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RESULTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Ellerston Asian Investments Limited (ASX: EAI) hereby lodges:

1. Appendix 4E Statement for the year ended 30 June 2021;
2. Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2021, incorporating the Chairman's Letter, Investment Manager's Report and Corporate Governance Statement.

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Ian Kelly
Company Secretary

27 August 2021



Appendix 4E
Preliminary Final Report Ended 30 June 2021

Details of the reporting period

Current Period: 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021
Previous Corresponding Period: 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

Results for announcement to the market

	Current period AUD (\$)	Previous corresponding period AUD (\$)
Revenue from ordinary activities	39,780,733	12,599,320
Profit/(loss) after tax from ordinary activities	24,984,003	6,085,588
Net profit/(loss) after tax for the period attributable to ordinary shareholders	24,984,003	6,085,588

Over the 12 months to June 30 2021, the portfolio returned net 23.43% (before all taxes) compared to the benchmark MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan (\$AUD) Index which returned 25.75% for the corresponding period.

Period	EAI Portfolio Return Pre-tax*	MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan (\$AUD) Index
1 Year	23.43%	25.75%
3 Years p.a.	11.08%	9.21%
Since inception p.a.	9.14%	9.77%

* calculated after fees, including dividends paid and reinvested, the effects of the share buyback. Excluding tax and the effects of option exercise dilution over the period.

Dividend Information

Final dividend declared

3 cents per fully paid ordinary share

Fully franked at the tax rate of 30%

From the Dividend Profit Reserve account

Final dividend dates:

Ex-dividend date	06 September 2021
Record date	07 September 2021
Payment date	05 October 2021

Details of dividend reinvestment plan (DRP)

The Board of the Company has determined that in relation to the 2021 final dividend the DRP will not apply.

Net tangible assets (NTA) per ordinary share

	Current period AUD (\$)	Previous corresponding period AUD (\$)
NTA before all taxes (i)**	1.3595	1.1533
NTA after realised tax (ii)	1.3114	1.1523
NTA after tax	1.2780	1.1379

- (i) All figures are after the payment of dividends and taxes. The current period NTA is after dividends paid of 5 cents per share and after tax paid of 0.9 cents per share.
- (ii) Net Tangible Assets after realised tax includes a provision for tax on realised gains from the Company's Investment Portfolio. It excludes any tax on unrealised gains and deferred tax, which are represented in the Net Tangible Assets after tax line.
- ** The EAI return calculation for 1 year to 30 June 2021 is as follows: Closing NTA before all taxes 1.3595 + tax paid 0.009 + dividends (including return on investment) 0.0549 = 1.4234 less Opening NTA before all taxes 1.1533 = 23.4%

Commentary on Results

For the year ended 30 June 2021, the Company recorded a net pre-tax profit of \$34,969,170 and a net profit after income tax expense of \$24,984,003.

The Directors have declared a dividend per share of 3 cents, fully franked, which is expected to be paid on the 5th of October 2021. The DRP will not operate in conjunction with this dividend. The 2021 final dividend will be paid out of the dividend profit reserve.

After the payment of the 2021 final dividend the Company will have a dividend profit reserve of 13.23 cents per share, based on the number of shares on issue at 30 June 2021.

The Company will continue to pursue its objective of generating superior returns for shareholders over time, with a focus on risk management and capital preservation. Please refer to the Investment Managers' Report on the Company's annual financial report for more detailed commentary.

Information in this report is based on the 2021 annual financial report which has been audited by Ernst & Young. A copy of the 2021 annual financial report, including commentary related to the results of the Company, is attached for further detailed information and disclosures.

Control gained or lost over entities during the period

N/A

Details of associates and joint venture entities

The Company did not have any interest in any associates or joint venture entities during both the current period and the previous corresponding period.

Accounting standards used by foreign entities

N/A – The Company is an Australian Entity.

Qualification of audit

The financial report for the year ended 30 June 2021 is not subject to review dispute or qualification.



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Ian Kelly
Company Secretary

27 August 2021

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Financial Report

For the year ended 30 June 2021

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For the year ended 30 June 2021

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Chairman's Letter

Dear Shareholder,

I am pleased to provide you with the Financial Year 2021 Annual Report for Ellerston Asian Investments Limited (EAI). Thank you for your continued support.

EAI was launched in the belief that every investment portfolio should have at least some exposure to Asia. Asia remains the best structural growth story in the world and, while COVID-19 has created economic challenges globally, the underlying drivers of the structural growth in Asia are still in place. As such, we expect Asia to enjoy the strongest post-COVID economic growth globally led by China and India.

Performance

We are pleased to report that the one year performance of EAI was 23.43% (net) to 30 June 2021.

The pre-tax NTA increased from \$1.1533 as of 30 June 2020 to \$1.3595 as of 30 June 2021. Pleasingly, the EAI share price increased from \$0.96 as of 30 June 2020 to \$1.20 as of 30 June 2021.

Although the discount to NTA has narrowed since last year, we remain dissatisfied with the magnitude of the discount.

We are pursuing a wide array of available avenues to remedy this situation including an active share buyback program which saw 678,673 shares purchased during the financial year. The share buyback is an accretive capital management tool for shareholders that remain invested and stimulates liquidity for shareholders who want to exit. Notwithstanding this, a buyback does not always achieve a narrowing of the discount.

Consistent with our announcement to the ASX on 15 June 2021, the Board is determined to materially reduce the discount using at this stage buybacks and dividend policy. As outlined in our announcement referenced above we are resolved to deliver to those shareholders who desire liquidity at a price more closely approximate to underlying asset value, a clear pathway to redeem at NTA while also providing other shareholders the option to remain invested in the strategy. Many shareholders want a structure that provides this choice and flexibility.

Should the level of discount persist in 2022, the Board will undertake a broader review including consideration of the process followed in the recent delisting of Ellerston Global Investments Limited.

Chairman's Letter (continued)

Financial Results

For the period to 30 June 2021, the Company recorded a pre-tax profit of \$34,969,170 and a net profit after income tax expense of \$24,984,003. As shown below, EAI began paying dividends during Financial Year 2019 and paid higher final and interim dividends in the following financial years:

Ex-Dividend Date	Pay Date	Amount \$	Franking %
11 March 2021	7 April 2021	2.5c	100
4 September 2020	2 October 2020	2.5c	100
5 March 2020	27 March 2020	1.5c	100
4 September 2019	4 October 2019	1.5c	100
20 March 2019	5 April 2019	1.0c	100
5 September 2018	5 October 2018	1.0c	100

The aim is to have a sustainable dividend policy based on multiple years of profit reserves. As of 30 June 2021, we are pleased to announce that EAI's dividend profit reserve was approximately 16.2 cents per share (includes FY21 profits).

Investment Manager Update

EAI announced in June that Mr Fredy Hoh has been appointed Portfolio Manager of the Company's portfolio. Mr Hoh replaced Ms Mary Manning, who resigned from Ellerston Capital Limited.

Mr Hoh has been Deputy Portfolio Manager of EAI since he joined Ellerston Capital in April 2017.

Mr Hoh brings over 14 years' worth of financial markets experience. As the Deputy Portfolio Manager, his prior responsibilities included risk management and broad sector and country coverage. Mr Hoh is fluent in Mandarin and holds a Masters of Accounting from UNSW and a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Sydney. Prior to joining Ellerston Capital Mr Hoh held roles with the Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Macquarie Capital and Ernst & Young.

The Board would like to thank Ms Manning for her valuable contribution to EAI since its inception in 2015 and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Outlook

We expect Asia to enjoy the strongest post-COVID economic growth globally led by China and India.

However, FY22 is clouded by a number of uncertainties including the handling of COVID-19 second and third waves. Vaccine rollouts in Asia significantly lag the developed world. As such, Asia is more exposed to COVID-19 related disruptions. Within Asia, countries such as China and Taiwan have been more successful than South East Asia and India in containing the pandemic impacts and this is reflected in EAI portfolio positioning.

Another important issue for FY22 is the timing of US monetary policy tightening. Our expectation is that gradual tapering by the US Federal Reserve is likely to occur within the next 6-12 months as the US economy regains its strength on the back of a successful vaccine rollout program and an improved labour market.

A lingering issue heading into FY22 is the geopolitical tensions between the US and China. Although the Biden administration is likely to be less confrontational towards China than his predecessor, our belief is that areas such as technology, trade, capital markets, human rights and national sovereignty will remain potential flashpoints.

The final issue with implications for Asian markets is China domestic policy. The country is transitioning from 'growth at any cost' to growth with regard to ideological matters such as national security, social equality and self-sufficiency. This could result in market volatility as investors get clarity on the economic and regulatory direction and the implications on Chinese companies.

Chairman's Letter (continued)

Outlook (continued)

The EAI portfolio is positioned with consideration for these near term issues as well as attractive structural growth thematic such as technological innovation, rising middle class consumption, capital market liberalisation and decarbonisation. The EAI portfolio will continue to deploy capital in businesses it identifies as strong with further upside

Since inception, EAI has had a preference for large cap stocks as they offer the best risk reward profile for Asian equity investors. The average market cap of our portfolio is now over \$160 billion and the average market cap of our Top 10 holdings is over \$360 billion.

Annual General Meeting

My fellow Directors and I look forward to meeting those of you who can attend the Annual General Meeting.

Yours faithfully,



Bill Best

Chairman, Ellerston Asian Investments

26 August 2021

Directors' Report

The directors of Ellerston Asian Investments Limited (the "Company") present their report together with the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Directors

The following persons were directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of this report:

NAME	DIRECTORSHIP	APPOINTED
Bill Best	Independent Non-Executive Director, Chairman	14 December 2018
Sam Brougham	Independent Non-Executive Director	23 July 2015
Paul Dortkamp	Independent Non-Executive Director	25 June 2015
Marian Carr	Independent Non-Executive Director	01 December 2020

Company Secretary

The following person was Company Secretary during the year and up to the date of this report:

NAME	APPOINTED
Ian Kelly	25 June 2015

Ian Kelly, BA LLB (Hons)

Ian Kelly has been the Company Secretary of Ellerston Asian Investments Limited for 6 years. He has been a practising solicitor for over 12 years.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company is to invest into a concentrated portfolio of between 20 to 50 Asian securities.

Review and results of operations

For the year ending 30 June 2021, the Company returned 23.43% (June 2020: 6.34%) net on a pre-tax basis and 17.00% (June 2020: 5.93%) on a post-tax basis, while the return of its benchmark MSCI AC Asia Ex-Japan Index (\$ AUD) was 25.75% (June 2020: 1.33%).

As at 30 June 2021, the Portfolio had approximately 48.50% equity exposure to China/ Hong Kong, 10.20% to India, 15.00% to Korea, 5.20% to ASEAN and 13.50% to Taiwan.

As at 30 June 2021, the Company's Net Tangible Assets was \$1.3595 per share before all taxes (compared to 30 June 2020 of \$1.1533 per share before all taxes) and \$1.2780 per share post all taxes (compared to 30 June 2020 of \$1.1379 per share post all taxes).

Directors' Report (continued)

The operating results of the Company for the years ended 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020 are:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	\$	\$
Net profit before income tax	34,969,170	7,784,685
Net profit after income tax	24,984,003	6,085,588

	As at	
	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	\$	\$
Net tangible assets per share (NTA)		
- before tax (i)*	1.3595	1.1533
Net tangible assets per share (NTA)		
- after realised tax (ii)	1.3114	1.1523
Net tangible assets per share (NTA)		
- after tax	1.2780	1.1379

The Net Tangible Assets as at 30 June 2021 is based on fully paid ordinary shares of 131,322,696 (30 June 2020: 132,001,369).

- (i) All figures are after the payment of dividends and taxes. During the year ended 30 June 2021, dividends of 0.05 and tax of 0.009 were paid.
- (ii) Net Tangible Assets after realised tax includes tax paid and a provision for tax on realised gains from the Company's Investment Portfolio. It excludes any tax on unrealised gains and deferred tax, which are represented in the Net Tangible Assets after tax line.

* The EAI return calculation for 1 year to 30 June 2021 is as follows: Closing NTA before all taxes 1.3595 + tax paid 0.009 + dividends (including return on investment) 0.0549 = 1.4234 less Opening NTA before all taxes 1.1533 = 23.43%.

On 11 September 2020, the Company announced a renewal of its on-market buy-back as part of its ongoing capital management program of up to 10% of its shares, commencing on 27 September 2020 and continuing until 26 September 2021 unless the maximum number of shares are bought back prior to this date or EAI decides to cease the buy-back. Since 1 July 2020, a total of 678,673 shares had been bought back. Please refer to Note 15 Issued Capital for further details.

Strategy and future outlook

The Company is predominantly invested in equities, with a focus upon the equities of Asian domiciled companies. The Company will continue to pursue its objective of generating superior returns for shareholders over time, with a focus on risk management and capital preservation.

The Company provides monthly updates and daily NTA estimate announcements, which can be found in the announcements section of the ASX website and in the Ellerston Asian Investments Limited section of the Ellerston Capital website, <https://ellerstoncapital.com/funds/asian-investments-fund/>

As markets continue to be subject to fluctuations, it is neither possible to accurately forecast the investment returns of the Company nor to provide a detailed outlook on the Company's future operations.

Please refer to the Investment manager's report on page 14 for a more detailed market outlook.

Directors' Report (continued)

Dividends

The directors have declared a fully franked dividend of 3 cents per fully paid ordinary share, which will be paid to shareholders on 5 October 2021 from the Company's dividend profit reserve account. The Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) was suspended and it will not operate for this dividend.

On 23 February 2021, the directors declared an interim dividend of 2.5 cents per fully paid ordinary share, fully franked at the 26.0% corporate tax rate. This dividend had a record date of 12 March 2021 and was paid to shareholders on 7 April 2021. The DRP was suspended and it did not operate for this interim dividend.

On 27 August 2020, the directors declared a fully franked dividend of 2.5 cents per fully paid ordinary shares of \$3,296,553, which was paid to the shareholders on 2 October 2020.

More details of dividend payments are provided under Note 3 on page 33 of the report.

Dividend Profit Reserve

The Company may transfer any current year or prior period accumulated profits not distributed as dividends to a Dividend Profit Reserve. Doing so facilitates the payment of future dividends, rather than maintaining these profits within retained earnings.

On 27 August 2020, the directors resolved to transfer approximately \$4,167,143 to the dividend profit reserve which equates to 3.2 cents per share.

The balance of the dividend profit reserve as of 30 June 2021 is \$4,614,947 (30 June 2020: \$7,040,373).

Significant changes in the state of affairs

In the opinion of the directors, other than what is noted in the 'Review and results of operations' and 'Strategy and future outlook', there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company that occurred during the year ended 30 June 2021.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

Other than the dividends declared as mentioned in the dividends section, no other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2021 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (i) the operations of the Company in future financial years, or
- (ii) the results of those operations in future financial years, or
- (iii) the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

Environmental regulation

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

Rounding of amounts to the nearest dollar

The Company is an entity of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the Directors' report. Amounts in the Directors' report have been rounded to the nearest dollar in accordance with that ASIC Corporations Instrument, unless otherwise indicated.

Directors' Report (continued)

Information on Directors

Bill Best

Bill has served as a Director of the Company since December 2018 and has been appointed as Chairman on 19 February 2020.

Bill brings more than 30 years of investment, advisory and capital markets experience. Bill is currently Chairman of Inala, an organisation supporting individuals with disabilities, Chairman of Liverpool Partners and acts as an advisor to On Market Bookbuilds. Bill is also a director of the Australian Chamber Orchestra. He was previously Chairman of LifeHealthcare Limited and Executive Director of Macquarie Bank.

Bill has LLB, B.Comm and M.Comm degrees.

As Chairman, he has overall responsibility for, and plays a key role in the Company's investment decisions. He is supported by a team of investment professionals, each of whom have significant skill and experience in different geographies, sectors and industries.

Sam Brougham

Sam Brougham has served as a Director of the Company since 23 July 2015.

Sam has over 35 years investment experience and is currently a Director of Ceres Capital, a private Melbourne-based investment firm he founded in 1999. Ceres Capital specialises in global equity investing.

In addition, Sam is involved in US real estate and other US and various Australian private equity investments.

Prior to Ceres Capital, Sam worked at Structured Asset Management, a successful hedge fund he co-founded in 1993 focusing predominantly on global equity markets.

From 1985 to 1993, Sam worked at JB Were and was a partner from 1988.

Sam spent his early career working for Price Waterhouse and received his economics degree from Adelaide University in South Australia.

Paul Dortkamp

Paul has been a Director of the Company since 25 June 2015.

Paul currently serves as the principal of Rivergum Investors, a consulting firm specialising in investment process and compliance.

Paul has a wide range of Board experience with extensive experience across the main asset classes. He is an external member of compliance committees for a wide range of registered schemes and responsible entities, having served on over 20 committees.

Prior to Rivergum Investors, Paul was Head of Asset Allocation and a Director of First State Fund Managers Limited (now Colonial First State Investments). He was Director of Trading & Funding at Security Pacific Gold from 1989 to 1990. Paul spent his early career working in the Securities Markets Department of the Reserve Bank of Australia.

Marian Carr

Marian has been a Director of the Company since 1 December 2020.

Marian has over 30 years' experience in the funds management industry. Marian is currently Director and Chairman of the Investment Committee of Total Risk Management Pty Ltd the Trustee of Russell Investments Master Trust. She was previously the Deputy Managing Director of MIR Investment Management Pty Limited specialising in managing Australian and Asian equity portfolios for institutional investors based in Australia and overseas. Marian Carr has a Master of Business (Fin) from the University of Technology Sydney and is a Fellow of FINSIA and a Member of the Australian Institute.

Directors' Report (continued)

Directors' Meetings

The number of Board meetings, including meetings of the Board Committee, held during the year ended 30 June 2021 and the number of meetings attended by each director is set out below:

NAME	BOARD MEETINGS		AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETINGS		NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
	HELD	ATTENDED	HELD	ATTENDED	HELD	ATTENDED
	WHILE A DIRECTOR		WHILE A DIRECTOR		WHILE A DIRECTOR	
Sam Brougham	6	5	2	2	1	-
Paul Dortkamp	6	6	2	1	1	1
Bill Best	6	6	2	1	1	1
Marian Carr	4	4	1	1	1	1

Directors' Interest

Directors' relevant interests in shares and options, as notified by the Directors to the Australian Securities Exchange in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, at the date of the report are set out below:

NAME	NUMBER OF ORDINARY SHARES
Sam Brougham	500,000
Paul Dortkamp	75,000
Bill Best	100,000
Marian Carr	25,000

Remuneration Report (Audited)

This remuneration report outlines the remuneration arrangements of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2021. It details the remuneration arrangements for key management personnel (KMP) who are defined as those persons and corporate entities having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling activities of the Company, directly or indirectly.

The table below lists the terms of KMPs of the Company, including the Directors and the Manager, during the year ended 30 June 2021. The remuneration report has been prepared and audited in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

NAME	POSITION	TERM AS KMP
Bill Best	Independent Non-Executive Director	14 December 2018–present
	Chairman	
	Independent Non-Executive Director	
Sam Brougham	Independent Non-Executive Director	23 July 2015–present
Paul Dortkamp	Independent Non-Executive Director	25 June 2015–present
	Independent Non-Executive Director	
Marian Carr	Independent Non-Executive Director	1 December 2020–present
Ellerston Capital Limited	Independent Manager	15 September 2015–present

Directors' Report (continued)

Remuneration of Directors and Chairman

The Independent Non-Executive Directors are remunerated by the Company. It is the policy of the Board to remunerate at market rates commensurate with the responsibilities borne by the Independent Non-Executive Directors. The remuneration of the Independent Non-Executive Directors is not linked to the performance or earnings of the Company.

Directors' fees

The Independent Non-Executive Directors' base remuneration is reviewed periodically. Base fees paid to each director have remained unchanged from the time of their appointment. The amount of base remuneration is not dependent on the satisfaction of a performance condition, or on the performance of the Company, the Company's share price, or dividends paid by the Company.

The directors have agreed that Bill Best (Chairman) will receive \$50,000 per annum (inclusive of superannuation), and that Sam Brougham, Paul Dortkamp and Marian Carr will each receive \$27,500 per annum (inclusive of superannuation) in fees, for acting as a Director of the Company.

Retirement benefits

The Company does not provide retirement benefits (other than superannuation) to the Independent Non-Executive Directors.

Other benefits (including termination) and incentives

The Company does not provide other benefits and incentives to the Independent Non-Executive Directors.

Remuneration of Ellerston Capital Limited

The Company has exclusively appointed Ellerston Capital Limited as the Manager to invest and manage all of the assets of the Company (including any controlled entity of the Company) for an initial term, which commenced on 15 September 2015, of 10 years pursuant to a successful application of waiver of ASX Listing Rule 15.16. After the end of the 'Term' (being the initial 10 years term or any renewed term), the Management Agreement will continue until terminated in accordance with the Management Agreement.

For the year ended 30 June 2021, the Manager was remunerated by the Company in accordance with the Management Agreement, and the Manager was entitled to:

- (i) a management fee of 0.95% (plus GST) per annum for the first AUD\$50 million of net asset value, 0.75% (plus GST) per annum on any amount by which the net asset value exceeds AUD\$50 million, calculated and accrued monthly and paid monthly in arrears; and
- (ii) a performance fee equal to 15% (plus GST) of the amount by which the investment portfolio's pre-tax return exceeds the return of the MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan Index (\$AUD), calculated and accrued monthly and paid annually in arrears.

Details of management and performance fees are provided on note 18 on page 51.

Directors' Report (continued)

Details of Remuneration

The Chairman and Independent Non-Executive Directors were remunerated by the Company with a base fee only (inclusive of superannuation and GST). The Non-Independent Executive Chairman received no remuneration by the Company. The total amount paid or payable to the Chairman and directors by the Company for the years ended 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020 is detailed below:

	BASE FEE (INCLUSIVE OF SUPERANNUATION AND GST) 30 June 2021 \$	BASE FEE (INCLUSIVE OF SUPERANNUATION AND GST) 30 June 2020 \$
Chairman and Independent Non-Executive Directors		
Sam Brougham	30,250	30,250
Paul Dortkamp	30,250	30,250
Bill Best	55,000	30,250
Marian Carr	17,646	N/A
Total KMP remunerated by the Company	133,146	90,750

The total amount paid or payable by the Company to the Chairman and Independent Non-Executive Directors and Executive Director for the year ended 30 June 2021 was \$133,146. Details of the total amount paid or payable by the Company to the Manager is outlined in Note 18.

Service Agreements

Remuneration and other terms of employment for the Independent Non-Executive Directors are formalised in service agreements with the Company.

Sam Brougham Independent Non-Executive Director and member of the Audit and Risk Committee, member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee

- Commenced on 23 July 2015
- No term of agreement has been set unless the Director is not re-elected by the shareholders of the Company
- Base fee, inclusive of superannuation, is \$27,500.

Paul Dortkamp Independent Non-Executive Director and member of the Audit and Risk Committee, member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee

- Commenced on 25 June 2015
- No term of agreement has been set unless the Director is not re-elected by the shareholders of the Company
- Base fee, inclusive of superannuation, is \$27,500.

Bill Best Independent Non-Executive Director and member of the Audit and Risk Committee, member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee

- Commenced on 14 December 2018
- No term of agreement has been set unless the Director is not re-elected by the shareholders of the Company
- Base fee, inclusive of superannuation, is \$50,000.

Marian Carr Independent Non-Executive Director and member of the Audit and Risk Committee, member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee

- Commenced on 01 December 2020

Directors' Report (continued)

Service Agreements (continued)

- No term of agreement has been set unless the Director is not re-elected by the shareholders of the Company
- Base fee, inclusive of superannuation, is \$27,500.

Options and Shareholdings

	BALANCE AS AT 30 JUNE 2020	ADDITIONS/ (DISPOSALS)	EXERCISED OPTIONS	BALANCE AS AT 30 JUNE 2021
Directors				
Sam Brougham				
• Ordinary shares	500,000	-	-	500,000
Paul Dortkamp				
• Ordinary shares	75,000	-	-	75,000
Bill Best				
• Ordinary shares	100,000	-	-	100,000
Marian Carr				
• Ordinary shares	-	25,000	-	25,000

	BALANCE AS AT 30 JUNE 2019	ADDITIONS/ (DISPOSALS)	EXERCISED OPTIONS	BALANCE AS AT 30 JUNE 2020
Directors				
Ashok Jacob*				
• Ordinary shares	1,826,666	-	-	1,826,666
Sam Brougham				
• Ordinary shares	500,000	-	-	500,000
Paul Dortkamp				
• Ordinary shares	75,000	-	-	75,000
Bill Best				
• Ordinary shares	100,000	-	-	100,000

*Ashok Jacob resigned as Executive Chairman on 19 February 2020.

End of audited Remuneration Report.

Indemnification and Insurance of Directors and Officers

The Directors and Officers of the Company are insured to the extent permitted by law for losses, liabilities, costs and charges in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of Directors and Officers of the Company, other than conduct involving a willful breach of duty in relation to the Company.

During the year ended 30 June 2021, the Manager on behalf of the Company paid insurance premiums to insure the Directors and Officers of the Company. The terms of the contract prohibit the disclosure of the premiums paid.

Indemnification of Auditors

To the extent permitted by law, the Company has agreed to indemnify its auditors, Ernst & Young, as part of the terms of its audit engagement agreement against claims by third parties arising from the audit (for an unspecified amount). No payment has been made to indemnify Ernst & Young during or since the financial year.

Directors' Report (continued)

Proceedings on Behalf of the Company

There are no proceedings that the directors have brought, or intervened in, on behalf of the Company.

Audit and Non-audit services

Details of the amounts paid or payable to Ernst & Young for audit and non-audit services provided during the period are set out in Note 19 to the financial statements on page 51 of this report.

The directors are satisfied that the provision of the non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the Corporations Act 2001. The nature and scope of each type of non-audit service provided means that auditor independence was not compromised.

Auditor's independence declaration

The auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is included on page 16.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Bill Best
Chairman

26 August 2021

INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

Ellerston Asian Investments (EAI) was launched in 2015 on the belief that Asia represents the best long term structural growth story in the world. Despite the ongoing impact of COVID on economies globally, the long term structural growth story for Asia remains intact due to demographics, rising middle class consumption, infrastructure build, capital market maturation, technological leapfrogging and innovation.

EAI is focused on providing investors access to this growth and we have constructed a high growth, high quality, large cap portfolio of Asian stocks to reflect these opportunities. The EAI portfolio is a concentrated portfolio of 20-50 stocks (currently 42). The strategy remains focused on large cap companies and the portfolio has an average market cap of over \$160 billion. The median earnings growth of the portfolio is approximately 16% with a median PE of 17x. This implies the price we are paying for growth in Asia (i.e. PEG ratio) is just over 1x.

Fund Performance

We are pleased to announce that EAI posted good absolute returns in FY21. The strategy was up 23.43% (net) during the year versus the benchmark return of 25.75%. The pre-tax NTA increased from \$1.1533 at 30 June 2020 to \$1.3595 as of 30 June 2021.

During the year, there were a number of factors, other than performance, that influenced the NTA. Firstly, the company paid tax, which reduced the fully diluted before tax NTA by approximately \$0.009. Secondly, during FY21 EAI paid a \$0.025 dividend in October 2020 and another \$0.025 interim dividend in April 2021. This represented an increase in the total annual dividend of \$0.02 over the previous year. As at the end of June 2021, EAI's dividend profit reserve was approximately 16.2 cents per share (includes FY21 profits).

Utilising capital management tools to narrow the discount to NTA is an option available to the EAI Board. On 11 September 2020, the Board announced a renewal of its on-market buy-back of up to 10% of EAI shares, commencing 27 September 2019 and continuing for twelve months. During the current financial year a total of 678,673 shares were bought back.

Portfolio Snapshot as at 30 June 2021

The EAI portfolio is positioned for balanced growth with a bias towards high quality Financials and Technology companies.

Specifically within Financials, we hold a number of banks that are beneficiaries of rising inflation and rates such as DBS, OCBC and Shinhan Financial. These banks are also likely to benefit from improved loan growth, stabilized net interest margins and potential tailwinds from write-back of provisions. This should pave the way for higher ROEs and dividend payouts.

Within the Technology space, we have significant positions in beneficiaries of the ongoing chip shortage situation such as TSMC and Samsung.

We also hold significant positions in Chinese internet and e-commerce companies such as Alibaba, Tencent and NetEase.

These stocks have been buffeted in recent months by regulatory and investment concerns, but we believe these risks are largely reflected in the share price. We remain positive on China's structural growth story and the internet and e-commerce companies provide the best leverage to this thematic.

In terms of country allocation, the portfolio is skewed towards North Asia as countries such as China/HK and Taiwan have been more successful in controlling COVID-19 second waves. Conversely, we are underweight India and have no allocation to ASEAN outside of Singapore because these countries face continued COVID-19 related risks.

Turning to the outlook for Asian stocks in FY22. We believe the path of equity markets in Asia in FY22 will be shaped by a number of factors such as: (1) how countries manage COVID-19 related risks; (2) the timing of US monetary policy tightening; (3) geopolitical tensions particularly between US and China; and (4) China domestic policy particularly around growth and regulations. The EAI portfolio has been constructed with these near term risks in mind whilst also providing exposure to attractive long term growth themes.

INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT (continued)

Portfolio performance in FY21 was good but the EAI stock price did not reflect these strong underlying returns. We therefore remain committed to reducing the discount to NTA and look forward continued engagement with EAI shareholders in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'FHh'.

Fredy Hoh

26 August 2021



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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Ellerston Asian Investments Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of Ellerston Asian Investments Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2021, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- b) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Ernst & Young

Rita Da Silva
Partner
26 August 2021

Corporate Governance Statement

Ellerston Asian Investments Limited ("the Company") is a listed investment company whose shares are traded on the Australian Securities Exchange ("ASX"). The Company has appointed Ellerston Capital Limited as its Investment Manager ("the Manager").

The Company's Directors and the Manager recognise the importance of good corporate governance. The Company's corporate governance framework, policies and practices are designed to ensure the effective management and operation of the Company. All of the Company's corporate governance policies and procedures are subject to regular review.

A summary of the Company's corporate governance policies is set out below with reference to the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations ("ASX Recommendations"). The Company has adopted the ASX Recommendations to the extent it has considered them to be relevant. Where the Company's corporate governance practices do not align with the ASX Recommendations, this corporate governance statement will disclose the basis for this departure.

Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

The responsibilities of the Board are set down in the Company's Board Charter. A copy of the Company's Board Charter is available at:

<https://ellerstoncapital.com/listed-investment-companies/ellerston-asian-investments/>

The role of the Board is to act in the best interests of the Company. The Board is responsible for the Company's overall direction, management and corporate governance.

The Company has no full time employees and has appointed Ellerston Capital Limited as its Manager. Investment, operational and company secretarial services are provided by the Manager pursuant to the terms of the Management Agreement. Under the Management Agreement, the Manager has discretion to make investments in accordance with the investment strategy subject to the following restrictions that require the written approval of the Board:

- Entering into or causing to be entered into a derivatives contract unless there are sufficient assets available to support the underlying liability;
- Delegation of any of the Manager's discretionary management powers except to a related body corporate of the Manager;
- Charging or encumbering any asset in the investment portfolio in any way (other than arises by lien in the ordinary course of business or statutory charge);
- Engaging in securities lending; and
- Borrowing any money or incur any liability by way of financial accommodation.

The Board has full discretion to approve or deny any proposal from the Manager.

ASX Recommendations 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 are not relevant given the Manager's appointment by the Company.

Principle 2: Structure the Board to add value

The skills, experience and expertise of the Board and term of office of each director who is in office as at the date of the Annual Report are included in the Directors' Report. Details of each directors background, date of appointment and attendance at Board meetings are set out in the Directors' Report.

The Company's constitution provides that there must be a minimum of three and a maximum of seven directors.

The Board has four Independent directors. Sam Brougham, Paul Dortkamp, Bill Best and Marian Carr are considered to be independent as they have no direct involvement in the management of the investment portfolio and are free of any business or other relationship which could materially interfere with or could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with the independent exercise of their judgment. The Board has departed from ASX Recommendation 2.2 on the basis of the breadth and depth of the Chairman's investment experience and the value that experience brings to shareholders.

Corporate Governance Statement (continued)

Principle 2: Structure the Board to add value (continued)

The Board has adopted a Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter. The Charter is available at:

<https://ellerstoncapital.com/listed-investment-companies/ellerston-asian-investments/>

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee Policy has been adopted by the Board. The Policy establishes a Committee to advise and support the Board with respect to its remuneration and nomination obligations. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee met in June 2021.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee will assess:

- the role and composition of the Board, its processes and Board committees;
- the performance of the Board, the Chairman and Non-Executive Directors;
- whether there is sufficient succession planning in place and any further considerations required by the Board; and
- the Board's performance against its corporate governance processes.

The Board has resolved that any committee it establishes will be entitled to obtain independent professional or other advice at the cost of the Company.

Board skills matrix

The table sets out the key skills and experience of the directors and the extent to which they are represented on the Board and its committee. Each director has the following skills:

- understanding shareholder value
- sufficient time to undertake the role appropriately
- honesty and integrity

Board Skills:

BOARD SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE	BOARD	AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE	NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE
Total Directors	4 Directors	4 Directors	4 Directors
Executive leadership	4 Directors	4 Directors	4 Directors
Governance	4 Directors	4 Directors	4 Directors
Strategy	4 Directors	4 Directors	4 Directors
Risk	4 Directors	4 Directors	4 Directors
Financial acumen	4 Directors	4 Directors	4 Directors
Remuneration/Human Resources	4 Directors	4 Directors	4 Directors
Public policy/Regulation	4 Directors	4 Directors	4 Directors

New Director induction

New Directors will be expected to understand the Company's business and its policies and procedures. Directors are expected to maintain the skills and knowledge required to discharge their obligations. New Directors will be inducted on a case to case basis taking into account their individual background and expertise.

Corporate Governance Statement (continued)

Principle 3: Promote ethical and responsible decision making

Code of Conduct for Directors

The Company has a Code of Conduct for Directors (the "Code"). The Code can be found at:

<https://ellerstoncapital.com/listed-investment-companies/ellerston-asian-investments/>

The Code's purpose is to:

- articulate the high standards of honesty, integrity, ethical and law abiding behavior expected of directors;
- encourage the observance of those standards to protect and promote the interests of shareholders and other stakeholders (including employees, customers, suppliers and creditors);
- guide directors as to the practices thought necessary to maintain confidence in the Company's integrity; and
- set out the responsibility and accountability of directors to report and investigate any reported violations of this code or unethical or unlawful behavior.

Securities Trading Policy

The Company has a Securities Trading Policy that sets out the circumstances in which the Company's Directors and key management personnel of the Company and their associates may trade in the Company's securities.

The Policy imposes restrictions and notification requirements surrounding trading of Company Securities such as blackout periods, trading windows and the need to obtain pre-trade approval. A copy of the Company's Securities Trading Policy has been lodged with the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and is available on the Company's website.

Diversity

The Company has not established a Diversity Policy or set measurable objectives for gender diversity as per ASX Recommendations 3.2 and 3.3. Given that all services are provided by the Manager, the Board considers that adopting a diversity policy is not warranted, but will review these recommendations on an ongoing basis.

Principle 4: Safeguard integrity in financial reporting

The Company has established an Audit and Risk Committee comprised of the following:

- Paul Dortkamp;
- Sam Brougham;
- Bill Best; and
- Marian Carr.

Details of each committee member's background and attendance at Audit and Risk Committee meetings are set out in the Directors' Report.

The Chairman of the Committee is an Independent Non-Executive Director and is not the Chairman of the Board. The committee consists of three Independent Non-Executive Directors and two representatives from the Manager attending by invitation subject to exclusion by the Committee where a conflict of interest exists.

Objectives and responsibilities of the Committee

The objective of the Committee is to assist the Board to discharge its responsibilities in relation to:

- Effective management of financial and operational risks;
- Compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Accurate management and financial reporting;

Corporate Governance Statement (continued)

Objectives and responsibilities of the Committee (continued)

- Maintenance of an effective and efficient audit; and
- High standards of business ethics and corporate governance.

These objectives are set out in the Committee's Charter, which is available on the Company's website:

The Committee will endeavor to:

- Maintain and improve the quality, credibility and objectivity of the financial accountability process;
- Promote a culture of compliance within the Company;
- Ensure effective communication between the Board, the Manager and other service providers and agents;
- Ensure effective audit functions and communications between the Board and the Company's auditor;
- Ensure that compliance strategies are effective; and
- Ensure that directors are provided with financial and non-financial information that is of high quality and relevant to the judgments to be made by them.

The Committee will meet regularly throughout the year with the Chairman providing regular reporting to the Board.

Independent external audit

The Company's independent external auditor is Ernst & Young. The Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board the appointment and removal of the external auditor. The independence and effectiveness of the external auditor is reviewed regularly. The Committee is also responsible for ensuring that the external audit engagement partners are rotated in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements and otherwise after a maximum of five years' service.

The external auditors attend the committees' meetings when the Company's half year and full year Financial Statements are being considered. The external auditors also attend other meetings where relevant items are on the Committee's agenda.

The Company's external auditors attend the Company's Annual General Meeting and are available to answer questions from shareholders in relation to the conduct of the audit, the Audit Report, the accounting policies adopted by the Company in preparing the Financial Statements and the independence of the auditors.

Finance Director Declaration

The Finance Director of the Manager for the Company will make certifications to the Board for each half year to the effect that:

- the financial records of the Company for the financial year have been properly maintained;
- the Company's Financial Statements and notes applicable thereto give a true and fair view of its financial position and performance and comply with the requirements of the Accounting Standards, Corporations Act and Corporations Regulations;
- the integrity of the Company's financial statements is founded on a sound system of risk management and internal compliance and control which, in all material aspects, implements the policies adopted by the Board; and
- the risk management and internal compliance and control system is operating efficiently and effectively in all material respects.

Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure

The Company has adopted a Continuous Disclosure Policy that is designed to ensure that the Company:

- Complies with its continuous disclosure obligations under the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ASX Listing Rules;

Corporate Governance Statement (continued)

Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure (continued)

- Provide shareholders and the market with timely, direct and equal access to information issued by it;
- Identifies information that is not generally available and which may have a material effect on the price or value of the Company's securities and is appropriately considered by the directors for disclosure to the market.

The Continuous Disclosure Policy is available from the Company's website and sets out procedures as to the release of announcements to the market. Following the release of any announcement to the ASX, all announcements will be made available on the Company's website.

Principle 6: Respect the rights of Shareholders

Shareholders in the Company are entitled to vote on significant matters impacting the business.

The Company has adopted a Shareholders Communication Policy and is committed to regularly communicating with its shareholders in a timely, accessible and clear manner with respect to both the procedural and major issues affecting Company. The Company seeks to recognise numerous modes of communication including electronic communication. All shareholders are invited to attend the Company's Annual General Meeting, either in person or by representative. The Board encourages all shareholders to attend and participate in the Company's annual meeting of shareholders. Shareholders have an opportunity to submit questions to the Board and to the Company's auditors. The external auditor is required to attend the Annual General Meeting and be available to answer questions.

Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk

The Board, through the Audit and Risk Committee, is responsible for ensuring:

- the oversight and management of material business risks to the Company;
- the review of reports provided by the Manager and other services providers and agents appointed by the Company;
- that effective systems are in place to identify, assess, monitor and manage the risks of the Company and to identify material changes to the Company's risk profile; and
- the monitoring of compliance with laws and regulations applicable to the Company.

Risks assessed include:

- implementing strategies (strategic risk);
- outsourced services and operations or external events (operational and investment risk);
- legal and regulatory compliance (legal risk);
- changes in community expectation of corporate behaviour (reputation risk);
- being unable to fund operations or convert assets into cash (liquidity risk); and
- contingency plans in the event of incapacity of the Executive Director/Portfolio Manager (personnel risk).

The Company has implemented risk management and compliance frameworks. These frameworks ensure that:

- an effective control environment is maintained;
- accountability and delegations of authority are clearly identified;
- risk profiles are in place and regularly reviewed and updated;
- timely and accurate reporting is provided to the Board and its respective Committees; and
- compliance with the law, contractual obligations and internal policies (including the Corporate Code of Conduct) is communicated and demonstrated.

Corporate Governance Statement (continued)

Assurance

In respect of the year ended 30 June 2021 the Chairman for the Company has made the following certifications to the Board:

- (i) the Company's Financial Statements and notes applicable thereto represent a true and fair view of its financial position and performance and comply with the requirements of the Accounting Standards, Corporations Act and Corporations Regulations; and
- (ii) the risk management and internal compliance and control systems are sound, appropriate, operating efficiently and effectively managing the Company's material business risks.

Principle 8: Encourage enhanced performance

Although the Company has a Board, it has no remunerated employees. The Manager performs the key management roles of the Company. The Board will ensure that it performs the functions recommended in the ASX Corporate Governance Principles (to the extent that these functions are relevant to the Company's business) through the Nomination and Remuneration Committee. As the Company has no remunerated employees, the Company will monitor performance pursuant to the Management Agreement and will address performance annually and as required. A review was conducted in 2021. The Company will provide disclosure of its Directors' remuneration in its Annual Report. The aggregate Directors' remuneration is capped at \$500,000 per annum in accordance with the Company's Constitution.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

		Year ended	
		30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	Notes	\$	\$
Investment income			
Interest income from financial assets measured at amortised cost		4,848	39,139
Dividend income		2,329,036	3,018,873
Net foreign exchange gains		561,874	1,296,309
Net changes in fair value of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		36,649,351	8,200,104
Other income		235,624	4,895
Total net investment income		39,780,733	12,559,320
Expenses			
Directors fees	20	90,750	90,750
Management and performance fees	18	1,414,193	1,887,199
Custody and administration fees		135,300	131,340
Audit and tax fees	19	54,835	61,709
Registry fees		51,250	51,250
Transaction costs		1,725,203	1,786,798
Withholding taxes		1,169,347	609,231
ASX fees		61,583	64,321
Other expenses		109,102	92,037
Total operating expenses		4,811,563	4,774,635
Net profit before income tax		34,969,170	7,784,685
Income tax expense	14	(9,985,167)	(1,699,097)
Net profit after income tax		24,984,003	6,085,588
Other comprehensive income/(loss)		-	-
Total comprehensive income		24,984,003	6,085,588
Basic and diluted earnings per share (cents)	16	18.95	4.43

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

Statement of Financial Position

		As at	
	Notes	30 June 2021 \$	30 June 2020 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	12	16,185,812	25,232,232
Receivables		393,118	499,104
Due from brokers		6,990,471	6,016,738
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	159,787,374	121,726,167
Total current assets		183,356,775	153,474,241
Total assets		183,356,775	153,474,241
Current liabilities			
Payables		209,420	140,648
Management and performance fees payable	18	115,939	680,631
Due to brokers		4,492,884	143,453
Current tax liability		6,319,787	123,088
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	9	8,319	275,348
Total current liabilities		11,146,349	1,363,168
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liability	14	4,377,463	1,903,649
Total non-current liabilities		4,377,463	1,903,649
Total liabilities		15,523,812	3,266,817
Net assets		167,832,963	150,207,424
Equity			
Issued capital	15	130,395,264	131,161,159
Retained earnings		32,822,752	12,005,892
Dividend profit reserve	11	4,614,947	7,040,373
Total equity		167,832,963	150,207,424

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

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Notes	Issued capital \$	Retained earnings/ (losses) \$	Dividend profit reserve \$	Total \$
Balance as at 1 July 2020		131,161,159	12,005,892	7,040,373	150,207,424
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	24,984,003	-	24,984,003
Shares bought back	15	(765,895)	-	-	(765,895)
Transfer to dividend profit reserve account	11	-	(4,167,143)	4,167,143	-
Total dividends paid	11	-	-	(6,592,569)	(6,592,569)
Balance as at 30 June 2021		<u>130,395,264</u>	<u>32,822,752</u>	<u>4,614,947</u>	<u>167,832,963</u>
 Balance as at 1 July 2019		 143,201,805	 5,920,304	 11,177,902	 160,300,011
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	6,085,588	-	6,085,588
Shares bought back	15	(12,040,646)	-	-	(12,040,646)
Total dividends paid	11	-	-	(4,137,529)	(4,137,529)
Balance as at 30 June 2020		<u>131,161,159</u>	<u>12,005,892</u>	<u>7,040,373</u>	<u>150,207,424</u>

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

Statement of Cash Flows

		Year ended	
		30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	Notes	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		(297,414,424)	(276,387,621)
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		300,231,868	300,627,561
Amounts transferred (to)/from brokers as collateral		(583,488)	1,143,372
Dividends received		1,434,501	2,449,090
Interest received		4,848	99,438
Other income received		66,798	18,103
Income tax paid		(1,314,654)	(1,144,200)
Management and performance fees paid		(1,408,978)	(1,322,837)
Custody and administration fees paid		(105,300)	(134,809)
Transaction costs paid		(1,725,203)	(1,786,798)
Other expenses paid		(923,640)	(429,758)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	13	<u>(1,737,672)</u>	<u>23,131,541</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends paid		(6,592,569)	(4,137,529)
Shares bought back		(740,910)	(11,928,833)
Net cash (outflow) from financing activities		<u>(7,333,479)</u>	<u>(16,066,362)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(9,071,151)	7,065,179
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		25,232,232	18,145,096
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		<u>24,731</u>	<u>21,957</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	12	<u>16,185,812</u>	<u>25,232,232</u>

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

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1 General information

This financial report is for Ellerston Asian Investments Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The Company was incorporated and registered on 25 June 2015 and commenced trading on the Australian Stock Exchange ("ASX") on 15 September 2015.

The Company is a for-profit entity limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its shares (ASX code: EAI) are publicly traded on the ASX.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the directors on 26 August 2021. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial report.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

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

(a) Basis of preparation

This report is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and other mandatory professional reporting requirements. The financial report has been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, that have been measured at fair value. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars, unless otherwise noted. This financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis.

Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards

The financial report complies with the Australian Accounting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

(b) Financial instruments

i) Recognition/derecognition

The Company recognises financial assets and financial liabilities on the date it becomes party to the contractual agreement (trade date) and recognises changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities from this date. Financial assets are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Company has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

ii) Classification

The Company classifies its financial assets and financial liabilities at initial recognition into the categories of financial assets and financial liabilities discussed below.

Financial assets

The Company classifies its financial assets as subsequently measured at amortised cost or measured at fair value through profit or loss on the basis of both:

- The entity's business model for managing the financial assets
- The contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset

Financial assets measured at amortised cost

A debt instrument is measured at amortised cost if it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. The Company includes in this category short-term non-financing receivables.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL)

A financial asset is measured at fair value through profit or loss if:

- Its contractual terms do not give rise to cash flows on specified dates that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding;
- It is not held within a business model whose objective is either to collect contractual cash flows, or to both collect contractual cash flows and sell; or
- At initial recognition, it is irrevocably designated as measured at FVPL when doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases.

The equity securities are mandatorily classified as fair value through profit or loss.

In applying that classification, a financial asset or financial liability is considered to be held for trading if it is:

- acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term;
- on initial recognition, it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which, there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative (except for a derivative that is a financial guarantee contract or a designated and effective hedging instrument).

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost

This category includes all financial liabilities, other than those measured at fair value through profit or loss. The Company includes in this category short-term payables.

Financial liabilities measured at FVPL

A financial liability is measured at FVPL if it meets the definition of held for trading. Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss. Financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are incurred for the purpose of repurchasing in the near term. This category also includes derivative financial instruments entered into by the Company that are not designated as hedging instruments in hedge relationships as defined. The Company includes in this category derivative contracts in a liability position.

The derivatives are mandatorily classified as fair value through profit or loss.

iii) Measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in the Statement of financial position initially at fair value. All transaction costs for such instruments are recognised directly in the Statement of comprehensive income. Financial assets and liabilities, other than those classified as FVPL, are initially measured at fair value adjusted by transaction costs and subsequently measured using the effective interest rate method less impairment losses for financial assets, if any.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss' category are presented in the Statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial instruments (continued)

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is subsequently based on their quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. The quoted market price used for financial assets and liabilities held by the Company is the last traded price.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using valuation techniques. The Company uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date. Valuation techniques used include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs. Further details on how the fair values of financial instruments are determined are disclosed in note 7.

iv) Impairment of Financial assets

The Company holds only cash and cash equivalents, receivables and due from brokers with no financing component and which have maturities of less than 12 months at amortised cost and, as such, has chosen to apply the simplified approach for expected credit losses (ECL) under AASB 9. Therefore, the Company does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date.

(c) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are classified as liabilities in the Statement of financial position.

(e) Due from/to brokers

Due from/to brokers represents amounts receivable and payable for securities transactions that have not yet settled at the year end and outstanding overdrafts when applicable. Due from broker also includes collateral against open derivative positions. The due from brokers balance is held for collection and consequently measured at amortised cost.

(f) Investment income

Dividend income is recognised on the ex-dividend date with any related foreign withholding tax recorded as an expense.

Distribution income is recognised on a present entitlement basis.

Interest income is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for all financial instruments not at fair value through profit or loss using the effective interest method.

Other income is brought to account on an accruals basis.

Net changes in fair value of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised as income and are determined as the difference between the fair value at the balance date or consideration received (if sold during the financial year) and the fair value as at the prior balance date or initial fair value (if acquired during the financial year). This includes both realised and unrealised gains and losses, but does not include interest or dividend income.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(g) Expenses

Company expenses are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income on an accrual basis.

(h) Income tax

Under current legislation, the Company is subject to income tax at 30% on taxable income.

The Company may incur withholding tax imposed by certain countries on investment income. Such income is recorded gross of withholding taxes in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Withholding taxes are included in the statement of comprehensive income within operating expenses. Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax.

Income tax expense is recognised in the net profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity. Current tax is expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at reporting date and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and amounts used for taxation purposes.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted.

A deferred tax asset is recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which temporary differences can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

A deferred tax liability is recognised when there is a taxable temporary difference between the tax base of an asset or liability and its corresponding carrying amount in the Statement of financial position. This arises when the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its tax base.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax balances relate to the same taxation authority. Current tax assets and liabilities are offset where the entity has a legally enforceable right to offset and intend either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Additional income taxes that arise from the distribution of dividends are recognised at the same time as the liability to pay the related dividend is recognised.

(i) Foreign currency translation

(i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the Company's financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (the "functional currency"). The Australian dollar is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

(ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translations at period end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income as 'Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)'.

Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value is determined. The gain or loss arising on translation of non-monetary items measured at fair value is treated in line with the recognition of the gain or loss on the change in fair value of the item (i.e., translation differences on items whose fair value gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss are also presented under 'Net changes in fair value of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss').

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(j) Goods and services tax (GST)

The Company is registered for GST. The issue or redemption of shares in the Company and, where applicable, the receipt of any distributions will not be subject to GST. The Company may be required to pay GST on management and other fees, charges, costs and expenses incurred by the Company. However, the Company may be entitled to input tax credits and reduced input tax credits in respect of the GST incurred.

Revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the Statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

(k) Earnings per share

Details of the Company's basic and diluted earnings per share calculation are provided on note 17.

(l) Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

(m) Receivables

Receivables are recognised when a right to receive a payment is established. Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recognised as receivables. Given the short-term nature of most receivables, their nominal amounts approximate their fair value.

(n) Payables

Payables and trade creditors are recognised when the Company becomes liable. Payables are measured at their nominal amounts. Amounts are generally paid within 30 days of being recognised as payables. Given the short-term nature of most payables, their nominal amounts approximate their fair value.

(o) Dividends

Dividends are recognised as a liability in the year which they are declared.

(p) Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the Company's internal reporting provided to the Directors.

(q) Rounding of amounts

The Company is an entity of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the financial statements. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar in accordance with that ASIC Corporations Instrument, unless otherwise indicated.

(r) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that may have a financial impact on the Company and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, but which are inherently uncertain and unpredictable, the result of which forms the basis of the carrying

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(r) Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

values of assets and liabilities. As such, actual results could differ from those estimates. The Company's significant accounting estimates and judgements include fair value measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities that are not traded in an active market. Details on the determination of fair value are provided on note 7(ii).

(s) New standards effective and adopted

The standards adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the Company's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020, and there are no new standards effected and adopted as at 1 July 2020.

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

There are no standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2021 that have a material impact on the Company.

3 Dividends

Dividends are recognised during the year when declared.

	Year ended			
	30 June 2021		30 June 2020	
	CPS	\$	CPS	\$
Paid - 7 April 2021 (2020: 27 March 2020)				
Fully franked at 26.0% tax rate (2020: 27.5%)	2.50	3,296,016	1.50	2,011,029
Paid - 2 October 2020 (2020: 4 October 2019)				
Fully franked at 26.0% tax rate (2020: 27.5%)	2.50	3,296,553	1.50	2,126,500
Amount of cash dividends paid		6,592,569		4,137,529

Dividend profit reserve

To the extent that any current year profits or prior year accumulated profits are not distributed as dividends, the Company may set aside some or all of the undistributed profits to a separate dividend profit reserve, to facilitate the payment of future dividends, rather than maintaining these profits within retained earnings. For further information refer to note 11.

4 Segment information

A business segment is identified for a group of assets and operations engaged in providing products or services that are subject to risks and returns that are different to those of other business segments. A geographical segment is identified when products or services are provided within a particular economic environment subject to risks and returns that are different from those of segments operating in other economic environments.

The Company operates in one business segment being equity investment, and in one geographic segment, Australia, however the Company has foreign exposures as it invests in companies which operate internationally.

5 Capital and financial risk management

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

5 Capital and financial risk management (continued)

The Company's overall risk management programme focuses on ensuring compliance with the Company's investment strategy and seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Company is exposed. The Company may use derivative financial instruments to alter certain risk exposures.

Financial risk management is carried out by the Manager under a Management Agreement approved by the Board of Directors.

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

(a) Market risk

(i) Price risk

The Company is exposed to price risk on equity securities listed or quoted on recognised securities exchanges and equity linked derivatives. Price risk arises from investments held by the Company for which prices in the future are uncertain. Where non-monetary financial instruments are denominated in currencies other than the Australian dollar, the price in the future will also fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates which are considered a component of price risk.

The Company manages the price risk through ensuring that all investment activities are undertaken in accordance with the Company's investment strategy.

The table at note 5(b) summarises the sensitivity of the Company's assets and liabilities to price risk. The analysis is based on the assumption that the markets in which the Company invests move by +/- 10% (2020: +/- 10%).

(ii) Foreign exchange risk

The Company invests internationally and holds both monetary and non-monetary assets denominated in currencies other than the Australian dollar. Foreign exchange risk arises as the value of monetary securities denominated in other currencies fluctuates due to changes in exchange rates.

The Company's policy is to limit its currency exposure on both monetary and non-monetary financial instruments to the Investment guidelines as established in its Prospectus. Forward currency contracts have been primarily used to hedge against foreign currency risks on its non-Australian dollar denominated investments. For accounting purposes, the Company does not designate any derivatives as hedges in a hedging relationship, and hence these derivative financial instruments are classified as at fair value through profit or loss.

5 Capital and financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(ii) Foreign exchange risk (continued)

The table below summarises the fair value of the Company's financial assets and liabilities, monetary and non-monetary, which are denominated in a currency other than the Australian dollar.

30 June 2021	HKD \$	INR \$	KRW \$	TWD \$	All other foreign currencies \$	Total \$
Monetary and Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities						
Monetary Assets and Liabilities						
Cash and cash equivalents	892	323,557	-	-	72,701	397,150
Receivables	-	14,880	-	50,063	297,067	362,010
Due from brokers	1,852,849	-	-	-	-	1,852,849
Payables	-	-	-	-	3,894	3,894
Due to brokers	-	(1,698,398)	-	-	(2,794,486)	(4,492,884)
Total Monetary Assets and Liabilities	1,853,741	(1,359,961)	-	50,063	(2,420,824)	(1,876,981)
Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities						
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	64,573,021	18,296,653	26,828,807	24,031,512	26,057,381	159,787,374
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	(7,985)	-	-	-	(334)	(8,319)
Total Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities	64,565,036	18,296,653	26,828,807	24,031,512	26,057,047	159,779,055
Gross value of foreign exchange forward contracts	9,304,319	-	-	-	2,460,575	11,764,894
Net Exposure to Foreign Currency on Monetary and Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities	75,723,096	16,936,692	26,828,807	24,081,575	26,096,798	169,666,968

5 Capital and financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(ii) Foreign exchange risk (continued)

30 June 2020	HKD \$	INR \$	KRW \$	USD \$	All other foreign currencies \$	Total \$
Monetary and Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities						
Monetary Assets and Liabilities						
Cash and cash equivalents	12,494	4,691	-	4,775,864	-	4,793,049
Receivables	188,640	24,217	-	-	126,840	339,697
Due from brokers	-	1,462,596	-	-	-	1,462,596
Payables	-	-	-	3,894	-	3,894
Total Monetary Assets and Liabilities	<u>201,134</u>	<u>1,491,504</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,779,758</u>	<u>126,840</u>	<u>6,599,236</u>
Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities						
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	49,106,309	14,027,465	20,741,852	16,020,596	21,829,945	121,726,167
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	(65,261)	-	(210,087)	(275,348)
Total Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities	<u>49,106,309</u>	<u>14,027,465</u>	<u>20,676,591</u>	<u>16,020,596</u>	<u>21,619,858</u>	<u>121,450,819</u>
Gross value of foreign exchange forward contracts	-	-	65,261	-	6,457,651	6,522,912
Net Exposure to Foreign Currency on Monetary and Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities	<u>49,307,443</u>	<u>15,518,969</u>	<u>20,741,852</u>	<u>20,800,354</u>	<u>28,204,349</u>	<u>134,572,967</u>

Monetary assets as at 30 June 2021 were comprised only of cash and cash equivalents, due from brokers and receivables. There were payables as monetary liabilities as at 30 June 2021.

The table at note 5(b) summarises the sensitivity of the Company's monetary and non-monetary assets and liabilities to foreign exchange risk. The analysis is based on the assumption that the Australian dollar weakened/strengthened by 10% (2020: 10%) against the foreign currencies to which the Company is significantly exposed.

(iii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The majority of the Company's financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing except for cash and cash equivalents. Hence the impact of interest rate risk on profit is not considered to be material to the Company.

5 Capital and financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(iii) Interest rate risk (continued)

30 June 2021	Floating Interest rate \$	Non-interest bearing \$	Total \$
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	16,185,812	-	16,185,812
Receivables	-	393,118	393,118
Due from brokers	5,137,630	1,852,841	6,990,471
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	159,787,374	159,787,374
Liabilities			
Due to brokers	-	(4,492,884)	(4,492,884)
Payables	-	(209,420)	(209,420)
Management and performance fee payable	-	(115,939)	(115,939)
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	(8,319)	(8,319)
Net exposure	<u>21,323,442</u>	<u>157,206,771</u>	<u>178,530,213</u>

30 June 2020	Floating Interest rate \$	Non-interest bearing \$	Total \$
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	25,232,232	-	25,232,232
Receivables	-	499,104	499,104
Due from brokers	4,554,142	1,462,596	6,016,738
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	121,726,167	121,726,167
Liabilities			
Due to brokers	-	(143,453)	(143,453)
Payables	-	(140,648)	(140,648)
Management and performance fee payable	-	(680,631)	(680,631)
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	(275,348)	(275,348)
Net exposure	<u>29,786,374</u>	<u>122,447,787</u>	<u>152,234,161</u>

The table at note 5(b) summarises the sensitivity of the Company's assets and liabilities to interest rate risk. The analysis is based on the assumption that the markets in which the Company invests move by +/- 1% (2020: +/- 1%).

(b) Summarised sensitivity analysis

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Company's operating profit and net assets attributable to shareholders subjected to price risk, interest rate risk and foreign exchange risks. The reasonably possible movements in the risk variables have been determined based on management's best estimate, having regard to a number of factors, including historical levels of changes in foreign exchange rates and the historical correlation of the Company's investments with relevant benchmark and market volatility. However, actual movements in the risk variables may be greater or less than anticipated due to a number of factors, including unusually large market movements resulting from changes in the

5 Capital and financial risk management (continued)

(b) Summarised sensitivity analysis (continued)

performance of and/or correlation between the performances of the economies, markets and securities in which the Company invests. As a result, historic variations in risk variables should not be used to predict future variances in the risk variables.

		Price risk				Interest rate risk	
		Impact on operating profit/Equity before income tax					
		-10%	+10%			-1%	+1%
		\$	\$			\$	\$
30 June 2021		(16,335,421)	16,335,421			(213,234)	213,234
30 June 2020		(13,917,824)	13,917,824			(297,864)	297,864
		Foreign exchange risk					
		Impact on operating profit/Equity before income tax					
		-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%
		HKD	HKD	INR	INR	KRW	KRW
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
30 June 2021		(7,572,310)	7,572,310	(1,693,669)	1,693,669	(2,682,881)	2,682,881
30 June 2020		(4,930,744)	4,930,744	(1,551,897)	1,551,897	(2,074,185)	2,074,185

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay its contractual obligations in full when they fall due, causing a financial loss to the Company.

The Company does not have a significant concentration of credit risk that arises from an exposure to a single counterparty or group of counterparties having similar characteristics. The main concentration of credit risk, to which the Company is exposed, arises from cash and cash equivalents and amounts due from brokers. None of these assets are impaired nor past their due date. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount disclosed in the Statement of financial position.

Trading with recognised and creditworthy third parties only is a way that the Company manages credit risk. The Company does not consider counterparty risk to be significant, as the Company only trades with recognised and creditworthy third parties. The Standard and Poor's long term foreign issuer credit rating of the Company's counterparties as at 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020 are:

- A for State Street Corporation (2020: A);
- AA- for Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd (2020: AA-);
- A for Morgan Stanley & Co International PLC (2020: A+); and
- AA- for National Australia Bank Ltd (2020: AA-).

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle its obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous.

The Investment Manager monitors the Company's cash-flow requirements daily taking into account upcoming income, expenses and investment activities. The assets of the Company are largely in the form of listed securities which are considered readily convertible to cash.

5 Capital and financial risk management (continued)

(d) Liquidity risk (continued)

(i) Maturities of non-derivative financial liabilities

The table below analyses the Company's non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at reporting date to the contractual maturity date.

	Less than 1 month \$	1-6 months \$	6-12 months \$	Over 12 months \$	Non- stated maturity \$	Total \$
At 30 June 2021						
Payables	200,829	8,591	-	-	-	209,420
Management and performance fees payable	115,939	-	-	-	-	115,939
Due to brokers	4,492,884	-	-	-	-	4,492,884
Contractual cash flows (excluding derivatives)	4,809,652	8,591	-	-	-	4,818,243

	Less than 1 month \$	1-6 months \$	6-12 months \$	Over 12 months \$	Non- stated maturity \$	Total \$
At 30 June 2020						
Payables	96,859	43,789	-	-	-	140,648
Management and performance fees payable	680,631	-	-	-	-	680,631
Due to brokers	143,453	-	-	-	-	143,453
Contractual cash flows (excluding derivatives)	920,943	43,789	-	-	-	964,732

(ii) Maturities of net settled derivative financial instruments

The table below analyses the Company's net settled derivative financial instruments based on their contractual maturity. The Company may, at its discretion, settle financial instruments prior to their original contractual settlement date, in accordance with its investment strategy, where permitted by the terms and conditions of the relevant instruments.

	Less than 1 month \$	1-6 months \$	6-12 months \$	Over 12 months \$	Non- stated maturity \$	Total \$
30 June 2021						
Forward currency contracts	(334)	(7,985)	-	-	-	(8,319)
Equity derivatives	-	-	-	-	1,566,347	1,566,347
Total	(334)	(7,985)	-	-	1,566,347	1,558,028

5 Capital and financial risk management (continued)

(d) Liquidity risk (continued)

(ii) Maturities of net settled derivative financial instruments (continued)

	Less than 1 month \$	1-6 months \$	6-12 months \$	Over 12 months \$	Non- stated maturity \$	Total \$
30 June 2020						
Forward currency contracts	-	(205,863)	-	-	-	(205,863)
Equity derivatives	-	-	-	-	(69,485)	(69,485)
Total	-	(205,863)	-	-	(69,485)	(275,348)

(e) Capital management

The Company's objective in managing capital and investment is to maximise compound after-tax returns for shareholders over time by investing in an investment portfolio of global equity securities using the Manager's distinctively contrarian high conviction, benchmark independent investment approach. The strategy is to acquire a portfolio of stocks which the Manager believes are in a period of price discovery and offer an attractive risk/reward profile.

The Company recognises that its capital position and market price will fluctuate in accordance with market conditions and, in order to adjust the capital structure, it may vary the amount of dividends paid, issue new shares or options from time to time, or buy back its own shares.

A breakdown of the Company's equity and changes in equity during the current year is provided in note 15.

6 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The gross and net positions of financial assets and liabilities that have been offset in the Statement of financial position are disclosed in the first three columns of the tables below.

Financial assets	Effects of offsetting on the Statement of financial position			Related amounts not offset		
	Gross amount of financial assets	Gross amounts set off in the Statement of financial position	Net amount of financial assets presented in the Statement of financial position	Amounts subject to master netting arrangements	Collateral pledged/received	Net Amount
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
30 June 2021						
Derivative financial instruments (i)	1,567,493	-	1,567,493	-	-	1,567,493
Total	1,567,493	-	1,567,493	-	-	1,567,493

6 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Financial assets	Effects of offsetting on the Statement of financial position			Related amounts not offset		
	Gross amount of financial assets	Gross amounts set off in the Statement of financial position	Net amount of financial assets presented in the Statement of financial position	Amounts subject to master netting arrangements	Collateral pledged/received	Net Amount
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
30 June 2020						
Derivative financial instruments (i)	721,775	-	721,775	(69,485)	-	652,290
Total	721,775	-	721,775	(69,485)	-	652,290
Financial liabilities	Effects of offsetting on the Statement of financial position			Related amounts not offset		
	Gross amount of financial liabilities	Gross amounts set off in the Statement of financial position	Net amount of financial liabilities presented in the Statement of financial position	Amounts subject to master netting arrangements	Collateral pledged/received	Net Amount
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
30 June 2021						
Derivative financial instruments (i)	8,319	-	8,319	-	-	8,319
Total	8,319	-	8,319	-	-	8,319
30 June 2020						
Derivative financial instruments (i)	275,348	-	275,348	(69,485)	-	205,863
Total	275,348	-	275,348	(69,485)	-	205,863

The Company presents the fair value of its derivative assets and liabilities on a gross basis. There were no derivative assets or liabilities that have been offset in the Statement of financial position.

(i) Master netting arrangement

Agreements with derivative counterparties are based on the ISDA Master Agreement. Under the terms of these arrangements, the net position owing/receivable to a single counterparty in the same currency will be taken as owing/receivable and all the relevant arrangements terminated. These amounts have not been offset in the Statement of financial position, but have been presented separately in the above table.

7 Fair value measurement

The Company measures and recognises the following assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis:

- Financial assets/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (see note 8 and 9)
- Derivative financial instruments (see note 10)

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

AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value hierarchy;

- (a) quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1);
- (b) inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly (level 2); and
- (c) inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (level 3).

(i) Fair value in an active market (level 1)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is based on their quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. Financial assets and liabilities are priced at last traded prices.

The Company values its investments in accordance with the Company's accounting policies. For the majority of its investments, the Company relies on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of its investments.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

(ii) Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (level 2 and level 3)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of a substantially similar other instrument, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on management's best estimates and the discount rate used is a market rate at the end of the reporting period applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions.

For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the end of the reporting period. Fair values for unquoted equity investments are estimated, if possible, using applicable price/earnings ratios for similar listed companies adjusted to reflect the specific circumstances of the issuer.

The fair value of derivatives that are not exchange traded is estimated at the amount that the Company would receive or pay to terminate the contract at the end of the reporting period taking into account current market conditions (volatility and appropriate yield curve) and the current creditworthiness of the counterparties.

The fair value of a forward contract is determined as a net present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at appropriate market rates as at the valuation date.

The fair value of an equity derivative or contract for difference is determined as the difference between the price based on the quoted market prices of the underlying financial asset or financial liability between the time at which a contract is opened and the time at which it is closed.

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

7 Fair value measurement (continued)

(ii) Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (level 2 and level 3) (continued)

The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Company holds. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including liquidity risk and counterparty risk.

Recognised fair value measurement

The table below sets out the Company's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy as at 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020.

As at 30 June 2021	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Equity securities	158,219,881	-	-	158,219,881
Derivatives	-	1,567,493	-	1,567,493
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	158,219,881	1,567,493	-	159,787,374
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss				
Derivatives	-	8,319	-	8,319
Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	8,319	-	8,319
 As at 30 June 2020	 Level 1 \$	 Level 2 \$	 Level 3 \$	 Total \$
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Equity securities	121,004,392	-	-	121,004,392
Derivatives	-	721,775	-	721,775
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	121,004,392	721,775	-	121,726,167
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss				
Derivatives	-	275,348	-	275,348
Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	275,348	-	275,348

The Company's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

(i) Transfers between levels

There were no transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy for the years ended 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020.

(ii) Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

There were no investments classified as level 3 within the Company as at 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020.

7 Fair value measurement (continued)

Recognised fair value measurement (continued)

(iii) Fair values of other financial instruments

Due to their short-term nature, the carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, receivables and payables approximate fair value.

8 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	30 June 2021	As at 30 June 2020
	\$	\$
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Equity securities	158,219,881	121,004,392
Derivatives (note 10)	<u>1,567,493</u>	<u>721,775</u>
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<u>159,787,374</u>	<u>121,726,167</u>

There were 399 investment transactions during the year (2020: 371).

An overview of the risk exposures related to the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is included in note 5.

9 Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

	30 June 2021	As at 30 June 2020
	\$	\$
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		
Derivatives (note 10)	<u>8,319</u>	<u>275,348</u>
Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	<u>8,319</u>	<u>275,348</u>

An overview of the risk exposures related to the financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss is included in note 5.

10 Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments require no initial net investment or an initial net investment that is smaller than would be required for other types of contracts that would be expected to have a similar response to changes in market factors.

Derivative transactions include many different instruments such as forward currency contracts, futures and equity derivatives. Derivatives are considered to be part of the investment process and the use of derivatives is an essential part of the Company's portfolio management. Derivatives are not managed in isolation. Consequently, the use of derivatives is multifaceted and includes:

- hedging (portfolio and/or individual security risk);
- to increase/decrease overall portfolio and country exposures;

10 Derivative financial instruments (continued)

- investing indirectly where the Manager determines that investing indirectly would, for example, be commercially advantageous, tax efficient or provide a more practicable means of access to the relevant investment; and
- short term portfolio management purposes, for example obtaining economic exposure to the market whilst physical exposures are being bought.

While derivatives are used for trading purposes, they are not used to gear (leverage) a portfolio. Gearing a portfolio would occur if the level of exposure to the markets exceeds the underlying value of the Company.

The Company holds the following derivatives:

(a) Forward currency contracts

Forward currency contracts are primarily used by the Company to economically hedge against foreign currency exchange rate risks on its non-Australian dollar denominated trading securities. The Company agrees to receive or deliver a fixed quantity of foreign currency for an agreed upon price on an agreed future date. Forward currency contracts are valued at the prevailing bid price at the end of each reporting period. The Company recognises a gain or loss equal to the change in fair value at the end of each reporting period.

(b) Equity derivatives

An equity derivative or contract for difference is an agreement to exchange the difference in value of a particular share between the time at which a contract is opened and the time at which it is closed.

The value of equity derivatives is based on the price of a stock index or common stock.

The Company's derivative financial instruments at year end are detailed below:

	Contract/ Notional \$	Fair Values	
		Assets \$	Liabilities \$
30 June 2021			
Foreign currency contracts	11,906,972	1,146	8,319
Equity derivatives	5,134,325	1,566,347	-
Total Derivatives	17,041,297	1,567,493	8,319

	Contract/ Notional \$	Fair Values	
		Assets \$	Liabilities \$
30 June 2020			
Foreign currency contracts	15,740,976	-	205,863
Equity derivatives	2,432,869	721,775	69,485
Total Derivatives	18,173,845	721,775	275,348

Risk exposures and fair value measurements

Information about the Company's exposure to price risk, credit risk, foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk and about the methods and assumptions used in determining fair values is provided in Note 5 and 7 to the financial statements. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the year is the carrying amount of each class of derivative financial instruments disclosed above.

11 Dividend profit reserve

The dividend profit reserve is made up of amounts allocated from retained earnings that are preserved for future dividends payments.

	As at	
	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	\$	\$
Movements in Dividend Profit Reserve		
Balance at the beginning of the year	7,040,373	11,177,902
Transferred from current year profits	4,167,143	-
Payment of dividend	<u>(6,592,569)</u>	<u>(4,137,529)</u>
Closing balance at the end of the year	<u>4,614,947</u>	<u>7,040,373</u>

On 26 August 2020, the Directors resolved to transfer \$4,167,143 (2020: nil) to the dividend profit reserve.

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	As at	
	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and custodian	15,292,043	24,339,822
Deposits at call	<u>893,769</u>	<u>892,410</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>16,185,812</u>	<u>25,232,232</u>

These accounts are earning a floating interest rate between (0.75)% pa (June 2020: (0.75)% pa) and 0.05% pa (June 2020: 0.05% pa) during the reporting period.

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	\$	\$
(a) Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		
Profit for the year after tax	24,984,003	6,085,588
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(297,414,424)	(276,387,621)
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	300,231,868	300,627,561
Net gains on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(36,649,351)	(8,200,104)
Amount received (from)/paid to brokers for margin accounts	(583,488)	1,143,372
Net foreign exchange gains	(561,874)	(1,296,309)
Net change in receivables	105,986	49,406
Increase in income tax assets and liabilities	8,670,513	554,897
Net change in payables	(520,905)	554,751
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(1,737,672)	23,131,541
(b) Non-cash financing activities		

There were no non-cash financing activities occurred during the year ended 30 June 2021 or year ended 30 June 2020.

14 Income tax

	As at 30 June 2021	30 June 2020
(a) Reconciliation of income tax expense to prima facie tax benefit/(expense):	\$	\$
Profit before income tax	34,969,170	7,784,685
Prima facie income tax expense calculated at 30% (2020:27.5%)	(10,490,751)	(2,140,788)
Tax effect of withholding tax and foreign income tax offset	649,077	441,691
Tax effect of change in tax rate from 27.5% to 30%	(173,059)	-
Prior year and other adjustments	29,566	-
Total net income tax benefit/(expense)	(9,985,167)	(1,699,097)
(b) Income tax expense composition:		
Current income tax expense	(7,511,352)	(1,267,288)
Deferred income tax expense	(2,473,815)	(431,809)
Total net income tax expense	(9,985,167)	(1,699,097)
(c) Deferred tax (liabilities)/assets comprise of temporary differences attributed to:		
Unrealised gain on investments held on revenue account	(4,352,291)	(2,030,502)
Dividends	(24,283)	126,853
Other	(889)	-
Total net deferred tax asset (liability)	(4,377,463)	(1,903,649)
(d) Imputation credits:		
Total imputation credits available in subsequent financial years*	9,132,818	3,937,776

*The above amount represents the balance of imputation credits at 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020 adjusted for income tax paid/payable and franked dividends receivable. The Company's ability to pay franked dividends is dependent upon receipt of franked dividends and the Company paying tax.

15 Issued capital

	No. of Securities	As at 30 June 2021 \$
Ordinary		
Opening balance - 1 July 2020	132,001,369	131,161,159
Shares bought back during the year	(678,673)	(765,895)
Total issued capital - fully paid ordinary shares	131,322,696	130,395,264
Total issued capital	131,322,696	130,395,264

15 Issued capital (continued)

	No. of Securities	As at 30 June 2020 \$
Ordinary		
Opening balance - 1 July 2019	144,188,553	143,201,805
Shares bought back during the year	(12,187,184)	(12,040,646)
Total issued capital - fully paid ordinary shares	<u>132,001,369</u>	<u>131,161,159</u>
Total issued capital	<u>132,001,369</u>	<u>131,161,159</u>

(a) Terms and conditions

(i) Ordinary shares

Fully paid ordinary shares entitle the holder to receive dividends as declared and the proceeds on winding up the Company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid up on shares held. Ordinary shares entitle their holder to one vote, either in person, or by proxy, at a meeting of the Company.

On 9 September 2019, the Company announced a renewal of its on-market buy-back as part of its ongoing capital management program of up to 10% of its shares, commenced 27 September 2019 and continuing until 26 September 2020 unless the maximum number of shares are bought back prior to this date or EAI decides to cease the buy-back. During this period, the Company had bought back 9,249,428 shares in total, 7.01% of its issued ordinary shares.

On 11 September 2020, the Company announced a renewal of its on-market buy-back as part of its ongoing capital management program of up to 10% of its shares, commencing on 27 September 2020 and continuing until 26 September 2021 unless the maximum number of shares are bought back prior to this date or EAI decides to cease the buy-back. During this financial year, the Company had bought back 678,673 shares in total, 0.51% of its issued ordinary shares.

16 Earnings per share

	Year ended	
	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
Basic earnings per share (cents)	18.95	4.43
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	18.95	4.43
Weighted average number of ordinary shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue used in calculating basic earnings per share	<u>131,839,409</u>	<u>137,440,397</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue used in calculating diluted earnings per share	<u>131,839,409</u>	<u>137,440,397</u>
Earnings reconciliation		
Net profit after income tax used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share (\$)	<u>24,984,003</u>	<u>6,085,588</u>

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year.

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year plus the weighted average number of ordinary shares that would be issued on exercise of any options during the year.

17 Net tangible assets per share

	As at	
	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	\$	\$
Net tangible assets per share		
Net Tangible Assets before all taxes (i)	1.3595	1.1533
Net Tangible Assets after realised tax (ii)	1.3114	1.1523
Net Tangible Assets after tax	1.2780	1.1379

The Net Tangible Assets as at 30 June 2021 is based on fully paid ordinary shares of 131,322,696 (June 2020: 132,001,369).

(i) All figures are after the payment of dividends and taxes. During the year ended 30 June 2021 dividends of 0.05 (30 June 2020: 0.03) and tax of 0.009 (30 June 2020: 0.0081) were paid.

(ii) Net Tangible Assets after realised tax includes tax paid and a provision for tax on realised gains from the Company's Investment Portfolio. It excludes any tax on unrealised gains and deferred tax, which are represented in the Net Tangible Assets after tax.

18 Management and performance fees

Under the Management Agreement, dated 27 July 2015, the Company must pay the Investment Manager a management fee as determined with respect to the scale set out below based on the pre tax net asset value of the investment portfolio.

For the first AUD\$50 million of net asset value the Investment Manager is entitled to 0.95% management fees per annum.

18 Management and performance fees (continued)

Any amount by which the net asset value exceeds AUD\$50 million the Investment Manager is entitled to 0.75% management fees per annum.

The management fee is calculated exclusive of GST and accrued each month and paid monthly in arrears.

In addition, the Investment Manager will be entitled to receive a performance fee from the Company equal to 15% (plus GST) of the amount by which the investment portfolio's pre tax return exceeds the return of the MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan Index (\$AUD), calculated and accrued monthly from the commencement date (1 November 2015) and paid annually in arrears.

The accrued performance fee for each month will be aggregated and paid annually in arrears. A performance fee will be payable only if the investment portfolio's pre tax return exceeds the return of the MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan Index (\$AUD) for the financial year. Any negative performance fee amount will be carried forward to the following financial year. No performance fee will be payable in respect to a financial year until negative performance fee has been recouped. During the year 30 June 2021, the Company has not accrued the performance fee as the criteria for recognising performance fee were not met.

Management and performance fees paid and payable for the year are shown in the table below:

	30 June 2021 \$	30 June 2020 \$
Management fees expense	1,414,193	1,317,292
Management fees payable	115,939	110,724
Performance fees expense	-	569,907
Performance fees payable	-	569,907

19 Auditor's remuneration

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for service provided by the auditor of the Company:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2021 \$	30 June 2020 \$
Fees to Ernst & Young		
Fees for audit and review of the financial reports	50,985	57,859
Fees for other services		
- Tax compliance	3,850	3,850
Total fees to Ernst & Young	54,835	61,709

20 Related parties

The Company has appointed Ellerston Capital Limited, to act as the Manager of the Company's investment portfolio. The contract is on normal commercial terms and conditions at arms length.

20 Related parties (continued)

(a) Key management personnel

The Key Management Personnel (KMP) of the Company comprise the Independent Non-Executive Directors and the Manager.

Ellerston Capital Limited

A Management Agreement between the Company and the Manager commenced on 27 July 2015. For the years ended 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020, the Manager was remunerated by the Company in accordance with the Management Agreement, and the Manager is entitled to:

- (i) a management fee of 0.95% (plus GST) per annum for the first AUD\$50 million of net asset value, 0.75% (plus GST) per annum on any amount by which the net asset value exceeds AUD\$50 million, calculated and accrued monthly and paid monthly in arrears; and
- (ii) a performance fee equal to 15% (plus GST) of the amount by which the investment portfolio's pre-tax return exceeds the return of the MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan Index (\$AUD), calculated and accrued monthly and paid annually in arrears.

Details of management and performance fees are provided on note 18 on page 51.

The following remuneration was paid or payable by the Company to the Chairman and Independent Non-Executive Directors and the Manager for the year:

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
	\$	\$
Sam Brougham	30,250	30,250
Paul Dortkamp	30,250	30,250
Bill Best	55,000	30,250
Marian Carr	17,646	Nil
Total Non-Executive Directors' fees paid by the Company	133,146	90,750

Further details of remuneration paid to the directors is disclosed in the Remuneration Report in the Directors' Report.

(b) Transactions with related parties

The Company from time to time enters into transactions with parties related to the Manager. All related party transactions are made at arm's length on standard business terms and conditions. During the reporting periods 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020 the Company had the following related party transactions:

20 Related parties (continued)

(b) Transactions with related parties (continued)

Shares held by related parties are shown in the table below:

30 June 2021

Shareholder	Number of shares held opening (No.)	Number of shares held closing (No.)	Fair value of investment (\$)	Interest held (%)	Shares acquired during the year (No.)	Shares disposed during the year (No.)	Dividends paid/ payable (\$)
Ellerston Global Equity Managers Fund							
Ordinary Shares	5,365,333	5,365,333	6,856,896	4.09	-	-	268,267
Directors of Ellerston Capital Limited							
Ordinary Shares	1,885,834	1,871,666	2,391,989	1.43	-	14,168	93,583
Ellerston Capital Limited							
Ordinary Shares	112,501	112,501	143,778	0.09	-	-	5,625

30 June 2020

Shareholder	Number of shares held opening (No.)	Number of shares held closing (No.)	Fair value of investment (\$)	Interest held (%)	Shares acquired during the year (No.)	Shares disposed during the year (No.)	Dividends paid/ payable (\$)
Ellerston Global Equity Managers Fund							
Ordinary Shares	5,365,333	5,365,333	6,105,337	4.06	-	-	160,960
Directors of Ellerston Capital Limited							
Ordinary Shares	1,885,834	1,885,834	2,145,891	1.43	-	-	56,575
Ellerston Capital Limited							
Ordinary Shares	112,501	112,501	128,018	0.09	-	-	3,375

The Manager of the Company is the Responsible Entity and the Investment Manager of Ellerston Global Equity Managers Fund.

Note: Where directors hold directorships of the Company and the Investment Manager, those holdings have been included in the Directors' Report and are not included in the table above under "Directors of Ellerston Capital Limited".

21 Contingent assets, liabilities and commitments

The Company has no material commitments, contingent assets or liabilities as at 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020.

22 Events occurring after the reporting period

On 27 August 2021, the Directors declared a fully franked final dividend of 3 cents per ordinary share, which is payable to shareholders on 5 October 2021. The amount of the proposed dividend, which is not recognised as a liability as at 30 June 2021, is \$3,928,251 based on the number of shares on issue at 31 July 2021. The dividend will be paid out of the dividend profit reserve. The DRP will not operate for this dividend.

On 27 August 2021, the Directors decided to transfer approximately \$16,654,970 to the dividend profit reserve. The Company intends to maintain a sustainable dividend policy for Shareholders going forward subject to various factors including financial conditions, corporate, legal and regulatory considerations.

No other significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period and up to the date of this report which would impact on the financial position of the Company disclosed in the Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021 or on the results and cash flows of the Company for the year ended on that date.

Directors' Declaration

In the directors' opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 23 to 54 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its performance for the financial year; and
- (b) Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- (d) This declaration has been made after receiving the declarations required to be made to the directors in accordance with section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Bill Best
Chairman
26 August 2021

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Ellerston Asian Investments Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Ellerston Asian Investments Limited (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Ellerston Asian Investments Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a) Giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, but we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying financial report.

1. Investment Existence and Valuation

Why significant

The Company has a significant investment portfolio consisting primarily of listed equity securities and derivatives. As at 30 June 2021, the values of these financial assets and financial liabilities were \$159,787,374 and \$8,319, which represented 87% and 1%, of the total assets and total liabilities respectively of the Company.

As detailed in the Company's accounting policy, described in Note 2(b) of the financial report, these financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised at fair value through profit or loss in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Pricing, exchange rates and other market drivers can have a significant impact on the value of these financial assets and financial liabilities, and the financial report.

Accordingly, existence and valuation of the investment portfolio was considered a key audit matter.

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

We assessed the effectiveness of the controls relating to the existence and valuation of investments.

We obtained and considered the assurance report on the controls of the Company's administrator, in relation to the fund administration services for the year ended 30 June 2021 and considered the auditor's credentials, their objectivity and the results of their procedures.

We agreed all investment holdings, including cash accounts, to third party confirmations at 30 June 2021.

We assessed the fair value of all investments in the portfolio held at 30 June 2021. For listed securities, the values were verified against independently sourced market prices. For unlisted derivatives, the values were verified using independently sourced observable market inputs applied to appropriate valuation models.

We assessed the adequacy of the disclosures in Note 7 of the financial report.

2. Management and Performance Fees

Why significant

Management and performance fees, paid to the Manager, Ellerstons Capital Limited, are the most significant operating expense for the Company.

The Company's accounting policy for management and performance fees is described in Note 19 of the financial report. Performance fees are recognised in the financial report if the performance hurdles for the Company have been met at the end of the relevant measurement period, which is the date that the performance criteria is met and the obligation has crystallised. All expenses are recognised on an accruals basis.

As at 30 June 2021, management fees totalled \$1,414,193 which represented 29% of total expenses.

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

We assessed the effectiveness of the controls in relation to the calculation of management and performance fees of the Company's administrator, who has responsibility for the calculations.

We recalculated management and performance fees, in accordance with the relevant service arrangements, including agreeing the fee rates to the calculations.

We assessed the performance fee calculation, including testing the inputs into the calculation model and assessed whether the calculation was in line with the relevant management agreement.

2. Management and Performance Fees (continued)

Why significant

There was no performance fee expense for the year ended 30 June 2021, however, assessment of the recognition of expenses relating to performance fee arrangements can be complex.

Accordingly, management and performance fees were considered a key audit matter.

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

We also assessed whether the criteria for accrual of a performance fee liability were met at 30 June 2021.

We assessed the adequacy of the disclosures in Note 19 of the financial report.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's 2021 Annual Report, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon, with the exception of the Remuneration Report and our related assurance opinion.

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

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated to the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current year and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on the Audit of the Remuneration Report

Opinion on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 9 to 12 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2021.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Ellerston Asian Investments Limited for the year ended 30 June 2021, complies with section 300A of the Corporations Act 2001.

Responsibilities

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the Corporations Act 2001. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.



Ernst & Young



Rita Da Silva
Partner
Sydney
26 August 2021

Shareholder information

Additional information required by the Australian Stock Exchange Ltd (ASX) and not shown elsewhere in this report is as follows. The information is current as at 17 August 2021.

(a) Distribution of Shareholders of the Company as at 17 August 2021:

ORDINARY SHAREHOLDING RANGE	NUMBER OF HOLDERS	NUMBER OF ORDINARY SHARES	% OF ISSUED CAPITAL
1 to 1,000	123	66,373	0.05
1,001 to 5,000	258	899,904	0.69
5,001 to 10,000	375	3,247,242	2.49
10,001 to 100,000	1,503	49,998,183	38.32
100,001 and Over	167	76,274,994	58.46
Total	2,426	130,486,696	100.00

The number of security investors holding less than a marketable parcel of 437 securities (\$1.145 on 17/08/2021) is 43 and they hold 4094 securities.

(b) Substantial shareholders

Top 20 Ordinary Shareholders as at 17 August 2021

RANK	HOLDER NAME	NUMBER OF ORDINARY SHARES	% OF ISSUED CAPITAL
1	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED	26,940,218	20.65%
2	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED - A/C 2	5,504,916	4.22%
3	SPAR NOMINEES PTY LTD	1,922,880	1.47%
4	J P MORGAN NOMINEES AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	1,907,690	1.46%
5	GEAT INCORPORATED <GEAT-PRESERVATION FUND A/C>	1,904,800	1.46%
6	CORMACK FOUNDATION PTY LTD	1,500,000	1.15%
7	RAC & JD BRICE SUPERANNUATION P/L	1,177,467	0.90%
8	R & G HOLDINGS PTY LTD <R & G DISCRETIONARY A/C>	1,030,000	0.79%
9	CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	983,952	0.75%
10	RIGA (QLD) PTY LTD <KROHN FAMILY S/F A/C>	823,150	0.63%
11	D & R CHAPLIN PTY LTD <D & R CHAPLIN FAMILY A/C>	761,733	0.58%
12	A C N 106 966 401 PTY LTD	750,000	0.57%
13	BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD HUB24 CUSTODIAL SERV LTD <DRP A/C>	690,922	0.53%
14	DALLMOUNT PTY LTD <LABELMAKERS S/F A/C>	568,980	0.44%
15	CHARLES & CORNELIA GOODE FOUNDATION PTY LTD	500,000	0.38%
16	CROFTON PARK DEVELOPMENTS PTY LTD	500,000	0.38%
17	DENATA PTY LTD <HAYMET S/F A/C>	500,000	0.38%
18	MR CHARLES FARQUHARSON + MRS JAYNE FRANKLIN FARQUHARSON	500,000	0.38%
19	MR GEOFFREY KEITH ROBINSON + MRS BRONWEN ROBINSON	500,000	0.38%
20	PRIMARY COMMUNITY AGED CARE PTY LTD	457,348	0.35%
		INVESTORS	
TOTAL IN THIS REPORT		20	49,424,056 37.88%
TOTAL OTHER INVESTORS		2,406	81,062,640 62.12%
GRAND TOTAL		2,426	130,486,696 100.00%

Corporate directory

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Marian Carr

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Ian Kelly

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Securities Exchange Listing

ASX code (ordinary shares): EAI