme Number

### **ASIC**

Australian Securities and Investments Commission

### **ATO**

Australian Taxation Office.

### **AUSTRAC**

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre.

### **Business Day**

A day other than Saturday or Sunday on which banks are open for general banking business in Sydney.

### **Buy/Sell Spread**

The difference between the Application Price and Withdrawal Price of units in the Fund, which reflects the estimated transaction costs associated with buying or selling the assets of the Fund, when investors invest in or withdraw from the Fund.

### **Constitution**

The document which contains the rights, responsibilities and beneficial interest of both investors and the Responsible Entity in relation to the Fund, as amended from time to time.

### **Corporations Act**

The Corporations Act 2001 and Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth), as amended from time to time.

### **Derivative**

A financial contract whose value is based on, or derived from, an asset class such as shared, interest rates, currencies or currency exchange rates and commodities. Common Derivatives include options, futures and forward exchange contracts.

### **Equity Trustees**

Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) who possess an AFSL No. 240975.

### **GST**

Goods and Services Tax.

### **IDPS**

Investor-directed portfolio service or investor-directed portfolio-like managed investment scheme (in each case, as defined in the Corporations Act). An IDPS is generally the vehicle through which an investor purchases a range of underlying investment options from numerous investment managers. In New Zealand, the IDPS needs to be licensed as a Discretionary Investment Management Service provider.

### **Indirect Investors**

Individuals who invest in the Fund through an IDPS.

### **Net Asset Value (NAV)**

Value of the investments of the Fund after deducting certain liabilities including income entitlements and contingent liabilities.

### **OTC**

Over-the-counter derivatives.

### **PDS**

This product disclosure statement, issued by Equity Trustees, as updated from time to time.

### **Responsible Entity**

Equity Trustees Limited.

### **Retail Client**

Persons or entities defined as such under section 761G of the Corporations Act.

### **US Person**

A person so classified under securities or tax law in the United States of America ("US") including, in broad terms, the following persons:

(a) any citizen of, or natural person resident in, the US, its territories or possessions; or

(b) any corporation or partnership organised or incorporated under any laws of or in the US or of any other jurisdiction if formed by a US Person (other than by accredited investors who are not natural persons, estates or trusts) principally for the purpose of investing in securities not registered under the US Securities Act of 1933; or

(c) any agency or branch of a foreign entity located in the US; or

(d) a pension plan primarily for US employees of a US Person; or

(e) a US collective investment vehicle unless not offered to US Persons; or

(f) any estate of which an executor or administrator is a US Person (unless an executor or administrator of the estate who is not a US Person has sole or substantial investment discretion over the assets of the estate and such estate is governed by non-US law) and all the estate income is non-US income not liable to US income tax; or

(g) any Fund of which any trustee is a US Person (unless a trustee who is a professional fiduciary is a US Person and a trustee who is not a US Person has sole or substantial investment discretion over the assets of the trust and no beneficiary (or settlor, if the trust is revocable) of the trust is a US Person); or

(h) any discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary for the benefit or account of a US Person; or

(i) any non-discretionary account or similar account (other than an estate or trust) held by a dealer or other fiduciary organised, incorporated or (if an individual) resident in the US for the benefit or account of a US Person.

### **Wholesale Client**

In the case of an Australian investor, means a person or entity as defined under section 761G and 761GA of the Corporations Act.

### **Wholesale Investor**

In the case of a New Zealand investor, means a Wholesale Client who also meets the definition of wholesale investor under clause 3(2) of Schedule 1 of the New Zealand Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013.

## PARADICE APPLICATION FORM

This application form accompanies the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS)/Information Memorandum (IM) relating to units in the following product/s issued by Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298, AFSL 240975). The PDS/IM contains information about investing in the Fund/Trust. You should read the PDS/IM in its entirety before applying.

- **Paradice Australian Equities Fund**
- **Paradice Australian Mid Cap Fund – Class B**
- **Paradice Australian Small Cap Fund – Class B**
- **Paradice Global Small Cap Fund**
- **Paradice Australian Small Cap Opportunities Fund – Class A**
- **Paradice Equity Alpha Plus Fund**
- **Paradice Sustainable Transition Fund**  
(each a “Fund”), together the “Funds”)

The law prohibits any person passing this Application Form on to another person unless it is accompanied by a complete PDS/IM.

- If completing by hand, use a black or blue pen and print within the boxes in BLOCK LETTERS, if you make a mistake, cross it out and initial. DO NOT use correction fluid
- The investor(s) must complete and sign this form
- Keep a photocopy of your completed Application Form for your records

U.S. Persons: This offer is not open to any U.S. Person. Please refer to the PDS/IM for further information.

### **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and Common Reporting Standard (CRS)**

We are required to collect certain information to comply with FATCA and CRS, please ensure you complete section 7.

#### **If investing with an authorised representative, agent or financial adviser**

Please ensure you, your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser also complete Section 6.

#### **Provide certified copies of your identification documents**

Please refer to section 9 on AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements.

#### **Send your documents & make your payment**

See section 2 for payment options and where to send your application form.

## SECTION 1 – YOUR CONSUMER ATTRIBUTES

To assist the RE in meeting the Design and Distribution Obligations, you are required to indicate the purpose of your investment by responding to each of the questions set out below. Your responses should reflect your objectives and needs for this Investment. Please tick **only 1 box** for each question below.

The below only needs to be answered where you are a **direct retail investor** (i.e., does not apply to Indirect or intermediated investments such as those made by platforms, custodians, etc.). **If you are not a retail investor you may be required to provide a wholesale certificate to support your application.**

Further information in relation to these questions can be found in the Target Market Determination (TMD) for the Fund. If you wish to access the TMD, please visit <https://www.eqt.com.au/insto/>

### 1. Have you received advice prior to applying to invest in the Fund?

- I/We have received personal advice in relation to my investment in this Fund
- I/We have not received any advice in relation to my investment in this Fund

### 2. What is your primary investment objective(s)?

- Capital growth       Capital preservation       Income Distribution

### 3. What percentage of your total investable assets are you directing to this fund?

- Solution/Standalone (up to 100%)       Major allocation (up to 75%)
- Core component (up to 50%)       Minor allocation (up to 25%)
- Satellite allocation (up to 10%)

### 4. Please select your Intended investment timeframe

- Short term (up to and including 2 years)       Medium term (More than 2 years but less than 5 years)
- Medium to long term (equal to 5 years but less than 7 years)       Long term (7 years or more)

### 5. What is your tolerance for risk?

- Low risk and return- I/we can tolerate up to 1 period of underperformance over 20 years and a low target return from this investment.       Medium risk and return - I/we can tolerate up to 4 periods of underperformance over 20 years and a moderate target return from this investment.
- High risk and return- I/we can tolerate up to 6 periods of underperformance over 20 years in order to achieve higher returns this investment.       Very High risk and return - I/we can tolerate more than 6 periods of underperformance over 20 years (high volatility and potential losses) in order to achieve accelerated returns from this investment.
- Extremely high – I/We can tolerate significant volatility and losses as I/we are seeking to obtain accelerated returns

### 6. Under normal circumstances, within what period do you expect to be able to access your funds for this investment?

- Within one week       Within one month
- Within three months       Within one year
- Within five years       Within ten years
- More than 10 years       At the Issuer's discretion

#### Please note:

- Failure to complete the above questions may result in your application not being accepted;
- Acceptance of your application should not be taken as a representation or confirmation that an investment in the Fund is, or is likely to be, consistent with your intentions, objectives and needs as indicated in your responses to these questions; and
- For further information on the suitability of this product, please refer to your financial adviser and/or the TMD

## SECTION 1.2 – ARE YOU AN EXISTING INVESTOR IN THE FUND/TRUST AND WISH TO ADD TO YOUR INVESTMENT?

Do you have an existing investment in the Fund/Trust and the information provided remains current and correct?

- Yes**, if you can tick both of the boxes below, complete Sections 2 and 8
- I/We confirm there are no changes to our identification documents previously provided and that these remain current and valid.
- I/We confirm there have been no changes to our FATCA or CRS status

Existing investor number:

If there have been changes in your identification documents or FATCA/CRS status since your last application, please complete the full Application Form as indicated below.

- No**, please complete sections relevant to you as indicated below:

### Investor Type:

- Individuals/Joint:** complete section 2, 3, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8 & 9
- Companies:** complete section 2, 4, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8 & 9
- Custodians on behalf of underlying clients:** complete section 2, 4, 5, 5.1, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8 & 9
- Trusts/superannuation funds:**
- with an individual trustee – complete sections 2, 3, 5, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8 & 9
  - with a company as a trustee – complete sections 2, 4, 5, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8 & 9

If you are an Association, Co-operative, Partnership, Government Body or other type of entity not listed above, please contact Equity Trustees.

## SECTION 2 – INVESTMENT DETAILS

Investment to be held in the name(s) of (must include name(s) of investor(s))

Postal address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country

Email address

Contact no.

FUND/TRUST NAME	APIR CODE	APPLICATION AMOUNT (AUD)
Paradice Australian Equities Fund	ETL8084AU	\$
Paradice Australian Mid Cap Fund – Class B	ETL8772AU	\$
Paradice Australian Small Cap Fund – Class B	ETL0739AU	\$
Paradice Global Small Cap Fund	ETL0365AU	\$
Paradice Australian Small Cap Opportunities Fund – Class A	ETL4624AU	\$
Paradice Equity Alpha Plus Fund	ETL8096AU	\$
Paradice Sustainable Transition Fund	ETL2283AU	\$

The minimum initial investment is **\$20,000**

### Distribution Instructions

If you do not select a distribution option, we will automatically reinvest your distribution. If you select cash, please ensure you provide your bank details below.

- Reinvest distributions** if you select this option your distribution will be reinvested in the Fund/Trust
- Pay distributions to the bank** if you select this option your distribution will be paid to the bank account below

### Investor bank details

For withdrawals and distributions (if applicable), these must match the investor(s)' name and must be an AUD-denominated bank account with an Australian domiciled bank.

Financial institution name and branch location

BSB number

Account number

Account name



## Payment method

Direct credit – pay to:

Financial institution name and branch location	National Australia Bank Limited, Level 32 500 Bourke St, Melbourne, VIC 3000
BSB number	083-001
Account number	92-426-9448
Swift/BIC	NATAAU3303M
Account name	Equity Trustees Limited as RE for Paradise Investment Management Pty Ltd
Reference	<Investor Name>

## Source of investment

Please indicate the source of the investment amount (e.g. retirement savings, employment income):

### Send your completed Application Form to:

Paradise Investment Management  
 GPO Box 804  
 Melbourne VIC 3001

**Please ensure you have completed all relevant sections and signed the Application Form**

**SECTION 3 – INVESTOR DETAILS – INDIVIDUALS/JOINT**

Please complete if you are investing individually, jointly or you are an individual or joint trustee.

**See Group A AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements in Section 9****Investor 1**

Title	First name(s)	Surname
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb	State	Postcode	Country
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Email address

(Statements will be sent to this address, unless you elect otherwise in Section 6)

Contact no.

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Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Tax File Number\* – or exemption code

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Country of birth

Occupation

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Does the investor named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person?

No

Yes, please give details:

**Investor 2**

Title	First name(s)	Surname
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb	State	Postcode	Country
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Email address

(Statements will be sent to this address, unless you elect otherwise in Section 6)

Contact no.

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Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Tax File Number\* – or exemption code

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Country of birth

Occupation

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**If there are more than 2 registered owners, please provide details as an attachment.**

Does the investor named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person?

No

Yes, please give details:

## SECTION 4 – INVESTOR DETAILS – COMPANIES/CORPORATE TRUSTEE

Please complete if you are investing for a company or where the company is acting as trustee.

### See Group B AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements in Section 9

Full company name (as registered with ASIC or relevant foreign registered body)

Registered office address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country





Australian Company Number

Tax File Number\* – or exemption code



Australian Business Number\* (if registered in Australia) or equivalent foreign company identifier

### Contact Person

Title

First name(s)

Surname




Email address

(Statements will be sent to this address, unless you elect otherwise in Section 6)

Contact no.



**Principal place of business:** If the principal place of business is the same as the registered office street address, state 'As above' below. Otherwise provide address details. For foreign companies registered with ASIC please provide a local agent name and address if you do not have a principal place of business in Australia.

### Principal Place of Business Address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country





### Registration details

Name of regulatory body

Identification number (e.g. ARBN)



### Controlling Persons, Directors and Beneficial Owners

All beneficial owners who own, hold or control either directly or indirectly 25% or more of the issued capital of a proprietary or private company that is not regulated i.e. does not have an AFSL or ACLN etc., will need to provide Group A AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements specified in Section 9. In the case of an unregulated public company not listed on a securities exchange, provide the details of the senior managing official(s) as controlling person(s) (e.g. managing director, senior executive(s) etc. who is/are authorised to sign on the company's behalf, and make policy, operational and financial decisions) in the following sections. All proprietary and private companies, whether regulated or unregulated, must provide the names of all of the directors.

## Names of the Directors of a Proprietary or Private Company whether regulated or unregulated

1	2
3	4

If there are more than 4 directors, please write the other names below.

### Names of the Beneficial Owners or Senior Managing Official(s)

**Select:**

- Beneficial owner 1 of an unregulated proprietary or private company; OR  
 Senior Managing Official of an unregulated, unlisted, public (e.g. Limited) company

Title                      First name(s)                      Surname

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Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

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Suburb                      State                      Postcode                      Country

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Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Does the beneficial owner named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person?

- No                       Yes, please give details:

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**Select:**

- Beneficial owner 2 of an unregulated proprietary or private company; OR  
 Senior Managing Official of an unregulated, unlisted, public (e.g. Limited) company

Title                      First name(s)                      Surname

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Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

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Suburb                      State                      Postcode                      Country

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Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Does the beneficial owner named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person?

- No                       Yes, please give details:

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**If there are more than 2 beneficial owners or managing officials, please copy and complete this page for the other persons or alternatively, provide the additional details as an attachment.**

## SECTION 5 – INVESTOR DETAILS – TRUSTS/SUPERANNUATION FUNDS

Please complete if you are investing for a trust or superannuation fund.

**See Group C AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements in section 9**

Full name of trust or superannuation fund

Full name of business (if any)

Country where established

Australian Business Number\* (if obtained)

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Tax File Number\* – or exemption code

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Trustee details – How many trustees are there?

- Individual trustee(s)** – complete Section 3 – Investor details – Individuals/Joint
- Company trustee(s)** – complete Section 4 – Investor details – Companies/Corporate Trustee
- Combination** – trustee(s) to complete each relevant section

### Type of Trust

- Registered Managed Investment Scheme**

Australian Registered Scheme Number (ARSN)

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- Regulated Trust** (including self-managed superannuation funds and registered charities that are trusts)

Name of Regulator (e.g. ASIC, APRA, ATO, ACNC)

Registration/Licence details or ABN

- Other Trust** (unregulated)

Please describe

#### Beneficiaries of an unregulated trust

Please provide details below of any beneficiaries who directly or indirectly are entitled to an interest of 25% or more of the trust.

1	2
3	4

If there are no beneficiaries of the trust, describe the class of beneficiary (e.g. the name of the family group, class of unit holders, the charitable purpose or charity name):

**Other Trust** (unregulated) Continued

**Settlor details**

Please provide the full name and last known address of the settlor of the trust where the initial asset contribution to the trust was greater than \$10,000.

- This information is not required if the initial asset contribution was less than \$10,000, and/or
- This information is not required if the settlor is deceased

Settlor's full name and last known address

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**Beneficial owners of an unregulated trust**

Please provide details below of any beneficial owner of the trust. A beneficial owner is any individual who directly or indirectly has a 25% or greater interest in the trust or is a person who exerts control over the trust. This includes the appointer of the trust who holds the power to appoint or remove the trustees of the trust.

**All beneficial owners will need to provide Group A AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements in Section 9**

**Beneficial owner 1 or Controlling Person 1**

Select:

- Beneficial owner 1; OR
- Controlling Person – What is the role e.g. Appointer:

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Title	First name(s)	Surname
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Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

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Suburb	State	Postcode	Country
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Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)  /  /

Does the beneficial owner named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person?

- No
- Yes, please give details:

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**Beneficial owner 2 or Controlling Person 2**

Select:

- Beneficial owner 2; OR
- Controlling Person – What is the role e.g. Appointer:

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Title	First name(s)	Surname
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Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

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Suburb	State	Postcode	Country
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Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)  /  /

**If there are more than 2 beneficial owners, please provide details as an attachment.**

Does the beneficial owner named above hold a prominent public position or function in a government body (local, state, territory, national or foreign) or in an international organisation or are you an immediate family member or a business associate of such a person?

No  Yes, please give details:

**If there are more than 2 beneficial owners or controlling persons, please copy and complete this page for the other persons or alternatively, provide the additional details as an attachment.**

## **SECTION 5.1 – CUSTODIAN ATTESTATION: CHAPTER 4, PARTS 4.4.18 AND 4.4.19 OF THE AML/CTF RULES**

**If you are a Company completing this Application Form on behalf of an individual, another company, a trust or other entity, in a Custodial capacity, please complete this section.**

In accordance with Chapter 4, part 4.4.19 (1)(a) to (d) of the AML/CTF Rules, does the Custodian meet the definition (see 'Section 10 – Glossary') of a Custodian?

No  Yes

In accordance with Chapter 4, part 4.4.19 (e) of the AML/CTF Rules, do you, in your capacity as Custodian attest that prior to requesting this designated service from Equity Trustees, it has carried out and will continue to carry out, all applicable customer identification procedures on the underlying account holder named or to be named in the Fund's register, including conducting ongoing customer due diligence requirements in accordance with Chapter 15 of the AML/CTF Rules?

No  Yes

If you answered YES to all of the above questions, then Equity Trustees is able to apply the Chapter 4, part 4.4 Custodian rules to this account and will rely upon the customer due diligence conducted by the Custodian on the underlying account holder named or to be named in the Fund's register.

If requested to do so at any time after the provision of this designated service, the Custodian agrees to honour any reasonable request made by Equity Trustees for information or evidence about the underlying account holder in order to allow Equity Trustees to meet its obligations under the AML/CTF Act.

No  Yes

Excepting the below circumstances where the custodian answered NO or did not complete any of the above questions, no other information about the underlying account holder is required to be collected. However, further information about you as the Custodian and as a company is required to be collected and verified as required by the AML/CTF rules. Please complete the rest of this form for the Custodian.

### **Excepting circumstances:**

If you answered NO or did not complete any of the above questions, then we are unable to apply the Chapter 4, part 4.4 Custodian rules to this application. We are therefore obligated to conduct full Know Your Client procedures on the underlying account holder named or to be named in the Fund's register including any named nominee, as well as the trustees, beneficial owners and controlling persons of the underlying named account in addition to the Custodian. Therefore, please complete the relevant forms and provide identity documents for all parties connected to this account.

## SECTION 6 – AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT AND/OR FINANCIAL ADVISER

Please complete if you are appointing an authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser.

### See Group D AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements in Section 9

- I am an **authorised representative or agent** as nominated by the investor(s)

You must attach a valid authority such as Power of Attorney, guardianship order, grant of probate, appointment of bankruptcy etc. that is a certified copy. The document must be current and complete, signed by the investor or a court official and permits the authorised representative or agent to transact on behalf of the investor.

Full name of authorised representative or agent

Role held with investor(s)

Signature

Date



- I am a **financial adviser** as nominated by the investor

Name of adviser

AFSL number



Dealer group

Name of advisory firm



Postage address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country





Email address

Contact no.



### Financial Adviser Declaration

- I/We hereby declare that I/we are not a US Person as defined in the PDS/IM.
- I/We hereby declare that the investor is not a US Person as defined in the PDS/IM.
- I/We have completed an appropriate Customer Identification Procedure (CIP) on this investor which meets the requirements (per type of investor) set out above,
- I/We have attached the relevant CIP documents;

Signature

Date



## Access to information

Unless you elect otherwise, your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser will also be provided access to your investment information and/or receive copies of statements and transaction confirmations. By appointing an authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser you acknowledge that you have read and agreed to the terms and conditions in the PDS/IM relating to such appointment.

- Please tick this box if you DO NOT want your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser to have access to information about your investment.
- Please tick this box if you DO NOT want copies of statements and transaction confirmations sent to your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser.
- Please tick this box if you want statements and transaction confirmations sent ONLY to your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser.

## SECTION 7 – FOREIGN ACCOUNT TAX COMPLIANCE ACT (FATCA), COMMON REPORTING STANDARD (CRS) SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM – ALL INVESTORS MUST COMPLETE

### Sub-Section I – Individuals

Please fill this Sub-Section I only if you are an individual. If you are an entity, please fill Sub-Section II.

#### 1. Are you a US tax resident (e.g. US citizen or US resident)?

- Yes: provide your US Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and continue to question 2

Investor 1

Investor 2

- No: continue to question 2

#### 2. Are you a tax resident of any other country outside of Australia?

- Yes: state each country and provide your TIN or equivalent (or Reason Code if no TIN is provided) for each jurisdiction below and skip to question 12

##### Investor 1

Country/Jurisdiction of tax residence	TIN	If no TIN available enter Reason A, B or C
1		
2		

##### Investor 2

Country/Jurisdiction of tax residence	TIN	If no TIN available enter Reason A, B or C
1		
2		

*If more space is needed please provide details as an attachment.*

- No: skip to question 12

#### Reason Code:

If TIN or equivalent is not provided, please provide reason from the following options:

- Reason A: The country/jurisdiction where the investor is resident does not issue TINs to its residents.
- Reason B: The investor is otherwise unable to obtain a TIN or equivalent number (Please explain why the investor is unable to obtain a TIN in the below table if you have selected this reason).
- Reason C: No TIN is required. (Note. Only select this reason if the domestic law of the relevant jurisdiction does not require the collection of the TIN issued by such jurisdiction).

If Reason B has been selected above, explain why you are not required to obtain a TIN:

	Reason B explanation
Investor 1	
Investor 2	

## Sub-Section II – Entities

Please fill this Sub-Section II only if you are an entity. If you are an individual, please fill Sub-Section I.

### 3. Are you an Australian complying superannuation fund?

- Yes: skip to question 12
- No: continue to question 4

## FATCA

### 4. Are you a US Person?

- Yes: continue to question 5
- No: skip to question 6

### 5. Are you a Specified US Person?

- Yes: provide your TIN below and skip to question 7

- No: indicate exemption type and skip to question 7

### 6. Are you a Financial Institution for the purposes of FATCA?

- Yes: provide your Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN)

If you do not have a GIIN, please provide your FATCA status below and then continue to question 7. If you are a sponsored entity, please provide your GIIN above and your sponsor's details below and then continue to question 7.

- Exempt Beneficial Owner, provide type below:

- Deemed-Compliant FFI (other than a Sponsored Investment Entity or a Trustee Documented Trust), provide type below:

- Non-Participating FFI, provide type below:

- Sponsored Entity. Please provide the Sponsoring Entity's name and GIIN:


- Trustee Documented Trust. Please provide your Trustee's name and GIIN:


- Other, provide details:

- No: continue to question 7

**CRS****7. Are you a tax resident of any country outside of Australia and the US?**

- Yes: state each country and provide your TIN or equivalent (or Reason Code if no TIN is provided) for each jurisdiction below and continue to question 8

**Investor 1**

Country/Jurisdiction of tax residence	TIN	If no TIN available enter Reason A, B or C
1		
2		

**Investor 2**

Country/Jurisdiction of tax residence	TIN	If no TIN available enter Reason A, B or C
1		
2		

*If more space is needed please provide details as an attachment.*

**Reason Code:**

If TIN or equivalent is not provided, please provide reason from the following options:

- Reason A: The country/jurisdiction where the investor is resident does not issue TINs to its residents.
- Reason B: The investor is otherwise unable to obtain a TIN or equivalent number (Please explain why the investor is unable to obtain a TIN in the below table if you have selected this reason).
- Reason C: No TIN is required. (Note. Only select this reason if the domestic law of the relevant jurisdiction does not require the collection of the TIN issued by such jurisdiction).

If Reason B has been selected above, explain why you are not required to obtain a TIN:

	Reason B explanation
Investor 1	
Investor 2	

- No: continue to question 8

**8. Are you a Financial Institution for the purpose of CRS?**

- Yes: specify the type of Financial Institution below and continue to question 9

- Reporting Financial Institution
- Non-Reporting Financial Institution:
- Trustee Documented Trust
- Other: please specify:

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- No: skip to question 10

**9. Are you an investment entity resident in a non-participating jurisdiction for CRS purposes and managed by another financial Institution?**

- Yes: skip to question 11
- No: skip to question 12

## Non-Financial Entities

### 10. Are you an Active Non-Financial Entity (Active NFE)?

- Yes: specify the type of Active NFE below and skip to question 12:
- Less than 50% of the entity's gross income from the preceding calendar year is passive income (e.g. dividends, distribution, interests, royalties and rental income) and less than 50% of its assets during the preceding calendar year are assets held for the production of passive income
  - Corporation that is regularly traded or a related entity of a regularly traded corporation  
Provide name of Listed Entity:   
and exchange on which traded:
  - Governmental Entity, International Organisation or Central Bank
  - Other: please specify:
- No: you are a Passive Non-Financial Entity (Passive NFE). Continue to question 11

## Controlling Persons

### 11. Does one or more of the following apply to you:

- Is any natural person that exercises control over you (for corporations, this would include directors or beneficial owners who ultimately own 25% or more of the share capital) a tax resident of any country outside of Australia?
- If you are a trust, is any natural person including trustee, protector, beneficiary, settlor or any other natural person exercising ultimate effective control over the trust a tax resident of any country outside of Australia?
- Where no natural person is identified as exercising control of the entity, the controlling person will be the natural person(s) who holds the position of senior managing official.

- Yes. provide controlling person information below:

#### Controlling person 1

Title	First name(s)	Surname	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)			
<input type="text"/>			
Suburb	State	Postcode	Country
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)			
<input type="text"/>	/	<input type="text"/>	/
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	

Country/Jurisdiction of tax residence	TIN	If no TIN available enter Reason A, B or C
1		
2		

**Controlling person 2**

Title                      First name(s)                      Surname

Residential address (not a PO Box/RMB/Locked Bag)

Suburb                      State                      Postcode                      Country

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)     /  /

Country/Jurisdiction of tax residence	TIN	If no TIN available enter Reason A, B or C
1		
2		

*If there are more than 2 controlling persons, please provide details as an attachment.*

**Reason Code:**

If TIN or equivalent is not provided, please provide reason from the following options:

- Reason A: The country/jurisdiction where the investor is resident does not issue TINs to its residents.
- Reason B: The investor is otherwise unable to obtain a TIN or equivalent number (Please explain why the investor is unable to obtain a TIN in the below table if you have selected this reason).
- Reason C: No TIN is required. (Note. Only select this reason if the domestic law of the relevant jurisdiction does not require the collection of the TIN issued by such jurisdiction).

If Reason B has been selected above, explain why you are not required to obtain a TIN:

	Reason B explanation
Investor 1	<input type="text"/>
Investor 2	<input type="text"/>

No: continue to question 12

**12. Signature and Declaration – ALL investors must sign**

I undertake to provide a suitably updated self-certification within 30 days of any change in circumstances which causes the information contained herein to become incorrect.

I declare the information above to be true and correct.

**Investor 1**

Name of individual/entity

Name of authorised representative

Signature

Date

**Investor 2**

Name of individual/entity

Name of authorised representative

Signature

Date

## SECTION 8 – DECLARATIONS – ALL INVESTORS MUST COMPLETE

In most cases the information that you provide in this form will satisfy the AML/CTF Act, the US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and the Common Reporting Standard (CRS). However, in some instances the Responsible Entity may contact you to request further information. It may also be necessary for the Responsible Entity to collect information (including sensitive information) about you from third parties in order to meet its obligations under the AML/CTF Act, FATCA and CRS.

### When you complete this Application Form you make the following declarations:

- I/We have received the PDS/IM and made this application in Australia (and/or New Zealand for those offers made in New Zealand).
- I/We have read the PDS/IM to which this Application Form applies and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the PDS/IM and the Constitution of the relevant Fund/Trust in which I/we have chosen to invest.
- I/we have carefully considered the features of Fund/Trust as described in the PDS (including its investment objectives, minimum suggested investment timeframe, risk level, withdrawal arrangements and investor suitability) and, after obtaining any financial and/or tax advice that I/we deemed appropriate, am/are satisfied that my/our proposed investment in the Fund/Trust is consistent with my/our investment objectives, financial circumstances and needs.\*
- I/We have considered our personal circumstances and, where appropriate, obtained investment and/or taxation advice.
- I/We hereby declare that I/we are not a US Person as defined in the PDS/IM.
- I/We acknowledge that (if a natural person) I am/we are 18 years of age or over and I am/we are eligible to hold units in the Fund/Trust in which I/We have chosen to invest.
- I/We acknowledge and agree that Equity Trustees has outlined in the PDS/IM provided to me/us how and where I/we can obtain a copy of the Equity Trustees Group Privacy Statement.
- I/We consent to the transfer of any of my/our personal information to external third parties including but not limited to fund administrators, fund investment manager(s) and related bodies corporate who are located outside Australia for the purpose of administering the products and services for which I/we have engaged the services of Equity Trustees or its related bodies corporate and to foreign government agencies for reporting purposes (if necessary).
- I/we hereby confirm that the personal information that I/we have provided to Equity Trustees is correct and current in every detail, and should these details change, I/we shall promptly advise Equity Trustees in writing of the change(s).
- I/We agree to provide further information or personal details to the Responsible Entity if required to meet its obligations under anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism legislation, US tax legislation or reporting legislation and acknowledge that processing of my/our application may be delayed and will be processed at the unit price applicable for the Business Day as at which all required information has been received and verified.
- If I/we have provided an email address, I/we consent to receive ongoing investor information including PDS/IM information, confirmations of transactions and additional information as applicable via email.
- I/We acknowledge that Equity Trustees does not guarantee the repayment of capital or the performance of the Fund/Trust or any particular rate of return from the Fund/Trust.
- I/We acknowledge that an investment in the Fund/Trust is not a deposit with or liability of Equity Trustees and is subject to investment risk including possible delays in repayment and loss of income or capital invested.
- I/We acknowledge that Equity Trustees is not responsible for the delays in receipt of monies caused by the postal service or the investor's bank.
- If I/we have completed and lodged the relevant sections on authorised representatives, agents and/or financial advisers on the Application Form then I/we agree to release, discharge and indemnify Equity Trustees from and against any and all losses, liabilities, actions, proceedings, account claims and demands arising from Equity Trustees acting on the instructions of my/our authorised representatives, agents and/or financial advisers.
- If this is a joint application each of us agrees that our investment is held as joint tenants.
- I/We acknowledge and agree that where the Responsible Entity, in its sole discretion, determines that:
  - I/we are ineligible to hold units in a Fund/Trust or have provided misleading information in my/our Application Form; or
  - I/we owe any amounts to Equity Trustees, then I/we appoint the Responsible Entity as my/our agent to submit a withdrawal request on my/our behalf in respect of all or part of my/our units, as the case requires, in the Fund/Trust.
- **For Wholesale Clients\*** – I/We acknowledge that I am/we are a Wholesale Client (as defined in Section 761G of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)) and are therefore eligible to hold units in the Fund/Trust.
- **For New Zealand applicants\*** – I/we have read the terms of the offer relating to New Zealand investors, including the New Zealand warning statement.
- **For New Zealand Wholesale Investors\*** – I/We acknowledge and agree that:
  - I/We have read the “New Zealand Wholesale Investor Fact Sheet” and PDS/IM or “New Zealand Investors: Selling Restriction” for the Fund/Trust;
  - I am/We are a Wholesale Investor and am/are therefore eligible to hold units in the Fund/Trust; and
  - I/We have not:

- Offered, sold, or transferred, and will not offer, sell, or transfer, directly or indirectly, any units in the Fund/Trust;
  - Granted, issued, or transferred, and will not grant, issue, or transfer, any interests in or options over, directly or indirectly, any units in the Fund/Trust; and
  - Distributed and will not distribute, directly or indirectly, the PDS/IM or any other offering materials or advertisement in relation to any offer of units in the Fund/Trust, in each case in New Zealand, other than to a person who is a Wholesale Investor; and
- I/We will notify Equity Trustees if I/we cease to be a Wholesale Investor; and
  - I/We have separately provided a signed Wholesale Investor Certification located at the end of this Application Form.

All references to Wholesale Investor in this Declaration are a reference to Wholesale Investor in terms of clause 3(2) of Schedule 1 of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (New Zealand).

\* Disregard if not applicable.

**\*Terms and conditions for collection of Tax File Numbers (TFN) and Australian Business Numbers (ABN)**

Collection of TFN and ABN information is authorised and its use and disclosure strictly regulated by tax laws and the Privacy Act. Investors must only provide an ABN instead of a TFN when the investment is made in the course of their enterprise. You are not obliged to provide either your TFN or ABN, but if you do not provide either or claim an exemption, we are required to deduct tax from your distribution at the highest marginal tax rate plus Medicare levy to meet Australian taxation law requirements.

For more information about the use of TFNs for investments, contact the enquiries section of your local branch of the ATO. Once provided, your TFN will be applied automatically to any future investments in the Fund/Trust where formal application procedures are not required (e.g. distribution reinvestments), unless you indicate, at any time, that you do not wish to quote a TFN for a particular investment. Exempt investors should attach a copy of the certificate of exemption. For super funds or trusts list only the applicable ABN or TFN for the super fund or trust.

**Communications**

We are required to send transaction confirmations, periodic statements (including transaction and holding information) and continuous disclosure information directly to you. Paradice will send these to you using the email provided by you. We will also register you for Paradice online portal where you can obtain more information on your investments.

In order to stay up to date with the latest news about Paradice and our funds we will also send you general communications including: newsletters; fund factsheets; and other information on Paradice products. Please confirm below if you do not want to receive these general communications.

New Zealand Investors: If you are a New Zealand retail investor, we cannot provide you with communications that constitute 'regulated financial advice' (as defined under New Zealand law) and you must tick the "I do not wish to receive" option.

I do not wish to receive Paradice updates and communications.

Paradice fund documentation is also available on the Paradice Investor Centre on our website, which includes annual Fund financial statements.

**When you sign this Application Form you declare that you have read, agree to and make the declarations above**

**Investor 1**

Name of individual/entity

Capacity (e.g. Director, Secretary, Authorised signatory)

Signature

Date

Company Seal (if applicable)

**Investor 2**

Name of individual/entity

Capacity (e.g. Director, Secretary, Authorised signatory)

Signature

Date



## SECTION 9 – AML/CTF IDENTITY VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The AML/CTF Act requires the Responsible Entity to adopt and maintain an Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (AML/CTF) Program. The AML/CTF Program includes ongoing customer due diligence, which may require the Responsible Entity to collect further information.

- Identification documentation provided must be in the name of the investor.
- Non-English language documents must be translated by an accredited translator. Provide both the foreign language document and the accredited English translation.
- Applications made without providing this information cannot be processed until all the necessary information has been provided.
- If you are unable to provide the identification documents described please contact Equity Trustees.

These documents should be provided as an original or a CERTIFIED COPY of the original.

### Who can certify?

Below is an example of who can certify proof of ID documents under the AML/CTF requirements:

- Bailiff
- Bank officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Chiropractor (licensed or registered)
- Clerk of court
- Commissioner for Affidavits
- Commissioner for Declarations
- Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Dentist (licensed or registered)
- Fellow of the National Tax Accountant's Association
- Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Judge of a court
- Justice of the peace
- Legal practitioner (licensed or registered)
- Magistrate
- Marriage celebrant licensed or registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the Marriage Act 1961
- Master of a court
- Medical practitioner (licensed or registered)
- Member of Chartered Secretaries Australia
- Member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student
- Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants
- Member of the Australian Defence Force with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the Institute of Public Accountants
- Member of the Parliament of the Commonwealth, a State, a Territory Legislature, or a local government authority of a State or Territory
- Minister of religion licensed or registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the Marriage Act 1961
- Nurse (licensed or registered)
- Optometrist (licensed or registered)
- Permanent employee of Commonwealth, State or local government authority with at least 5 or more years of continuous service.
- Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Pharmacist (licensed or registered)
- Physiotherapist (licensed or registered)
- Police officer
- Psychologist (licensed or registered)
- Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court
- Sheriff
- Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution
- Veterinary surgeon (licensed or registered)

### When certifying documents, the following process must be followed:

- All copied pages of original proof of ID documents must be certified and the certification must not be older than 2 years.
- The authorised individual must ensure that the original and the copy are identical; then write or stamp on the copied document "certified true copy". This must be followed by the date and signature, printed name and qualification of the authorised individual.
- In cases where an extract of a document is photocopied to verify customer ID, the authorised individual should write or stamp "certified true extract".

**GROUP A – Individuals/Joint**

Each individual investor, individual trustee, beneficial owner, or individual agent or authorised representative must provide one of the following primary photographic ID:

- A current Australian driver's licence (or foreign equivalent) that includes a photo and signature.
- An Australian passport (not expired more than 2 years previously).
- A foreign passport or international travel document (must not be expired)
- An identity card issued by a State or Territory Government that includes a photo.

If you do NOT own one of the above ID documents, please provide one valid option from Column A and one valid option from Column B.

<b>Column A</b>	<b>Column B</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Australian birth certificate.	<input type="checkbox"/> A document issued by the Commonwealth or a State or Territory within the preceding 12 months that records the provision of financial benefits to the individual and which contains the individual's name and residential address.
<input type="checkbox"/> Australian citizenship certificate.	<input type="checkbox"/> A document issued by the Australian Taxation Office within the preceding 12 months that records a debt payable by the individual to the Commonwealth (or by the Commonwealth to the individual), which contains the individual's name and residential address. Block out the TFN before scanning, copying or storing this document.
<input type="checkbox"/> Pension card issued by Department of Human Services.	<input type="checkbox"/> A document issued by a local government body or utilities provider within the preceding 3 months which records the provision of services to that address or to that person (the document must contain the individual's name and residential address).
	<input type="checkbox"/> If under the age of 18, a notice that: was issued to the individual by a school principal within the preceding 3 months; and contains the name and residential address; and records the period of time that the individual attended that school.

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## GROUP B – Companies

For Australian Registered Companies, provide one of the following (must clearly show the Company's full name, type (private or public) and ACN):

- A certified copy of the company's Certificate of Registration or incorporation issued by ASIC.
- A copy of information regarding the company's licence or other information held by the relevant Commonwealth, State or Territory regulatory body e.g. AFSL, RSE, ACL etc.
- A full company search issued in the previous 3 months or the company's last annual statement issued by ASIC.
- If the company is listed on an Australian securities exchange, provide details of the exchange and the ticker (issuer) code.
- If the company is a majority owned subsidiary of a company listed on an Australian securities exchange, provide details of the holding company name, its registration number e.g. ACN, the securities exchange and the ticker (issuer) code.

All of the above must clearly show the company's full name, its type (i.e. public or private) and the ACN issued by ASIC.

For Foreign Companies, provide one of the following:

- A certified copy of the company's Certificate of Registration or incorporation issued by the foreign jurisdiction(s) in which the company was incorporated, established or formed.
- A certified copy of the company's articles of association or constitution.
- A copy of a company search on the ASIC database or relevant foreign registration body.
- A copy of the last annual statement issued by the company regulator.

All of the above must clearly show the company's full name, its type (i.e. public or private) and the ARBN issued by ASIC, or the identification number issued to the company by the foreign regulator.

**In addition, please provide verification documents for each beneficial owner or controlling person (senior managing official and shareholder) as listed under Group A.**

A beneficial owner of a company is any person entitled (either directly or indirectly) to exercise 25% or more of the voting rights, including a power of veto, or who holds the position of senior managing official (or equivalent) and is thus the controlling person.

## GROUP C – Trusts

For a Registered Managed Investment Scheme, Government Superannuation Fund or a trust registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC), or a regulated, complying Superannuation Fund, retirement or pension fund (including a self-managed super fund), provide one of the following:

- A copy of the company search of the relevant regulator's website e.g. APRA, ASIC or ATO.
- A copy or relevant extract of the legislation establishing the government superannuation fund sourced from a government website.
- A copy from the ACNC of information registered about the trust as a charity
- Annual report or audited financial statements.
- A certified copy of a notice issued by the ATO within the previous 12 months.
- A certified copy of an extract of the Trust Deed (i.e. cover page and signing page and first two pages that describes the trust, its purpose, appointer details and settlor details etc.)

For all other Unregulated trust (including a Foreign trust), provide the following:

- A certified copy of an extract of the Trust Deed (i.e. cover page and signing page and first two pages that describes the trust, its purpose, appointer details and settlor details etc.)

**If the trustee is an individual, please also provide verification documents for one trustee as listed under Group A.**

**If the trustee is a company, please also provide verification documents for a company as listed under Group B.**

## GROUP D – Authorised Representatives and Agents

In addition to the above entity groups:

- If you are an **Individual Authorised Representative or Agent** – please also provide the identification documents listed under Group A.
- If you are a **Corporate Authorised Representative or Agent** – please also provide the identification documents listed under Group B.

All Authorised Representatives and Agents must also provide a certified copy of their authority to act for the investor e.g. the POA, guardianship order, Executor or Administrator of a deceased estate, authority granted to a bankruptcy trustee, authority granted to the State or Public Trustee etc.

## SECTION 10 – GLOSSARY

Custodian – means a company that:

- a) is acting in the capacity of a trustee; and
- b) is providing a custodial or depository service of the kind described in item 46 of table 1 in subsection 6(2) of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006 (AML/CTF Act); and
- c) either:
  - i. holds an Australian financial services licence authorising it to provide custodial or depository services under the Corporations Act 2001; or
  - ii. is exempt under the Corporations Act 2001 from the requirement to hold such a licence; and
- d) either:
  - i. satisfies one of the 'geographical link' tests in subsection 6(6) of the AML/CTF Act; or
  - ii. has certified in writing to the relevant reporting entity that its name and enrolment details are entered on the Reporting Entities Roll; and
- e) has certified in writing to the relevant reporting entity that it has carried out all applicable customer identification procedures and ongoing customer due diligence requirements in accordance with Chapter 15 of the AML/CTF Rules in relation to its underlying customers prior to, or at the time of, becoming a customer of the reporting entity.