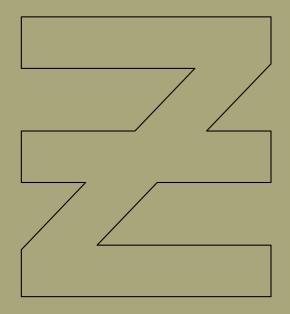
Supplementary Product Disclosure Statement 08 January 2025

Ellerston Capital ABN 34 110 397 674 AFSL No. 283 000 ARSN 609 725 868 APIR Code ECL8388AU



**Supplementary Product Disclosure Statement** 



# **Important Information**

Ellerston Capital Limited ABN 34 110 397 674, AFSL No. 283 000 ("Ellerston Capital", "the Manager" or "we") is the issuer of this supplementary product disclosure statement (SPDS) dated 08 January 2025. This SPDS relates to the Ellerston Global Mid Small Cap Fund ARSN 609 725 868 (Fund) and is made for the purposes of Part 7.9 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). It supplements, and is intended to be read together with, the Fund's product disclosure statement dated 18 September 2024 (PDS). Ellerston Capital has issued this SPDS as the responsible entity of the Fund and is responsible for its contents.

The purpose of this SPDS is to inform existing and prospective investors of updates to the PDS. This SPDS is an important document and must be read together with the PDS. The information set out in the document is taken to be included in the PDS. Terms defined in the PDS have the same meaning in this SPDS. If there is a conflict between the PDS and this SPDS, this SPDS will prevail. This SPDS will be made available on our website, <a href="https://www.ellerstoncapital.com">www.ellerstoncapital.com</a>, and you can also obtain a copy free of charge upon request. You should keep a copy of this document and any updates to it for your reference.

The information provided in this document and the PDS is general information only and does not take into account your personal financial situation or needs. Ellerston Capital is the issuer of the PDS and this SPDS. You should consider whether the information in the PDS and this SPDS is appropriate for you in light of your objectives, financial situation and needs. To obtain advice or more information about the product offered in the PDS and this SPDS you should speak to your financial adviser.

Except as otherwise stated, defined terms in this document have the same meaning as set out in the PDS.

The following text contains updated information on the Fund and should be read in conjunction with the PDS.

## 1. Background to changes

Ellerston Capital advises that, effective immediately, Bill Pridham has resigned as Portfolio Manager of the Ellerston Global Mid Small Cap Fund.

Nick Markiewicz, currently Co-Portfolio Manager, will immediately assume the role of sole Portfolio Manager of the Fund.

## 2. Changes to PDS

In light of the changes described in section 1 above, the following updates are made to the PDS:

(a) In Section 2 About Ellerston Capital, on page 5 of the PDS, the paragraphs following the 'Key Personnel' heading are deleted and replaced with the following:

#### 'Key Personnel

Nick Markiewicz as Portfolio Manager has overall responsibility for the Fund and devotes the majority of his time to the Fund. Nick is supported by a team of investment professionals, each of whom have significant skill and experience in different geographies, sectors and industries.

Nick joined Ellerston Capital in May 2024 and has over 13 years of industry experience.

Prior to Ellerston Capital, Nick was an Investment Manager at Lanyon Asset Management. Nick holds a Bachelor of Business (Hons), Economics from University of Technology, Sydney.

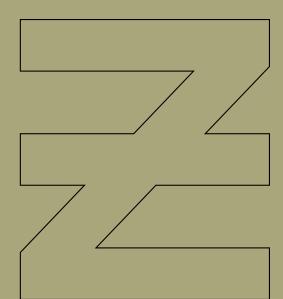
There have been no adverse regulatory findings against Mr. Markiewicz or the Manager. Updates on Ellerston Capital and the investment team are available via www.ellerstoncapital.com.'

(b) In Section 3 Disclosure Principles and Benchmarks, on page 6 of the PDS, the paragraphs set out in section 2 Investment Manager of the table titled 'Disclosure Principles' is deleted and replaced with the following:

'The responsible entity and investment manager is Ellerston Capital Limited.

Nick Markiewicz (Portfolio Manager) has overall responsibility for the Fund's investment decisions and is supported by a team of investment professionals.'

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# Ellerston Global Mid Small Cap Fund – Class A Units

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# Ellerston Global Mid Small Cap Fund – Class A Units

Ellerston Capital Limited ABN 34 110 397 674, AFSL No. 283 000 ("Ellerston Capital", "the Manager" or "we") is the issuer of this product disclosure statement (PDS) dated 18 September 2024. Investments in Class A Units (Units) in the Ellerston Global Mid Small Cap Fund ARSN 609 725 868 (Fund) are made available by Ellerston Capital as the responsible entity of the Fund.

Applications for Units under this PDS may only be made on the Application Form accompanying this PDS. The Application Form contains important terms relating to the Fund and should be read in full before deciding to invest. The Application Form does not form a part of this PDS.

The information in this PDS is general information only and does not take into account your individual objectives, financial situation or needs. It is important that you carefully read this PDS in full before deciding to invest in Units. In particular, you should carefully consider the risks associated with an investment in the Fund and whether the information in this PDS is appropriate for you in light of your objectives, financial situation and needs. To obtain advice or more information about the product offered in this PDS you should speak to your financial adviser or other professional adviser.

You should rely only on information in this PDS. No person is authorised to provide any information, or to make any representations, in connection with the issue of Units, which is not contained in this PDS. Any information or representations not contained in this PDS may not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Manager in connection with the issue of Units. This PDS supersedes and replaces all previous representations made in respect of the Manager and the Fund.

This PDS only constitutes an offer of, or invitation to apply for, financial products to persons within Australia or in places where it is lawful to make such an offer or invitation. Units in the Fund are not available for purchase within the United States or to US Persons.

This PDS is available electronically at www.ellerstoncapital.com. If you access an electronic copy of this PDS, then you should ensure that you download and read the entire PDS and the Application Form. If you are printing an electronic copy of this PDS, you must print all pages, including the Application Form. If you make this PDS available to another person, you must give them the entire electronic file or printout, including the Application Form. A paper copy of this PDS (including any supplementary document) can be obtained free of charge by calling Ellerston Capital on (02) 90217701 or by emailing info@ellerstoncapital.com.

You will be asked to provide personal information to us (directly or through the Registry) if you apply for Units. For information about how the Manager collects, holds and uses this personal information—see Section 10.7.

An investment in the Fund is subject to investment and other risks, including possible delays in repayment and loss of income and principal invested. Investments in the Fund are not deposits with, or other liabilities of Ellerston Capital, any member of the Manager's Group, Service Providers or related bodies corporate, affiliates, associates or officers of any of the above entities. None of these entities guarantees any particular rate of return or the performance of the Fund nor do they guarantee the repayment of capital from the Fund. There are no forecasts or prospective financial information relating to the Fund in this PDS.

No person other than Ellerston Capital has caused or authorised the issue of this PDS nor do any of them take any responsibility for the preparation of this PDS or the establishment or performance of the Fund. ASIC takes no responsibility for the contents of this PDS.

All actions referred to in this PDS as being taken by the Fund are performed by Ellerston Capital as responsible entity of the Fund or its delegates, as the case may be, in respect of the Fund.

None of the Service Providers have or will undertake any due diligence inquiries with respect to investments of the Fund for the benefit of the Fund or its prospective investors.

To the full extent permitted by law no:

- · Representation or warranty (express or implied) is given; and
- · Responsibility or liability (including in negligence) is accepted,

by any company or person, in the group of companies to which each Service Provider belongs, as to the truth, accuracy or completeness of any statement, opinion, forecast, information or other matter (whether expressed or implied) contained in this PDS or as to any other matter concerning it.

The Manager reserves the right to vary the Offer, including by closing the Offer at any time, accepting late applications, changing the timing of the Offer, either generally or in particular cases, without notifying any recipient of this PDS or any applicants. Prospective investors are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible.

Subject to the law and the Constitution, the Manager may change at any time the information, terms and conditions set out in this PDS and otherwise applying to Units. Where a person is a Unit holder, they will be provided with at least 30 days written notice of any such change which is materially detrimental to them as a Unit holder including any increase to fees. Unit holders who redeem their Units prior to the change will ordinarily not be bound by the change. Where a change is not materially adverse to Unit holders the information may be made available at: www.ellerstoncapital.com.

Unit holders may obtain a paper copy of this information free of charge by contacting the Manager.

Certain capitalised expressions used in this PDS have defined meanings, which are explained in the Glossary – Section 11. References to \$ or A\$ are to Australian dollars.

# 1. Key Features of the Fund

This table contains a summary of the key features of the Units. You should read the PDS in full before deciding whether to invest. See the Glossary in **Section 11** for definitions of terms.

| Key Fund Information                   |   |                         |
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| Investment Objective                   | The investment objective of the Fund is to generate a 3% outperformance over the MSCI World Mid Cap Index net return (NR)(AUD) over a rolling 5 year period with a focus on risk management and capital growth. The Fund aims to achieve this by investing in a concentrated portfolio primarily targeting between 20 and 40 Securities with a global mid small cap bias. The Fund will be denominated in Australian dollars and currency exposures will be generally unhedged. The Fund seeks to:  Provide investors with access to global investment opportunities with compelling risk/reward profiles that are complementary to a typical domestic equity portfolio; and  Increase the value of the Fund by allocating capital to a limited number of securities in which the Manager has the highest conviction. | Section 4.1             |
| Investment Strategy                    | The Fund's investment strategy is to construct a concentrated portfolio of Securities using the Manager's distinctively contrarian, high conviction, benchmark independent investment approach. The focus is on disciplined 'bottom up' stock selection based on rigorous Fundamental analysis which is overlaid with the Manager's 'top down' assessment of macroeconomic conditions and the market outlook.  The trade-off between risk and potential return is improved by implementing the highest  | Section 4.1             |
|  | conviction ideas from a filtered universe of Securities that the Manager feels are in a period of "price discovery" and offer an attractive risk/reward dynamic.  In following this approach, the Manager aims to allocate capital to Securities they have identified with the most compelling risk/reward profile.   |                         |
| Benchmark                              | MSCI World Mid Cap Index (NR) (AUD)   |                         |
| Investments                            | The Fund may invest in a wide range of financial investments, including, but not limited to:  International listed Securities (including emerging markets);  Australian listed Securities;  International unlisted Securities (including emerging markets);  Australian unlisted Securities;  Cash and Cash-Like Investments;  Foreign currencies; and  Derivatives including Exchange Traded Derivatives and OTC Derivatives.  | Section 4.1             |
| Investment Guidelines<br>and Exposures | <ul> <li>The Manager has the following guidelines:</li> <li>Target number of positions: between 20 – 40 Securities.</li> <li>Target maximum Security exposure: 10% of Net Asset Value at the time of investment.</li> <li>Minimum Net Long exposure limit of 50% for all asset types (excluding foreign exchange).</li> <li>Maximum Net Long exposure limit of 100% for all asset types (excluding foreign exchange).</li> <li>A minimum of 80% of the portfolio must be invested in Securities.</li> </ul>   | Section 4.2             |
| Derivatives                            | Derivatives such as Futures, exchange traded Options, index Options and OTC Derivatives may be used with the objective being to protect or enhance the total performance of the Fund, or to increase/decrease overall portfolio exposure and country exposures. Derivatives may have similar effects to leverage as they increase the level of investible assets.   | Sections<br>4.2 and 5.1 |
| Withdrawals/<br>Redemption             | Unit holders can withdraw/redeem from the Fund daily by providing a redemption request to the Registry by 2:00pm (Sydney time) on a Business Day to be processed for that Business Day.   | Section 7.2             |

Key Risks

There are a number of risks associated with investing in the Fund. The key risks include:

- **Manager Risk:** The success of the Fund is dependent on the ability of the Manager to identify investment opportunities that achieve the Fund's investment objective.
- Market Risk: The risk that the value of the Fund's investments will fluctuate as a result of
  factors such as economic variables (including interest rates, unemployment, inflation and
  economic growth), market conditions and sentiment. Changes in government regulations
  (e.g. tax), local and international political events and environmental and technological
  issues may impact on the Fund's ability to implement its strategy. Market risk may have
  different impacts on each type of asset, investment style and investor.
- Security Specific Risk: The risk that the price of shares in a particular company may be affected by the operational and financial circumstances of the issuer of those securities such as the state of their underlying businesses (including the level of debt they carry, the availability of debt financing and level of interest rates) earnings and cash flows.
- Currency Risk: Foreign exchange fluctuations may have a positive or adverse impact in the investment returns of the fund.
- Fund Risk: The success of the Fund depends upon our ability to develop and implement the Fund's investment strategy and identify investment opportunities that achieve the Fund's investment objective.
- **Distribution Risk:** The Fund is not designed for investors seeking regular income payments. There is no guarantee that any distributable income will be generated. In certain circumstances, Unitholders may be liable for tax on distributions even if they have not received any distribution in cash.
- **Derivatives Risk:** The use of Derivatives can have a negative impact due to an adverse movement in the underlying asset or where the position is difficult or costly to reverse or maintain. The use of Derivatives involves counterparty risk and incurs cost.
- Concentration Risk: The concentrated nature of the Fund may increase the potential for volatility of returns.
- Tax Risk: The expected tax treatment of the Fund and your investment in the Fund may change as a result of changes in the taxation laws and interpretation of them.
- **Pandemic Risk:** The impact of pandemics may have adverse implications on the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objectives.
- **ESG Risk:** The integration of ESG considerations into the investment process may have a positive or negative impact on the performance of the Fund.

This is not a comprehensive summary of all the risks of investing in the Fund. We recommend you should obtain financial advice before investing.

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| Costs of Investing in the Fund<br>Management Fee | Management Fee of 0.75% p.a.* of the Net Asset Value (NAV).  | Sections 6.1<br>and 6.2 |
| Performance Fee                                  | 10% of the investment return over the Benchmark return, after recovering any underperformance in past periods.                                     | Sections 6.1<br>and 6.2 |
| Buy/Sell Spread                                  | 0.25% on application / 0.25% on redemption.  | Section 6.2             |
| Investment Requirements                          |  |                         |
| Minimum Initial Investment                       | Minimum initial investment – \$10,000.   | Section 7.1             |
|  | Minimum additional investment – \$5,000.   |                         |
| Applications                                     | Daily. Completed Application Forms to be received by the Registry by 2:00pm (Sydney time) on a Business Day to be processed for that Business Day. | Section 7.1             |
| Distributions                                    |  |                         |
| Frequency  | Half yearly each 30 June and 31 December where the Fund has distributable income.  | Section 7.4             |
| Payment Method                                   | Paid into your nominated bank account or reinvested as additional Units.   | Section 7.4             |
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Section 5.1

\* All fees set out are inclusive of the net effect of Goods and Services Tax (GST) (i.e. includes GST net of input tax credits). The Fund may not be entitled to claim a reduced input tax credit in all instances.

| Reporting                       |   |              |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Monthly Newsletter              | A monthly newsletter will be available on our website <u>www.ellerstoncapital.com</u>   | Section 10.1 |
| Regular Reporting               | Confirmation of all applications and redemptions.  An annual periodic statement providing your account balance, transaction summary and distribution details (if any).  | Section 10.1 |
| Online Access                   | Investors are able to access their holdings, transaction history and other statements online through our secure web portal: <a href="https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home">https://investor.automic.com.au/#/home</a> . |              |
| Unit Pricing                    | Unit prices are on our website www.ellerstoncapital.com   | Section 7.5  |
| Annual Audited Financial Report | Annual audited financial report for the Fund is made available on our website www.ellerstoncapital.com.   | Section 10.1 |
| Annual Tax Reporting            | Annual tax statement for the Fund.  Exit statement if you have redeemed Units during the financial year.  | Section 8.1  |

# 2. About Ellerston Capital

Ellerston Capital is a specialist investment manager providing a range of innovative Australian and international investment strategies. As a firm majority owned by its principals and employees, our clients' objectives are our objectives.

As a dedicated investment manager, we aim to do one thing exceptionally well: grow and protect our clients' wealth through investing. We are passionate about creating value for our clients by identifying outstanding investment ideas and designing portfolios that perform over the long term. Our funds target a diverse range of strategies including, but not limited to, Long only Australian, global and Asian equities, Australian and global Long-Short equity and private equity.

Ellerston Capital has been managing money since 2002. Our clients include sovereign wealth, industry and corporate superannuation funds, international funds, family offices and high net worth investors.

Ellerston Capital's family office heritage means there is an absolute return mindset with a strong emphasis on risk management. Ellerston Capital supports our investment teams with an institutional-grade infrastructure.

# **Key Personnel**

Bill Pridham as Portfolio Manager, has overall responsibility for the Fund and devotes the majority of his time to the Fund. Bill is supported by a team of investment professionals, each of whom have significant skill and experience in different geographies, sectors and industries.

Bill joined Ellerston Capital in November 2015 and has 26 years financial markets experience.

Prior to Ellerston Capital, Bill was an Investment Manager at JGL Investments. At JGL, he managed a listed equity portfolio with a global mandate and absolute return focus. Prior to JGL Investments, Bill worked as an Investment Analyst at Kira Capital, Senior Research Analyst at QIC and CIO at MMC Asset Management. Bill started his career at UBS Australia as a Senior Research Analyst.

Bill holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Bond University and is a CFA Charterholder.

There have been no adverse regulatory findings against Mr. Pridham or the Manager. Updates on Ellerston Capital and the investment team are available via <a href="https://www.ellerstoncapital.com">www.ellerstoncapital.com</a>.

# 3. Disclosure Principles and Benchmarks

# **Disclosure Principles**

ASIC has required that funds such as this Fund disclose to Unit holders information against a number of stated disclosure principles. The table below contains a summary of the disclosure principles for the Units.

| Disclosure Principles  |  | Further information               |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Investment Strategy | The investment objective of the Fund is to generate a 3% outperformance over the MSCI World Mid Cap Index (NR) (AUD) over a rolling 5 year period, with a focus on risk management and capital growth.   | Section 4.1                       |
|                        | The Fund's investment strategy is to construct a concentrated portfolio of Securities using the Manager's distinctively contrarian, high conviction, benchmark independent investment approach. The focus is on disciplined 'bottom up' stock selection based on rigorous Fundamental analysis. This is overlaid with the Manager's 'top down' assessment of macroeconomic conditions and the market outlook.  | Sections 4.1 and 4.2  Section 4.1 |
|                        | The filters employed by the Manager aim to identify and capture all opportunities that fit its investment criteria. The Manager is looking for equity investments that are in what we would call "a period of price discovery". This may be the result of a spin-off, fallen angel, new CEO being appointed, corporate restructure or post IPO to name a few. Essentially, it is a period of time that creates a window of opportunity to make an investment with an attractive risk/reward dynamic. | Section 4.1                       |
|                        | The Fund predominately invests in Securities and will have a broad investment universe with a small to mid-cap bias. The Fund will be denominated in Australian dollars and currency exposures will be generally unhedged.   | Sections 4.2 and 4.4              |
|                        | The Fund may also invest in Exchange Traded Derivatives, OTC Derivatives and Cash and Cash-Like Investments. The Manager may utilise Derivatives as part of its investment strategy with the aim of generating or protecting returns.  | Section 5.1                       |
|                        | The key dependency underpinning the investment strategy is the research, analysis, skill and experience of the Manager.  |                                   |
|                        | There are a number of risks associated with investing in the Fund. The key risks include returns being subject to the skill of the Manager, and risks associated with the use of Derivatives.  |                                   |
|                        | The Manager's risk management strategy is set out in <b>Section 4.4</b> .  | Section 4.5                       |
|                        | The Manager may change the investment objective and strategy to meet current market conditions. Unit holders will be given 30 days' prior notice if any of these changes are materially adverse, otherwise these changes will be available on the Manager's website.   |                                   |
| 2. Investment Manager  | The responsible entity and investment manager is Ellerston Capital Limited.  Bill Pridham (Portfolio Manager) has overall responsibility for the Fund's investment decisions and is supported by a team of investment professionals.   | Section 2                         |
| 3. Fund structure      | The Fund is an Australian unit trust registered as a managed investment scheme under the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth) ('Corporations Act'). The Fund expects to invest directly in its investments.  | Section 4.6                       |
|                        | The Key Service Providers are regularly monitored by the Manager to ensure compliance with their service agreement obligations. Except as stated above, there are no related party relationships and all arrangements are on   | Section 4.7                       |
|                        | arm's length terms.  There are various risks associated with this structure including counterparty risk.   | Section 5.1                       |
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| Disclosure Principles                        |  | Further information  |
|--|--|----------------------|
| 4. Valuation, Location and Custody of Assets | The key aspects of the Fund's valuation policy are set out in <b>Section 7.5</b> .  The Administrator and Custodian holds the Fund's assets. Cash may also be held on deposit with one or more Australian banks.   | Section 7.5          |
| 5. Liquidity                                 | The Manager reasonably expects to realise at least 80% of its assets, at the value ascribed to those assets in calculating the Fund's Net Asset Value, within 10 days.   | Section 4.2          |
| 6. Leverage                                  | The Fund does not borrow and there is no Leverage on a net basis. The Fund may invest in Derivatives which can provide Leverage implicitly. Some Derivatives may have the same effect as borrowing as it allows the Fund's assets to have a larger economic exposure. The use of Leverage could enhance returns, although it may also increase losses and the volatility of returns. | Sections 4.2 and 4.6 |
| 7. Derivatives                               | Derivatives may be used as part of the Fund's strategy with the objective being to protect or enhance the total performance of the Fund or to increase/decrease overall portfolio exposure and country exposures.  | Section 4.2          |
|  | The Fund may utilise any type of Derivative, including Exchange Traded Derivatives such as Futures and Options and OTC Derivatives such as Swaps, Options and Forward contracts (for example over currencies).   |                      |
|  | The Manager engages reputable and regulated brokerage firms as Derivatives counterparties following due diligence.   | 0 .:                 |
|  | The use of Derivatives involves risk including counterparty risk and the risks associated with Leverage.   | Section 5.1          |
| 8. Short Selling                             | The Fund will not utilise Short Selling as part of its investment strategy.  |                      |
| 9. Withdrawals/<br>Redemptions               | Unit holders can withdraw/redeem from the Fund daily by providing a redemption request to the Registry by 2:00pm (Sydney time) on a Business Day to be processed for that Business Day.  | Section 7.2          |
|  | Redemptions may be suspended in limited circumstances as set out in <b>Section 7.2</b> . Unit holders will be notified in writing of any material changes to their redemption rights.  |                      |

# **Disclosure Benchmarks**

This PDS addresses the following two disclosure benchmarks:

- Valuation of Assets: this benchmark addresses whether valuations of the Fund's non-exchange traded assets are provided by an independent administrator or an independent valuation service provider; and
- **Periodic Reporting**: this benchmark addresses whether we provide periodic disclosure to our investors of certain key Fund information on an annual and monthly basis.

Each benchmark identifies a key area that ASIC considers investors should understand before making a decision to invest into the Fund.

Where a responsible entity does not meet a particular disclosure benchmark, ASIC requires that the responsible entity explain why the benchmark is not met and what alternative measures it has in place to mitigate the concern underlying the benchmark.

## Benchmark 1: Valuation of Assets

The Fund meets this benchmark.

# Benchmark 2: Periodic Reporting

The Fund meets this benchmark.

The following Fund information will be provided to Unit holders on a monthly basis:

- · Net Asset Value of the Fund and Redemption Price of Units;
- · Any changes to key Service Providers including any change in related party status;
- Net returns after fees, costs and relevant taxes;
- · Any material changes to the Fund's risk profile and strategy; and

· Any material changes related to the primary investment personnel responsible for managing the Fund.

The information will be reported in the monthly newsletter which will be available on our website at <a href="www.ellerstoncapital.com">www.ellerstoncapital.com</a>.

Annual reporting will include:

- Asset allocation to each asset type;
- · Liquidity profile at the end of the relevant period;
- · Maturity profile of Fund's liabilities at the end of the relevant period;
- · Details on Derivative counterparties engaged;
- · Monthly or annual returns; and
- Any changes to Key Service Providers including any change in related party status.

This information will also be available on our website.

# 4. About the Ellerston Global Mid Small Cap Fund

#### 4.1 Fund Overview

# Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate a 3% outperformance over the MSCI World Mid Cap Index (NR) (AUD) over a rolling 5 year period, with a focus on risk management and capital growth. The Fund aims to achieve this by investing in a concentrated portfolio primarily targeting between 20 and 40 Securities. The Fund will be denominated in Australian dollars and currency exposures will be generally unhedged. The Fund seeks to:

- Provide investors with access to global investment opportunities with compelling risk/reward profiles that are complementary to a typical domestic equity portfolio; and
- Increase the value of the Fund by allocating capital to a limited number of Securities in which the Manager
  has the highest conviction.

# Investment Strategy

The Fund's investment strategy is to construct a concentrated portfolio of Securities using the Manager's distinctively contrarian, high conviction, benchmark independent investment approach. The trade-off between risk and potential returns is improved by implementing the highest conviction ideas from a filtered universe of Securities that the Manager feels are in a period of price discovery and offer an attractive risk/reward dynamic. The focus is on disciplined 'bottom up' stock selection based on rigorous Fundamental analysis. This is overlaid with the Manager's 'top down' assessment of macroeconomic conditions and the market outlook.

The strategy will be implemented by the Manager's highly experienced investment team, made up of equity specialists with deep expertise across international and Australian markets.

The Fund will have a broad investment universe and will have a mid - small cap bias. The Manager will seek to invest capital where it believes the most compelling risk/reward opportunities exist.

The filters employed by the Manager aim to identify and capture all opportunities that fit its investment criteria. The Manager is looking for equity investments that are in what we would call a period of price discovery. This may be the result of a spin-off, fallen angel, new CEO being appointed, corporate restructure or post IPO (to name a few). Essentially, it is a period of time that creates a window of opportunity to make an investment with an attractive risk/reward dynamic.

The Manager may from time to time significantly increase exposure to Cash or Cash-Like Investments, which may include circumstances where the Manager believes investment opportunities are limited, to protect capital or to manage liquidity.

In following this approach, the Manager aims to allocate capital to Securities they have identified with the most compelling risk/reward profile.

#### **Portfolio Construction Summary**

To achieve the target return profile, the Manager will construct a portfolio based on the risk/reward profile of Securities within the investment criteria.

Individual Security analysis is qualitative, focusing on management, strategy and factors affecting the business, industry and quantitative, focusing on areas such as earnings, cash flow, liquidity, capital structure and balance sheet strength.

Once the security analysis is complete, the risk/reward profile understood, and the level of conviction assessed, an appropriate position size is determined for inclusion in the portfolio.

The Manager will also assess the potential impact of the macroeconomic climate and market outlook on the Fund's investments, sector and geographic exposures. This 'top down' view can be particularly important in establishing the level of conviction in a particular security and therefore its weight in the investment portfolio.

The Manager will use the strategy, its investment experience and skill to meet the Fund's return objective.

Refer to **Sections 5.1** and **8** for general and tax related risks associated with the Fund's investments.

There is no guarantee that the investment objective will be achieved.

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| Benchmark                        | MSCI World Mid Cap Index (NR) (AUD)   |  |
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| Investment universe              | Securities  |  |
|                                  | Exchange Traded Derivaties and OTC Derivatives  |  |
|                                  | Cash and Cash-Like investments  |  |
| Target number of positions       | Between 20 and 40 Securities  |  |
| Target maximum position exposure | Maximum Security position exposure: 10% of Net Asset Value at the time of investment.     |  |
|                                  | Minimum Net Long exposure limit of 50% for all asset types (excluding foreign exchange).  |  |
|                                  | Maximum Net Long exposure limit of 100% for all asset types (excluding foreign exchange). |  |
|                                  | A minimum of 80% of the portfolio must be invested in Securities.                         |  |
|                                  |   |  |

# Location and Currency

The Fund will invest predominantly outside of Australia, focusing on the United States, UK and Europe with opportunistic allocations to Asia and emerging markets from time to time.

The currency of denomination of investments will generally follow the location of the investments. The Manager intends that the Fund will be generally unhedged, but it is aware of currency and cash exposures and will manage them in line with its macroeconomic and market outlook.

# Fund Information and Performance

Performance information for the Fund will be displayed at <a href="www.ellerstoncapital.com">www.ellerstoncapital.com</a>. Prospective investors in the Fund can obtain performance information by telephoning (02) 90217701 or by emailing <a href="mailto:info@ellerstoncapital.com">info@ellerstoncapital.com</a>.

# Labour, Environmental, Social and Ethical Considerations

The Manager integrates consideration of labour standards or social, environmental or ethical considerations through a unique, proprietary and multi-step approach to ESG embedded through the investment process in the selection, retention or realisation of investments. The Manager does not employ a fixed methodology for taking these considerations into account, other than as described below.

The Manager excludes direct investments in the following sectors:

| The Manager excludes all     | ect investments in the following sectors.   |                   |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Sector                       |   | Permitted Holding |
| Controversial Weapons        | Companies that generate any direct revenue from the development and production of controversial weapons, including nuclear weapons.               | 0%                |
| Tobacco                      | Companies that generate any direct revenue from the production of tobacco and/or manufacture of nicotine alternatives and tobacco-based products. | 0%                |
| Alcohol                      | Companies that generate any direct revenue from the production of alcohol products.   | 0%                |
| Pornography                  | Companies that generate any direct revenue from the production, sale or advertisement of pornography.   | 0%                |
| Old Growth Forest<br>Logging | Companies that generate any direct revenue from old growth forest logging.  | 0%                |
| Coal and Uranium Mining      | Companies that generate any direct revenue from coal and uranium mining.  | 0%                |
|                              |   |                   |

The Manager will also restrict direct investments in companies in the following sectors based on the revenue threshold limits specified:

| Sector                                   |  | Permitted Revenue <sup>1</sup><br>Threshold |
|--|--|---|
| Extraction of Oil and Gas                | Companies that generate direct revenue from in oil and gas extraction activities.                | 0-5%  |
| Intensive Animal Farming and Aquaculture | Companies that generate direct revenue from intensive animal farming and aquaculture activities. | 0-5%  |
| Gambling                                 | Companies that generate direct revenue from gambling.  | 0-5%  |

Investments which form part of the Fund's portfolio may become subject to a business sector or activity exclusion post-investment, for example due to market movements or M&A activity. In those circumstances, the Fund will not be obliged to immediately dispose of the investment but will not increase the size of its position where possible. The Manager will then assess the circumstances leading to exclusion and may engage with management of the issuer in order to obtain further information. If the Manager determines that divestment is warranted, the Fund will exit the investment within a reasonable timeframe, giving due consideration to any relevant market conditions and financial impact to the Fund.

Please refer to the Manager's  $\underline{\text{Responsible Investment Policy}}$  for further details on our approach to responsible investing.

1. Revenue is defined as total consolidated revenue for the company, as per the most recent values disclosed to the market.

It is not intended that the Fund will have any material asset (being over 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund). Save where specified to the contrary, the above thresholds in the Portfolio Guidelines apply as at the time of the relevant investment. Where a Portfolio Guideline would be breached merely because of any market movements (e.g. as a result of strong performance), capital restructure, corporate action, capital flows or similar event, the Manager will take action to rebalance or reduce relevant positions back to below that threshold within a reasonable timeframe. The above Portfolio Guidelines incorporate the Delta Exposure obtained through Derivatives.

# 4.2 Asset Types

The table below sets out a sample of the asset types the Fund may invest in and the overall allocation ranges.

| Asset types   | Allocation range |
|---|------------------|
| <b>Equities</b> Securities                              | 80-100%          |
| Cash and fixed interest Cash and Cash-Like Investments  | 0-20%            |
| Derivatives   |                  |
| Exchange Traded Derivatives                             | 0-50%            |
| OTC Derivatives (for example foreign exchange forwards) | 0-100%           |

With respect to the above table, the allocation range to Derivatives represents the fact that the Manager may access investments through Derivatives. The other allocation ranges include allocations that may be obtained through Derivatives.

#### Leverage

The Fund does not borrow and there is no Leverage on a net basis. The Fund may invest in Derivatives which can provide Leverage implicitly. Some Derivatives may have the same effect as borrowing as it allows the Fund's assets to have a larger economic exposure. The use of Leverage could enhance returns, although it may also increase losses and the volatility of returns.

The maximum allocation to Exchange Traded Derivatives is 50% (for example, index Options) however the Fund will not use Derivatives to increase the Fund's minimum net Long exposure above 50%. Although the gross exposure of the Fund can be higher than 100% (for example, the Fund may invest in index put Options) but not more than 150%, this does not have the effect of leveraging the total assets of the Fund, because the Fund has a maximum net Long exposure limit of 100% for all asset types (excluding foreign exchange).

There is typically no other Leverage embedded in the underlying assets of the Fund, other than Leverage embedded in holdings of listed Securities.

#### Sources of Leverage

Derivatives are typically sourced from Derivative counterparties such as investment banks and brokers. These counterparties are licensed by their local regulatory authority however may not be typically prudentially regulated. Exchange Traded Derivative transactions are cleared through an exchange, which reduces the counterparty risk that is associated with the use of OTC Derivatives (see Risks in **Section 5** for details of counterparty risk).

## **Worked Example**

A worked example of the impact of Leverage through the use of Derivatives is set out below.

This example assumes that the Fund is fully invested in accordance with the maximum net Long exposure limit of 100% for all asset types (excluding foreign exchange).

In this example for every \$100 invested in the Fund, the Fund will have \$100 of Long exposure including any implicit leverage from the use of Derivatives. A 10% increase in the value of the Fund's assets (including Derivatives, but excluding foreign exchange) would result in a 10% increase in the overall value of the Fund, while a 10% decrease in the value of the Fund's assets would result in a 10% reduction in the overall value of the Fund.

Please note that the above example has been provided for reference purposes only. Any assumptions underlying these examples are hypothetical only.

See **Section 5.1** for risks associated with the use of Leverage.

#### Collateral

The Fund may use the assets of the Fund as security or collateral for Derivatives.

With respect to Exchange Traded Derivatives, the exchange does not take similar security however the Fund may be subject to initial and subsequent margin calls which are required to be paid by the Fund. See **Section 5.1** for more detail regarding the risks associated with the above.

#### **Derivatives**

The Fund may use Derivatives as part of its overall investment strategy, including but not limited to:

- · To increase/decrease overall portfolio and country exposures;
- 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;
- · Hedging (foreign currency or the downside risk for part or all of the Fund's portfolio); or
- Short term portfolio management purposes, for example obtaining economic exposure to the market whilst physical exposures are being bought.

The Fund may utilise any type of Derivative, including Exchange Traded Derivatives such as Futures and Options and OTC Derivatives, such as Swaps, Options and Forward contracts (for example over currencies).

# **Derivative Counterparties**

The Manager engages reputable and regulated investment banks and brokerage firms as Derivative counterparties after conducting due diligence on factors such as their regulatory status, past disciplinary actions and compliance systems. The Fund also conducts a detailed legal review of relevant agreements (including with a view to protecting against counterparty risk).

See Section 5.1 for risks associated with Derivatives. Also see "Collateral" above for information regarding the risk of providing collateral.

#### Liquidity

The Manager reasonably expects to realise at least 80% of its assets, at the value ascribed to those assets in calculating the Fund's Net Asset Value, within 10 days.

#### **Key Dependencies**

The key dependency underpinning the investment strategy is the research, analysis, skill and experience of the Manager. With the investment techniques available to the Fund, the Fund aims to generate Alpha on each investment that is, generating a profit which is not dependent on the general movements of the market (e.g. market conditions or interest rates) but rather on the skill of the Manager.

## **Key Risks**

See **Section 5.1** for key risks associated with the investment strategy.

# 4.3 Hedging

The Fund may have an exposure to fluctuations in foreign currencies to the extent that the Manager invests in international Securities. Whilst currency exposures will be generally unhedged, the Manager may elect to hedge this foreign currency exposure. There is no guarantee that any hedging will be successful. The cost of implementing hedging may be significant.

See Section 5.1 for risks associated with hedging.

# 4.4 Risk Management Strategy

The Manager has risk management processes in place including actively monitoring the Fund's exposure, liquidity and undertaking due diligence. The Fund's portfolio is regularly monitored and reviewed. Counterparty risks associated with OTC Derivatives are managed by reviewing the open positions to assess the quantum of exposure and monitoring the credit risk associated with each.

The Manager's risk management process also includes a comprehensive compliance framework. This framework includes compliance policies, training, monitoring and maintaining a compliance plan and a compliance committee. The compliance plan sets out how the Manager will ensure compliance with both the Corporations Act and the Constitution. The compliance committee comprises a majority of independent members with appropriate expertise. It monitors the Fund's adherence with the compliance plan. The independent members of the Committee are highly experienced and qualified individuals and are responsible for monitoring all of the Manager's registered schemes. The compliance plan is audited externally on an annual basis. The Manager has a compliance team, the head of which reports directly to the Board. The Manager also segregates the Manager's staff that make investment decisions from those that are responsible for administering the Fund.

The Manager maintains business continuity and disaster recovery plans. The accounting role for the Fund is performed by the Administrator, an independent third party. The financial statements are audited annually.

# 4.5 Changes to the Investment Objective and Strategy

The Manager may change at any time the investment objective and strategy to meet current market conditions. Where a change is not materially adverse to Unit holders the information may be made available at: <a href="https://www.ellerstoncapital.com">www.ellerstoncapital.com</a>. Otherwise Unit holders will be given 30 Business Days' prior notice.

## 4.6 Fund Structure

The Fund is an Australian unit trust registered as a managed investment scheme under the Corporations Act. The Fund may invest directly in financial investments or access its portfolio of assets through investments in entities managed by the Manager. The Fund may invest through other managed investment schemes (both registered as such under the Corporations Act and un-registered schemes) of which the Manager is responsible entity/trustee however it currently does not do so. To the extent that it does, the Manager will waive or set off additional management and performance fees payable to it in respect of such investments so that Unit holders only bear the fees set out in **Section 6**. The Manager does not anticipate investing through other schemes of which it is not the responsible entity/trustee.

#### **Investment Structure**

The diagram below indicates how the Fund invests in assets.

# **Unit holders**

Unit holders invest monies into the Fund.

Fund - The Manager also acts as the Responsible Entity

The Manager invests all of the Fund's assets directly in investments.

#### Investments

# 4.7 Key Service Providers to the Fund

| Role                              | Provider                       | Key functions  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Responsible entity<br>and Manager | Ellerston Capital Limited      | Responsible entity of the Fund.  Managing the Fund's investments.  See Section 2.                |
| Administrator and<br>Custodian    | State Street Australia Limited | Holds custody of the Fund's assets. Investment accounting, Fund accounting and NAV calculations. |
| Registrar                         | Automic Group                  | Investor services and Fund registry.   |
| Auditor                           | Ernst & Young                  | Auditing annual financial accounts and the Fund's compliance plan.                               |

Cash may be held on deposit with one or more Australian banks.

Each Key Service Provider has entered into a service agreement which sets out the Key Service Provider's obligations to the Fund. The Manager monitors the performance of the Key Service Providers on an ongoing basis to determine their compliance with service agreement obligations (e.g. receiving compliance attestations).

There are no related party relationships within the above structure. All arrangements are on an arm's length basis. All the entities described in this section are Australian. See **Section 5.1** for risks relating to the above, in particular counterparty risks.

## 4.8 Classes of Units in the Fund

The Fund may issue additional classes of units at a future date.

# 5. Risks

An investment in the Fund entails risks. There can be no assurance that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved. Investors should consider any investment in the Fund as a supplement to an overall investment portfolio and should invest only if they are willing to undertake the risks involved. Unit holders in the Fund could lose some or all of their investment in the Fund.

Investors should consider the following risks in determining whether an investment in the Fund is suitable for them. They should seek professional advice before investing. The summary below is a guide only and not an exhaustive list of all the risks of investing in the Fund.

# 5.1 Risk applicable to the Fund

#### Manager Risk

The success of the Fund depends upon the ability of the Manager to develop and implement its investment strategy and identify investment opportunities that achieve the Fund's investment objective. The investment performance of the Fund is dependent on the talents, professional networks and efforts of key personnel within the Manager.

The Manager may lose key personnel (see **Section 2**) which could impact on its ability to continue to implement the Fund's investment strategy.

## Counterparty and Key Service Provider Risk

Default by any of the Fund's counterparties or Key Service Providers may cause losses to the Fund. Counterparties and Key Service Providers may also hold security over the Fund's assets so that they rank ahead of Unit holders in recovering the assets of the Fund. The Manager will seek counterparties and Key Service Providers which have a low risk of defaulting, although these risks cannot be eliminated entirely.

#### **Derivatives**

The Fund may invest in Derivatives (including Futures, foreign exchange contracts and stock and index Options) which are sophisticated financial products. Derivatives may give rise to Leverage and hence have the potential to cause losses that are large in proportion to the money invested in them. Refer to **Section 4.2** for more details about how Derivatives are used and the risks set out in "Leverage" below. The use of Derivatives also gives rise to counterparty risks as set out above.

#### Past Performance and History

There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. The Fund's past performance information should not be relied upon as (and is not) an indicator of future performance.

## Leverage

The Fund may invest in Derivatives that have the same effect as borrowing. This could enhance returns, although it may also increase losses. Leverage may produce more volatile returns compared to investing without making use of Leverage. Refer to **Section 4.2** for further details.

The amount invested in Derivatives at any point in time may be substantial. If the Fund were forced to liquidate its portfolio by counterparty on short notice this could result in significant losses to Unit holders.

## **General Investment Risk**

Like most investments, the investment returns on each of the Fund's investments may be subject to economic variables (including interest rates, unemployment, inflation and economic growth), market conditions, factors impacting particular investments and government policy. These factors are generally beyond the control of the Manager. The Fund attempts to reduce the majority of market risk however the Fund may not be successful in this regard.

Investments in Securities can rise or fall in value due to the operational and financial circumstances of the issuer of those Securities such as the state of their underlying businesses (including the level of debt they carry, the availability of debt financing and level of interest rates), their profits, earnings and cash flows. Any movements in the value of these Securities may be magnified through the use of Derivatives.

# Foreign Investment Risk

The Fund may, through its foreign investments (including emerging markets) and exposure to foreign currencies, have exposure to risks not usually associated with investing in Australia and other developed markets such as political, social and economic instability, difficulty in enforcing legal rights, unforeseen taxes and less stringent regulatory protections, reporting and disclosure. These factors may affect the value of the Fund, volatility of the Fund's returns and liquidity of the Fund's investments.

# **Currency Risk**

The Fund will have foreign currency exposure. Foreign exchange fluctuations may have a positive or adverse impact on the investment returns of the Fund. The Fund's foreign currency exposure may be over or under hedged or not hedged at all. It may not always be possible to hedge all foreign currency exposures and there is no guarantee that hedging will be successful.

The Fund may also hedge the exposure of the other investments in the Fund against investment loss, but is under no obligation to do so. There is no guarantee that any hedging will be successful. The cost of implementing hedging may be significant.

#### **Concentration Risk**

There is potential for volatility due to the lack of diversity with the investment portfolio. The lower the number of investments, the higher the concentration and, in turn, the higher the potential volatility.

#### Regulation

Regulation of the Manager, the Fund and its investments may change, which may impact on the investment returns and nature (e.g. ability to trade investments internationally) of the Fund.

#### Tax

The taxation of the Manager, the Fund and its investments is complex and dependent on the taxation laws and the manner in which these are interpreted and administered by the government agencies and courts. The relevant taxation laws and the manner in which they are interpreted and/or administered by the government agencies and courts may change. Such changes may impact on the investment returns and their character. See **Section 8** for further details.

#### Redemption and Liquidity Risk

Redemptions from the Fund may be limited in the situations described in **Section 7.2**. The Fund may not be able to promptly liquidate some of its investments at an amount close to their fair value, or liquidate them at all. This would cause losses to the Fund or reduce the ability of Unit holders to redeem from the Fund.

#### **Pandemic Risk**

The impact of pandemics may have adverse implications on the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objectives.

#### **ESG Risk**

The Manager endeavours to implement the ESG considerations applicable to the Fund to the best of our ability. ESG considerations may be based on company disclosures or ESG information provided to the Manager by screening agents and other third-party service providers which may not prove to be fully accurate, complete or effective. The integration of ESG considerations into the investment process may have a positive or negative impact on the performance of the Fund, particularly where the approach of the Fund leads to the exclusion of certain issuers, industries or sectors for reasons other than investment performance or where the estimated impact of positive or negative ESG factors is miscalculated.

# 5.2 Risk Management

See Section 4.4 for information about the Manager's risk management strategies.

# 6. Fees and Other Costs

Consumer Advisory Warning: The warning below is required by law.

# Did you know?

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

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

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

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

#### To Find Out More

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

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

Taxes are set out in **Section 8** of this PDS.

You should read all of the information about fees and costs because it is important to understand their impact on your investment.

If you are investing indirectly through an IDPS, you will need to consider the fees and other costs of the IDPS when calculating the total cost of your investment.

# 6.1 Fees and Other Costs

| Ellerston Global Mid Small Cap Fu  | nd – Class A Units  |  |
|--|---|--|
| Type of Fee or Cost  | Amount <sup>1,2</sup>   | How and When Paid  |
| Ongoing annual fees and costs  |   |  |
| Management fees and costs The fees and costs for managing your investment.   | Management fee<br>0.75% p.a. of the Net Asset Value<br>of Units.  | Calculated and accrued daily and paid from the assets of the Fund monthly in arrears. The Management Fee is reflected in the Unit price. The amount of this fee may be negotiated with the Manager.  Refer to <b>Section 6.2</b> for more details. |
|  | <b>Expenses</b> Estimated to be 0.20% p.a.  | Calculated and accrued daily and paid from the assets of the Fund when the amounts are due. These expenses are reflected in the Unit price.  |
|  |   | Refer to <b>Section 6.2</b> for more details.  |
|  | <b>Indirect costs</b> Estimated to be 0.00% p.a.  | Indirect costs are variable and are deducted from the assets of the Fund. These costs are not charged separately and are not paid to the Manager.  |
|  |   | Refer to <b>Section 6.2</b> for more details.  |
| Performance fees Amounts deducted from your investment in relation to the performance of the product.              | 10% of the relevant class's investment return over the Benchmark return, after recovering any underperformance in past periods. | Calculated and accrued daily and deducted from the assets of the relevant class after 30 June in each year in arrears. The performance fee is reflected in the Unit price.  Refer to <b>Section 6.2</b> for more details.                          |
|  | Estimated to be 0.36% p.a. of the Net Asset Value of each Unit.   |  |
| <b>Transaction costs</b> The costs incurred by the scheme when buying or selling assets.                           |   | Paid out of the Fund's assets when the costs are incurred and reflected in the Unit price. The amount shown is net of any transaction costs recovered from investors via the Buy/Sell Spread.  |
|  |   | Refer to <b>Section 6.2</b> for more details.  |
| Member activity related fees and o   | costs (fees for services or when your mo  | oney moves in or out of the scheme)  |
| Establishment fee<br>The fee to open your investment.  | Nil.  | Not applicable.  |
| Contribution fee The fee on each amount contributed to your investment.  | Nil.  | Not applicable.  |
| Buy-sell spread An amount deducted from your investment representing costs incurred in transactions by the scheme. | 0.25% of application amount.<br>0.25% of redemption amount.   | The Buy/Sell Spread is deducted from the application amount received from, or the redemption amount to be paid to, applicants and withdrawing Unitholders respectively at the time of the relevant application or redemption.                      |
| Withdrawal fee The fee on each amount you take out of your investment.   | Nil.  | Not applicable.  |
| Exit fee The fee to close your investment.   | Nil.  | Not applicable.  |
| Switching fee<br>The fee for changing  | Nil.  | Not applicable.  |

- <sup>1</sup> All fees set out in this **Section 6** are inclusive of the net effect of Goods and Services Tax (GST) (i.e. includes GST net of input tax credits). The Fund may not be entitled to claim a reduced input tax credit in all instances.
- <sup>2</sup> Fees in this PDS can be individually negotiated if you are a 'wholesale' client under the Corporations Act. If you invest via an IDPS, the operator may have negotiated a lower fee which may be passed onto you. Please contact your IDPS operator for further details.
- <sup>3</sup> Transaction costs are shown net of any amounts recovered by the Fund from the Buy/Sell Spread charged to transacting investors. Refer to **Section 6** "Buy/Sell Spread" for more details.

# 6.2 Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs

#### **GST**

All fees set out in this **Section 6** are inclusive of any applicable Goods and Services Tax (GST) and net of input tax credits (unless otherwise stated). The Fund may not be entitled to claim an input tax credit in all instances.

## **Management Fees and Costs**

The management fees and costs are comprised of the ongoing Management Fee, indirect costs and expenses.

# Management Fee

The Management Fee is 0.75% p.a. of the Net Asset Value (\$750 per \$100,000). The Management Fee is the fee we charge for overseeing the operations of the Fund and managing the assets of the Fund. The Management Fee is payable monthly in arrears. The Management Fee is reflected in the Unit price. The Management Fee may be individually negotiated if you are a 'wholesale client' under the Corporations Act by contacting Ellerston Capital on (02) 90217701 or your financial adviser.

#### Indirect Costs

Indirect costs are certain costs which we reasonably estimate will reduce, directly or indirectly, the Fund's return. Indirect costs may include underlying investment manager fees and costs and certain Derivative costs. If any indirect costs are incurred, they would be reflected in the Unit price of the Fund and would not be charged to you as a fee nor retained by us.

Based on the information available to us as at the date of the PDS and having regard to the past financial year, the Manager estimates the indirect costs of the Fund to be 0.00% p.a.

#### Expenses

All costs or general expenses reasonably and properly incurred in the proper performance of its duties by us in connection with the management of the Fund are payable out of the Fund. We are responsible for providing all office personnel, office space and office facilities required for the performance of its services. The Fund bears all other expenses incidental to its operations, including, but not limited to, fees payable to the Fund's service providers (e.g. administrator and custodian); taxes imposed on the Fund or us (in our capacity as responsible entity of the Fund); governmental charges and duties; the Fund's advisers (e.g. legal, accounting and audit); and printing and distributing the PDS, subscription materials, marketing materials and any reports and notices to Unitholders or prospective Unitholders. The total of these ongoing expenses is estimated to be 0.20% p.a. The Fund may also incur unanticipated expenses arising from its business, such as litigation and indemnification expenses. Government fees, duties and bank charges may also apply to investments and redemptions and be deducted from application monies or redemption proceeds.

All costs or expenses incurred (or that will be incurred) by us in connection with the offer of Units are payable out of the Fund and we may choose to include in the assets of the Fund deferred establishment costs for Unit pricing purposes.

#### Performance Fee

Ellerston Capital is entitled to a Performance Fee for outperforming the Benchmark. The Performance Fee is a way of providing an incentive for us to strive to continually produce returns above the Benchmark.

The Performance Fee is equal to 10% of the amount by which the accumulated investment return of the relevant class of Units exceeds the accumulated return of the Benchmark during each year to 30 June (Calculation Period). If the relevant class of Units underperforms against the Benchmark during a Calculation Period, a Performance Fee will not be paid. Any underperformance will be carried forward to the following Calculation Period and must be recouped before any Performance Fees can commence to accrue or be paid.

Based on the Fund's average Performance Fee for the past five financial years, the Manager estimates the Performance Fee to be 0.36% p.a. (\$360 per \$100,000) of the Net Asset Value of the Units.

The Performance Fee is accrued in the Unit price. The Performance Fee is payable at the end of each Calculation Period. Ellerston Capital may alter the Calculation Period. We will notify you of any change to the Calculation Period.

The investment return is based on the positive or negative change in the Net Asset Value of the relevant class of Units. The investment return is calculated after deducting Management Fees but before any accrued Performance Fees and income or capital distributions. Further adjustments may be made for subscriptions and redemptions and capital restructures.

The investment return and the Benchmark return are calculated at the end of each Business Day and are accumulated.

Ellerston Capital has no obligation to restore to the Fund's Performance Fees previously earned and paid, notwithstanding a loss in a subsequent Calculation Period. Where Units are redeemed during a Calculation Period, any accrued Performance Fees in respect of those Units may become due and payable to us. If we are removed as responsible entity of the Fund before the end of a Calculation Period, then the Performance Fee will be calculated and paid as though the date of removal were the end of the Calculation Period.

The Performance Fee is calculated on the performance of the relevant class of Units and not the performance of an individual Unitholder's investment. As a result, the actual Performance Fee payable on the Unitholder's investment in the Units may be affected by the timing of that person's applications and redemptions or by Unitholders as a whole. The Performance Fee can be individually negotiated if you are a 'wholesale client' under the Corporations Act by contacting Ellerston Capital on (02) 90217701 or your financial adviser.

## Worked example of performance fee

The example that follows is for the purpose of illustrating how Performance Fees may be calculated only.

The example assumes that the investment return of the relevant class of Units and the Benchmark is steady during the course of the Calculation Period. In reality, the investment return of the Fund and the Benchmark will vary during the course of the Calculation Period. The example also assumes that no subscriptions or redemptions are made during the Calculation Period.

Importantly, the example assumes the investment return of the relevant class of Units has exceeded the return on the Benchmark. Note that the investment return of the relevant class of Units and the Benchmark is for illustrative purposes only and is not an indication of future performance. Future performance may differ from that used in this example.

The value of your Units at the beginning of a Calculation Period is \$100,000 and at the end of the Calculation Period (before accruing any Performance Fee) is \$105,050.

The investment return for the Calculation Period is 5.05%, namely  $5.05\% \times $100,000 = $5,050$ . The return on the Benchmark is 2.05%, namely  $2.05\% \times $100,000 = $2,050$ .

The Performance Fee is  $10\% \times (\$5,050-\$2,050) = \$300$ .

For each \$100,000 that you have invested in Units at the beginning of the Calculation Period, you would have earned \$5,050 and been charged \$300 in Performance Fees.

#### **Transaction Costs**

Transaction costs are costs of buying and selling the Fund's assets. Transaction costs such as brokerage, settlement costs and clearing costs may be incurred as a result of changes in a Fund's investment portfolio. Transaction costs may vary year to year as the turnover in the underlying assets may change substantially as investment and market conditions change. Transaction costs are deducted from the assets of the Fund as they are incurred and reflected in the Unit price. They are not charged to Unitholders as an additional fee.

Based on the past financial year, the Manager estimates the total transaction costs for the Fund to be 0.23% p.a. of the Net Asset Value of the Units. The Manager estimates that 0.08% to be recouped via the Buy/Sell Spread. The Manager estimates the transaction costs, net of amounts recovered by the Buy/Sell Spread, to be 0.14% p.a. of the Net Asset Value of the Units which is an additional cost to Unitholders deducted from the assets of the Fund.

The transaction costs set out in Section 6 of the PDS are net of any amount recovered by the Buy/Sell Spread.

## **Buy/Sell Spread**

We may charge a Buy/Sell Spread. An amount equal to 0.25% is effectively deducted from the Unitholder's application and redemption monies. For example, if you invested \$100,000 in the Fund, the cost of your Buy Spread would be \$250. This amount is paid to the Fund on account of our estimate of costs associated with buying and selling assets represented by the relevant application or redemption and is not paid to us. Such costs are, however, an additional cost to you and will impact on the return on your investment. Such costs could include estimated brokerage and stamp duties, taxes and other charges and expenses from buying or selling Fund investments. The amount is paid so as to mitigate any unfairness from an application or redemption affecting other Unitholders. No buy spread is payable on the initial issue of Units. Management fees and costs do not include the Buy/Sell Spread. We may vary the Buy/Sell Spread from time to time and prior notice will not ordinarily be provided. Any changes to the Buy/Sell Spread will be posted on our website <a href="https://www.ellerstoncapital.com">www.ellerstoncapital.com</a>.

#### Fee Waiver or Deferral and Issue of Units

Ellerston Capital, in its sole discretion, may waive or defer the payment of all or part of its Management Fee and/or Performance Fee either generally or for certain Unitholders. Ellerston Capital may, where permitted under the law, charge fees on a different basis to certain associates of us and Unitholders that are 'wholesale clients' (as defined under the Corporations Act) or who make a substantial investment in the Fund or other of the Manager's investment products. We may elect to receive part of its Management Fee and/or Performance Fee in the form of Units in the Fund. Any Units issued to us will be at the Application Price for those Units applicable at that time.

# Fee Maximums and Changes to Fees

Ellerston Capital is entitled under the Constitution to charge a maximum Management Fee of 2% per annum of the gross asset value of the Fund and a maximum Performance Fee of 20% per annum (each exclusive of GST). Ellerston Capital has elected to waive or reduce these fees for the Units to the levels shown on in **Section 6** of the PDS. The Constitution does not provide for Ellerston Capital to charge a Switching Fee or Termination Fee. Ellerston Capital may, however, within the bounds of the Constitution, elect to change these fees (e.g. due to changes in economic conditions and size of the Fund) without the Unitholder's consent and Unitholders will be provided at least 30 days' written notice of any change in these or other fees.

# **Distributor Remuneration**

The Fund's distributors may receive a commission from the Management Fee. Commissions are incorporated into the Management Fee and are paid by us and are not an extra amount paid from the Fund nor are they an amount the Unitholder pays.

We may provide additional remuneration and other benefits to distributors indirectly by paying them additional amounts (such as marketing support payments) and/or non-monetary benefits (such as business and technical support, professional development services and conferences). If these amounts or benefits are provided, they are payable out of the fees and costs we are entitled to receive and are not an additional cost to you.

#### **Adviser Service Fee**

You may agree to pay your adviser a fee for any financial advice that they provide to you. However, these are separate any fees we charge in respect of your investment in the Fund, as set out in the table above.

# 6.3 Example of annual fees and costs for the Fund

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

| Example – Ellerston G<br>Class A Units | ilobal Mid Small Cap Fund –   | Balance of \$50,000 with a contribution of \$5,000 during year <sup>1</sup>  |
|--|---|--|
| Contribution Fees                      | Nil.  | For every additional \$5,000 you put in, you will be charged \$0.  |
| PLUS Management<br>fees and costs      | Management fee 0.75% p.a.  Estimated expenses 0.20% p.a.  Estimated indirect costs 0.00% p.a. | <b>And</b> , for every \$50,000 you have in the Fund you will be charged or have deducted from your investment <b>\$475</b> each year.   |
| PLUS<br>Performance fees               | 0.36% p.a.  | <b>And</b> , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$180 <sup>2</sup> in performance fees each year.   |
| PLUS<br>Transaction costs              | 0.14% p.a.  | <b>And</b> , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment <b>\$70</b> in transaction costs.   |
| EQUALS Cost of<br>Fund                 |   | If you had an investment of \$50,000 at the beginning of the year and you put in an additional \$5,000 during that year, you would be charged fees and costs of:  \$725 <sup>3</sup> What it costs you will depend on the fees you negotiate with the Fund, your |
|  |   | IDPS operator or financial adviser, as applicable.   |

- <sup>1</sup> This example assumes the \$5,000 contribution occurs at the end of the first year, therefore all fees and costs are calculated using the \$50,000 balance only. Please note that this example does not capture all the fees and costs that may apply to you such as the Buy/Sell Spread.
- <sup>2</sup> This example includes a performance fee estimate of 0.36% p.a. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. In particular, the performance fee payable (if any) will depend on the performance of the Fund and any estimated or past performance fee is not a reliable indicator of future performance fees of the Fund.

Please note that this is just an example. In practice, your investment balance will vary, as will the Fund's fees and costs. Fee rebates may be individually negotiated with wholesale clients (as defined in the Corporations Act).

We may change the fees set out on this section (e.g. due to changes in economic conditions and size of the Fund) without the Unitholder's consent and Unitholders will be provide at least 30 days' written notice of any change in these or other fees.

# 7. How the Fund Works

# 7.1 How to Apply

Units in the Fund are available for issue under the PDS. To invest in the Fund you must complete the Application Form accompanying the PDS.

If the Registry receives a completed Application Form, including all related documents and application monies, by 2:00pm (Sydney time) on a Business Day (or such other time as we may determine), we will process the application using that Business Day's Application Price. We may in our absolute discretion waive this notice requirement.

Application Forms received after the relevant cut-off time will generally be processed for the following Business Day. Incomplete applications will be processed once we have received correct documentation and application monies. We may from time to time allow additional dates for accepting applications.

#### Minimum Investments

The minimum initial investment amount is \$10,000 and the minimum additional investment amount is \$5,000. The Manager may in its absolute discretion waive or vary these minimum requirements.

#### **Application Price**

The Application Price will be the Net Asset Value per Unit as at the relevant Business Day, plus the Buy/Sell Spread.

#### **Application Acceptance and Interest**

To ensure the Fund remains efficient and competitive, the Manager may in its absolute discretion reject or decline to accept applications (in part or in full) and may close the Fund to further investment at any time.

Any interest payable on application amounts will accrue to the benefit of the Fund. Application amounts paid in respect of rejected or any scaled back portion of applications will be returned to applicants without interest.

#### Issue of Units

The number of Units issued to an applicant will be equal to the application amount divided by the Application Price.

#### 7.2 How to Redeem

You can redeem some or all of your investment by giving the Registry written notice prior by 2:00pm (Sydney time) on a Business Day (or such other time as we may determine).

Redemptions of Units will be processed using the Redemption Price at that Business Day provided the request is received before the relevant redemption cut-off time for that Business Day.

Redemption requests received after the relevant cut-off time will generally be processed for the following Business Day.

Incomplete redemption requests will be processed once we have received correct documentation. We may from time to time allow additional dates for accepting redemptions.

Redemption request forms are available from the Registry (see Corporate Directory for contact details).

#### **Minimum Redemption Amount**

The minimum redemption amount is \$5,000 unless otherwise approved by the Manager. Redemption requests may be restricted or a Unitholder's Units may be redeemed in its entirety if the processing of a redemption request would result in the Unitholder holding less than \$5,000 of Units.

## **Redemption Price**

The Redemption Price for a Unit will be its Net Asset Value per Unit as at the relevant Business Day, less the Buy/Sell Spread.

The Manager expects that redemptions will be processed and typically paid within five Business Days however the Fund's Constitution provides that it may take up to 21 days from the relevant transaction day until you receive your redemption proceeds. This is because the ability to fund a redemption is generally dependent on the ability of the Fund to realise its investments. In some circumstances, redemptions may also be suspended as set out below.

#### **Restrictions on Redemptions**

If the Fund is "liquid" (as defined in the Corporations Act), no redemptions, or payment of redemption proceeds are permitted where the calculation of the Net Asset Value or redemptions are suspended. Suspensions may occur for up to 120 days including where:

- It is impracticable or impossible for the Manager to calculate the Net Asset Value of the Fund, for example because of financial market disruptions or closures;
- The Manager reasonably considers that if the redemption requests were met immediately, Unit holders who continue to hold
  Units may bear or suffer a material disadvantage including, but not limited to, bearing a disproportionate burden of tax or other
  expenses or bearing a material diminution in the value of the Fund;
- The Manager is unable to realise Fund property to satisfy redemption requests;
- · The Manager reasonably considers it to be in the interests of Unit holders; or
- · It is otherwise legally permitted.

Unitholders will be notified in writing of any material changes to their redemption rights.

## Where the Fund is Not Liquid

The redemption process, including the calculation of the Redemption Price, described above applies only when the Fund is "liquid" (as defined in the Corporations Act). If the Fund is no longer liquid, Units may only be redeemed under a redemption offer made to all Unitholders in the Fund, in accordance with the Constitution and the Corporations Act. Unitholders will be notified in writing of any material changes to their redemption rights.

#### 7.3 Transfers

You may not sell or transfer (or agree to do so) any Units to another person without our prior written consent. We may impose certain terms and conditions or delay or withhold our consent.

To apply, complete and send to the Registry the transfer document. This is available from the Registry. If you do not obtain our consent, we may compulsorily redeem the relevant Units.

The sale or transfer of Units will have tax consequences. Stamp duty may also be payable unless an exemption applies. You should obtain tax and stamp duty advice before requesting a transfer.

# 7.4 Distributions

The distribution policy of the Fund is to distribute (when available) as soon as practicable after each 30 June and 31 December (or otherwise as determined by the Manager) the net income of the Fund. Distributions from the Fund may comprise income and/or capital as determined by the Manager under the Fund's Constitution. We may also distribute additional amounts at other times. There is no guarantee that any income will be generated.

Distributions are calculated based on the number of Units held as at the end of the distribution date (e.g. 30 June). Your distribution entitlement is not pro-rated for the duration of your investment during the year.

Distributions will be automatically reinvested in Units unless the investor notifies the Manager otherwise. Reinvestments will be at the Net Asset Value per Unit (with no Buy/Sell Spread).

Unitholders should review their distribution election to ensure that their election accurately reflects their current investment objectives and to avoid any delays in processing of distribution payments. Unitholders may not elect to have a fixed number of Units or a percentage of their distribution reinvested in the Fund.

#### 7.5 Net Asset Value of Units

The Net Asset Value for a Unit is the total value of trust property less the trust liabilities (calculated in accordance with the Constitution), divided by the number of Units on issue. The key aspects of the valuation policy applied in valuing the Fund's assets are set out below. We may rely upon the valuations or prices supplied by third parties and/or industry standard pricing models for which we will not or are not able to verify the accuracy. The Manager has appointed the Administrator to calculate the net asset valuations of the Fund.

The Manager may establish separate class accounts for each class of Units in the Fund. Amounts which are referable to a class (as determined by the Manager in accordance with the Constitution) will be allocated to the relevant class. The Net Asset Value will be calculated on the basis of each class. Each class of Units will be invested in the same portfolio of assets.

Units will typically be priced each Business Day except where the calculation of the Net Asset Value of the Fund is suspended (refer to **Section 7.2** for further details).

Unit prices will be displayed at www.ellerstoncapital.com or can be obtained by telephoning (02) 90217701.

The Manager has documented how it intends to exercise unit pricing discretions in a policy document. If a discretion is exercised in a way that departs from the documented policy, a record of this will be kept in an exceptions register. The policy document and any exceptions register will be available to Unit holders free of charge by contacting the Manager.

#### Valuation

The key aspects of the Fund's valuation policy are:

| Exchange traded assets        | Exchange traded securities that are regularly traded are valued at their last traded price. Other investments traded through a clearing firm or through a financial institution will be valued by reference to the most recent official settlement price quoted by that clearing house, exchange or financial institution.                            |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Non-exchange<br>traded assets | Non-exchange traded securities are typically valued at their cost price or the price of the most recent transaction. Other investments that are not dealt in or traded through a clearing firm or an exchange or through a financial institution will be valued on the basis of the latest available valuation provided by the relevant counterparty. |
| Currencies                    | Any non-Australian Dollar value will be converted into Australian Dollars at the rate reasonably determined by the Manager.   |

The Manager may utilise an alternative valuation methodology or principle to those described above if it considers that such valuation would better reflect the fair value of the asset.

# 7.6 Cooling Off Rights

Unit holders may have their Units cancelled and monies returned to them where the Manager receives from them a written redemption request within 14 days of the earlier of confirmation by the Manager of that Unitholder's initial investment in Units or the fifth business day after that Unit holder's Units are issued under this PDS. The monies returned will be equal to the price at which Units could be applied for on the day the Manager receives the redemption request (adjusted for market movements, reasonable transaction and administration costs and any applicable fees and taxes). This cooling off right does not apply for investments under the Fund's distribution reinvestment plan or for wholesale clients (as defined in section 761G of the Corporations Act). Indirect Investors should consult their Investor Directed Portfolio Service (IDPS) operator as to which (if any) cooling off rights may apply.

# 7.7 Indirect Investors

You may invest indirectly in the Fund through certain investor directed portfolio services, master funds or other portfolio administration services (IDPS). The PDS may be used as disclosure to clients and prospective clients of the IDPS.

An Indirect Investor does not become a Unit holder in the Fund. Accordingly, an Indirect Investor does not acquire the rights of a Unit holder or acquire any direct interest in the Fund. The operator or manager of the IDPS acquires these rights (including the right to vote at meetings) and can exercise them, or decline to exercise them, on behalf of the person according to the arrangements governing the IDPS. However, Indirect Investors will have access to Ellerston Capital's complaint resolution procedures to the same extent as if they were a Direct Investor (see **Section 10.5** for further details).

A person who invests in the Fund through an IDPS should ignore information in this PDS that is relevant only for direct investors. This includes to the following:

#### **Application Form**

A person investing in the Fund through an IDPS should not complete the Application Form attached to, or accompanied by, this PDS. An Indirect Investor should complete the application form supplied by the operator of the IDPS. Refer to your IDPS operator for the minimum investment amount that may apply to an investment in the Fund through an IDPS.

#### Information

An Indirect Investor will not receive statements, tax information or other information directly from the Manager. An Indirect Investor should receive equivalent information from the operator of the IDPS.

#### Redemptions

Provisions which relate to redemptions from the Fund will apply to the operator of the IDPS and not the Indirect Investor.

#### Fees and Expenses

Fees and expenses applicable to the IDPS (and set out in the IDPS offer document or client agreement) are payable in addition to the fees and expenses stated in this PDS.

#### Tax

Taxation consequences of investing in the Fund outlined in **Section 8** do not consider the treatment of Indirect Investors. You should consult your tax adviser in relation to investing through an IDPS.

#### Cooling Off Rights

Indirect Investors should consult their IDPS operator about what cooling off rights (if any) may apply.

#### **Complaints Handling**

As an Indirect Investor, you will have the same access to the Manager's complaints resolution policy to the same extent as if you were a direct investor. See **Section 10.5** for further detail.

# 8. Tax Considerations

#### 8.1 General Overview

The taxation environment applying to the investments is currently undergoing substantial reform and may change. Any gains from the Fund's investments and from your investment in the Fund may be treated on revenue or capital account depending on the particular circumstances of the Fund and each investor. This may impact the Fund's and an investor's ability to obtain a discount on the capital gains tax applied on any gains. Under Australian tax law, a holding of Units may give rise to taxable distributions even though investors may not receive distributions in cash to fund the tax liability. The transfer or redemption of Units involves a disposal, which may have tax implications. Stamp duty may also be payable on the transfer unless an exemption applies. You are not required by law to quote your Tax File Number (TFN). However, without your TFN or appropriate exemption information, we are required to withhold tax at the highest marginal tax rate (plus Medicare Levy) from income distributions and interest payments made to you.

Investors should obtain independent professional advice in relation to their particular circumstances regarding the taxation consequences of an investment in the Fund before investing.

# 8.2 Summary of Tax Implications

A summary of the general Australian taxation implications for the Fund and investors in the Fund is set out below. The summary has been prepared on the basis that investors:

- · are tax resident in Australia;
- · are subject to Australian tax (that is, are not exempt from Australian tax); and
- · hold their investments on capital account.

The summary does not consider the tax implications for other taxpayers who hold their investments on revenue account (e.g. banks, life insurance companies, equity traders, etc.).

These comments are of a general nature only and do not constitute tax advice and should not be relied upon as such. Investors should seek their own independent taxation advice about their specific facts and circumstances.

It is intended that the Fund will qualify as a managed investment trust (MIT) for Australian tax purposes. Where possible, the responsible entity of the Fund will elect for the Fund to be an Attribution Managed Investment Trust (AMIT). If such election is made, the election will apply for all income years while the Fund continues to meet certain criteria.

#### Taxation of the Fund

The responsible entity of the Fund should not generally be subject to tax in respect of the income and gains derived by the Fund in each financial year, provided investors are presently entitled to the income of the trust or, where the Fund is an AMIT, the responsible entity attributes all of the taxable income of the Fund to investors in accordance with the AMIT rules and the Constitution each income year. It is noted that, under the AMIT Rules, the cash paid to investors does not need to be equal to amounts attributed to those investors.

Where the Fund qualifies as a MIT, the responsible entity intends to elect for deemed capital gains tax (CGT) treatment to apply to the Fund. The election applies to investments in shares, units in a unit trust, land and rights or options to acquire shares, units or land. The election does not apply to other assets or derivatives.

Where the Fund incurs a revenue loss (which may arise where the Fund makes a loss on investments to which the deemed capital account treatment described above does not apply) in a financial year, the Fund may carry this tax loss forward to offset against future taxable income of the Fund, subject to the satisfaction of the trust loss carry forward rules. Any capital losses made by the Fund can be offset against capital gains in the same financial year or carried forward to offset future capital gains. Capital losses are not subject to the tax loss recoupment rules however they cannot offset revenue gains.

#### Taxation of distributions from the Fund

Resident taxpaying investors will include in their assessable income, their share of the "taxable income" of the Fund or the amount attributed to them by the responsible entity and this will be advised to investors via the annual distribution statement. Where the Fund is an AMIT during an income year, the amount attributed to investors will represent a fair and reasonable attribution of the Fund's taxable income determined by the responsible entity in accordance with the Constitution. The fair and reasonable attribution may take into account the Investor's share of their interests in the Fund and any gains realised by the Fund in order to fund an Investor's redemption request.

The responsible entity may be required to withhold tax from distributions in a range of circumstances including for certain payments to non-resident investors.

## Cost base adjustments

The cost base of the Investor's units in the Fund will generally be the amount the Investor paid for the units (including incidental costs of acquisitions and disposals). However, changes to the cost base will be required to be calculated by each of the investors of the Fund on an annual basis. Where the Fund qualifies as an AMIT, broadly, the cost base will increase where the Fund attributes an amount of assessable income (including grossed up capital gains) or non-assessable non-exempt income and the cost base will decrease for amounts of cash distribution to which an Investor becomes entitled to or tax offsets attributed to the Investor by the responsible entity.

A reasonable estimate of the AMIT cost base net amount will be provided to members as part of the Attribution MIT Member Annual (AMMA) statement.

Similarly, where the Fund does not qualify as an AMIT, investors' cost bases should also be required to be reduced where an investor's cash distribution entitlement exceeds their share of taxable income of the Fund.

Where an Investor's cost base is reduced to nil, further reductions in the cost base will be taken to be a capital gain for the investors.

## Disposal or redemption of units

Resident investors will make a capital gain where the capital proceeds from the disposal or redemption of their units exceeds the cost base of the relevant units. Conversely, a capital loss will arise if the capital proceeds are less than the reduced cost base of the relevant units.

Under current law, where the Investor is an individual, an entity acting in the capacity of trustee (conditions apply) or is a complying superannuation fund and the units have been held for more than 12 months, any capital gain arising from disposal or redemption of the units may be reduced by the relevant CGT discount (if applicable).

#### Annual tax statement

Investors should expect to receive an annual tax statement or, where the Fund qualifies as an AMIT for an income year, an AMMA tax statement for the Fund within three months after the end of each financial year. The statement will show the cash distributed and the taxable and non-taxable components and, where the Fund qualifies as an AMIT, a reasonable estimate of any adjustments to the Investor's cost base of their units.

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

The responsible entity is authorised under Australian tax laws to collect TFNs and ABNs in connection with investments in the Fund.

It is not compulsory for an Investor to provide their TFN, but without a TFN (or ABN in some circumstances) or the appropriate exemption information, the responsible entity must withhold tax from distributions (and undistributed amounts to which they are presently entitled) at the 'top rate', being the highest marginal tax rate (plus Medicare levy) until the TFN or exemption is provided.

Investors may prefer to provide an ABN as an alternative to their TFN if their investment is made as part of an enterprise.

Investors who have not quoted their TFN or ABN (or a relevant exemption) will need to claim a credit in their income tax return for the tax withheld (or, if this is not appropriate, they can apply to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for a refund).

#### Indirect Investment in the Fund

A Unitholder may invest indirectly in the Fund through an IDPS. In this case, it is the IDPS and not the investor that will be the Unitholder in the Fund.

The nature of the relationship between investors and an IDPS and of the indirect interest held by investors may differ between IDPS depending on the arrangements and terms governing the IDPS.

Investors should seek their own independent advice regarding the effect that holding their investment in the Fund via a particular IDPS has on the applicable income tax (including capital gains tax) treatment.

#### Reporting

For investors that are considered to be residents of certain countries for tax purposes, we may also be required to obtain additional information and report to the ATO or overseas tax authority each year relevant details relating to their investment, including balance and income received, under rules designed to combat tax evasion in their country of residence for tax purposes.

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

The Fund is required to comply with FATCA. FATCA enables the U.S Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to identify and collect tax from US residents that invest in non-US entities. To comply with these requirements, we will collect and disclose information about certain investors such as your US Taxpayer Identification Number to the ATO or IRS. If you do not provide this information, we may be required to withhold tax on any payments made to you.

If the Fund suffers any amount of FATCA tax, neither the Manager nor the Fund will be required to compensate you for any such tax, and the effects of these amounts will be reflected in the returns of the Fund. A credit for such foreign taxes may be available in your jurisdiction of residence. You should seek your own advice in this regard.

# 9. Material Documents

# 9.1 Constitution

The Fund is registered as a managed investment scheme under the Corporations Act. The operation of the Fund is governed under the law and its Constitution which addresses matters such as Unit pricing and redemptions and applications; the issue and transfer of Units; Unitholder meetings; Unitholders' rights to income of the Fund; the Manager's powers, fee entitlement and right to be indemnified from the Fund's assets; and how the responsible entity of the Fund may be changed. The life of the Fund is 80 years less one day, unless the Manager exercises its right to terminate the Fund earlier. The following are some key terms of the Fund's Constitution not explained elsewhere in this PDS.

#### **Compulsory Redemption**

The Manager may in its absolute discretion, upon a minimum of three days' notice to a Unitholder, redeem all or a portion of Units held by such Unitholder in its absolute discretion if the Manager believes:

- The Units are held in breach of prohibitions contained in the Constitution;
- The Units are held in circumstances which might result in a violation (including by the Manager) of an applicable law or regulation, or subject the Fund to taxation or otherwise adversely affect the Fund in any material respect;
- A Unitholder made a misrepresentation in acquiring its Units;
- · The Fund is uneconomical to operate;
- · A Unitholder is a registered holder of less than \$5,000 of Units; or
- The Manager determines that the continued participation of a Unitholder might cause the Manager or any Unitholder to violate any law or if any litigation is commenced or threatened against the Manager or any Unitholder arising out of the participation by the Unit holder in the Fund.

#### The Manager's Indemnity and Liability

The Manager is indemnified under the Constitution for all amounts incurred by it in the proper performance of its duties. The Manager's liability to Unitholders is limited to the Manager's ability to be indemnified from the Fund subject to the law and the Manager acting without breach of trust, fraud or gross negligence involving a failure to show the degree of care and diligence required of it.

## **Unit Holder Liability**

The liability of a Unitholder to the Fund is generally limited to the amount subscribed, or agreed to be subscribed, for Units and any tax payable in respect of their Unit holding. The effectiveness of these provisions has not yet been determined by an Australian court.

# **Amending the Constitution**

The Constitution may be changed by the Manager where it reasonably considers that the change will not adversely affect Unit holders' rights or if the change is approved by Unit holders.

# 9.2 Key Service Providers

The Fund may from time to time change or appoint additional Key Service Providers and enter into agreements with those providers where the Fund indemnifies the Key Service Provider and limits their liability to the Fund similar to that described above in respect of the Manager's indemnity and liability.

# 10. Additional Information

# 10.1 Communication and Reporting

Unit holders will be provided with the communications set out in the table below and in the disclosure benchmarks set out in **Section 3**. Unit holders will also receive confirmations of their Unit applications, redemptions and distributions. Unit holders may ask the Manager for additional information as reasonably required, although the Manager may not always be able to satisfy such requests.

| Statement  | Timing                                  |
|--|---|
| Fund newsletter  | Monthly                                 |
| Periodic statements  | Annually                                |
| Income distribution statement (including details of income entitlements) | Half yearly (if distributions are made) |
| Tax statement  | Annually                                |
| Annual report (including the Fund's audited accounts)                    | Annually                                |

The annual report will be available at <a href="www.ellerstoncapital.com">www.ellerstoncapital.com</a>. Other information relating to the Units you hold will be provided in hard copy unless you elect to receive it by email by completing the relevant part of the Application Form. If you hold other Classes of Units in the Fund, any election you make with respect to Units will apply to all classes of units you hold.

Fund related information will be provided through our website at www.ellerstoncapital.com.

### 10.2 Further Information

A non-exhaustive summary of some of the key terms of the Offer and Constitution of the Fund has been set out in this PDS. For further information about the Fund contact your financial adviser. The Constitution may be viewed between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Sydney time, on weekdays by contacting the Manager at info@ellerstoncapital.com or (02) 90217701.

## 10.3 Offer Changes

The Manager reserves the right to cancel the Offer, reject an application (in full or in part) and return application monies for whatever reason.

# 10.4 Disclosing Entity

At the date of this PDS, the Fund is not currently a disclosing entity under the Corporations Act. If this changes, the Fund will be subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations. Copies of documents lodged with ASIC in relation to the Fund may be obtained from, or inspected at, any ASIC office.

If and when the Fund becomes a disclosing entity, you may obtain a copy of:

- · The Fund's annual financial report most recently lodged with ASIC;
- · Any half-year financial reports lodged with ASIC by the Fund after lodgement of that annual report and before the date of this PDS; and
- Any continuous disclosure notices given by the Fund after that date of lodgement of that annual report and before the date of this PDS;

on request from us free of charge.

# 10.5 Complaints Resolution

The Manager has a formal policy in place for dealing with complaints. If you have a complaint, please notify us by telephoning (02) 90217701, by emailing info@ellerstoncapital.com or by writing to Ellerston Capital Limited, Level 11, 179 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000. We will acknowledge your complaint as soon as practicable, and will investigate your complaint and aim to provide a final response to you within 30 days of receipt of the complaint.

If you are ultimately dissatisfied with the outcome of your complaint you may refer the matter, free of charge, to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority which is an external dispute resolution scheme:

Phone: 1800 931 678
Fax: +613 9613 6399
Email: info@afca.org.au
Website: www.afca.org.au

Mail:

Australian Financial Complaints Authority

GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001

## 10.6 Anti-Money Laundering

The Manager is required to comply with the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Act 2006 (Cth)* (AML/CTF Law). The Manager may require you to provide personal information and documentation in relation to your identity when you purchase Units in the Fund. The Manager may need to obtain additional information and documentation from you when undertaking transactions in relation to your investment. The Manager may need to identify:

- A Unitholder (including all investor types noted on the Application Form) prior to purchasing Units in the Fund. The Manager will not issue Units until all relevant information has been received and your identity has been satisfactorily verified;
- Your estate if you die while you are the owner of Units in the Fund, the Manager may need to identify your legal personal representative prior to redeeming Units or transferring ownership; and
- Anyone acting on your behalf, including your power of attorney.

In some circumstances, the Manager may need to re-verify this information.

By applying to invest in the Fund, you also acknowledge that the Manager may decide to delay or refuse any request or transaction, including by suspending the issue or redemption of Units in the Fund, if it is concerned that the request or transaction may breach any obligation of, or cause us to commit or participate in an offence under, any AML/CTF Law, and the Manager will incur no liability to you if it does so.

# 10.7 Privacy

The Application Form accompanying this PDS requires you to provide personal information. The Manager and each Key Service Provider to the Manager or Fund may collect, hold and use your personal information in order to assess your application, service your needs as a client or Unit holder, provide facilities and services to you, the Manager or the Fund and for other purposes permitted

under the *Privacy Act 1998* (Cth). Tax and company law also require some of the information to be collected in connection with your application. If you do not provide the information requested, your application may not be able to be processed efficiently, or at all. Your information may also be disclosed to members of the Manager's Group, contractors and consultants engaged by the Manager or a Manager Group entity, the Registry, and the Administrator and to their affiliates, delegates, agents and Key Service Providers on the basis that they deal with such information in accordance with any agreement entered into with the Manager or the Manager's privacy policy. The Manager may need to disclose information about you to government entities and regulators as required by law.

Your information may also be used to inform you about investment opportunities or other matters that the Manager's Group thinks may be of interest to you. Contact the Manager using its contact details in the corporate directory if you do not want your personal information to be used for this purpose or to request a copy of your personal information held by the Manager (or the Registry). See the Registry's privacy policy at <a href="https://www.automicgroup.com.au/privacy-policy/">https://www.automicgroup.com.au/privacy-policy/</a> for information regarding how the Registry protects the confidentiality of Unit holder's personal information.

The Managers or the Registry's privacy policy (where applicable) includes further details surrounding:

- · How you may complain about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles and how we will deal with your complaint; and
- The circumstances in which personal information to overseas recipients and which countries such recipients are located if it is practicable to specify those countries.

# 10.8 Key Corporate Governance Policies

# **Related Party Transactions**

Ellerston Capital has a related party transactions policy which sets out the requirement that related party dealings be on not less than "arm's length terms" or that an exemption applies to the transaction or that the dealings be approved by the members of the entity giving the benefit to the related party or otherwise comply with Corporations Act requirements.

#### Conflicts of Interest

Ellerston Capital has established internal policies and procedures to ensure that any conflicts of interest arising in relation to the Fund are adequately identified and appropriately managed.

Where we consider that a particular conflict of interest is likely to have a materially adverse effect on Unitholders we will seek to implement adequate arrangements to mitigate and prevent (where practicable) these adverse effects on Unitholders. In certain cases, we may disclose the conflict of interest to Unitholders and obtain their consent for us (and other persons if relevant) to proceed in the context of that conflict of interest.

#### **Group Activities**

Subject to the Corporations Act and the Manager's compliance policies, each of the Manager and other members of the Manager's Group and their associates may from time to time:

- Invest in the Fund, any such investment will be on the same terms as other Unit holders. The Manager's Group reserves the right to add to or withdraw its investment without further notice;
- Act in various capacities (such as manager and responsible entity) in relation to, or be otherwise involved in (such as by way of investment), other business activities that may be in competition with the interests of Unit holders;
- Deal with each other in relation to the Fund (such as the Fund acquiring investments from the Manager's Group) in which case the dealing will generally be on arm's length terms or approved by Unit holders;
- · Invest in and deal in any capacity, with the same investments as that of the Fund, on similar or different terms; and/or
- Recommend that investments be purchased or sold, on behalf of the Fund, regardless of whether at the same time it may buy, sell or recommend, in the same or in a contrary manner, the purchase or sale of identical investments in relation to itself or other clients.

#### **Commission Sharing**

The Manager may execute transactions or arrange for the execution of transactions through brokers and other counterparties to the Fund with whom they have "commission sharing" arrangements. The benefits provided under such arrangements will generally assist the Manager in the provision of investment services to the Fund. Specifically, the Manager may receive a benefit based on certain metrics such as the number of trades executed or Leverage obtained through the respective broker or counterparty. Benefits received by the Manager may take the form of, among other things, research services, quotation services, news wire services, portfolio and trade analysis software systems, special execution and clearance capabilities, which are used by the Manager in connection with the Fund and its other activities and clients.

# 10.9 Key Service Provider Appointments

The Manager has appointed:

- · Automic Group to provide registry services for the Fund;
- · State Street Australia Limited to provide accounting and custody services for the Fund and
- · Ernst & Young as auditors of the Fund.

The Manager may, subject to the law, change these or engage replacement or additional service providers at any time.

#### 10.10 Consents

Each of the Key Service Providers:

- · Has not authorised or caused the issue of this PDS; and
- Does not make or purport to make any statement in this PDS.

# 10.11 Warning statement for New Zealand Investors

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

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

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

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

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

 $The \ taxation \ treatment \ of \ Australian \ financial \ products \ is \ not \ the \ same \ as \ for \ New \ Zealand \ financial \ products.$ 

If you are uncertain about whether this investment is appropriate for you, you should seek the advice of a financial advice provider. The Offer may involve a currency exchange risk. The currency for the financial products is not New Zealand dollars. The value of the financial products will go up or down according to changes in the exchange rate between that currency and New Zealand dollars. These changes may be significant.

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

The dispute resolution process described in this PDS is available only in Australia and is not available in New Zealand.

# 11. Glossary

| A\$ or \$                         | Australian dollars.   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Administrator and Custodian       | State Street Australia Limited as a provider of accounting and custody services to the Fund.  |
| AFSL                              | Australian Financial Services Licence.  |
| Alpha                             | The excess return of the Fund relative to the return of the Benchmark.  |
| Application Form                  | The application form accompanying this PDS.   |
| ASIC                              | Australian Securities and Investments Commission.   |
| Benchmark                         | MSCI World Mid Cap Index Net Return (NR) (AUD).   |
| Business Day                      | Any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in New South Wales, Australia.   |
| Buy/Sell Spread                   | Has the meaning provided in <b>Section 6.2</b> .  |
| Calculation Period                | Has the meaning provided in <b>Section 6.2</b> .  |
| Cash and Cash-Like<br>Investments | Investments in deposits, cash management trusts, bonds, fixed interest, debentures or similar investments as determined by the Manager.   |
| Class                             | Each Class of units in the Fund.  |
| Constitution                      | The Constitution of the Fund dated 13 October 2011 as amended from time to time.  |
| Delta Exposure                    | Means the exposure obtained to underlying designated assets by means of a Derivative using current market values.   |
| Derivative                        | A financial instrument where the value depends on, or is derived from, the value of an underlying designated asset or market index (e.g. an individual share or a broad share market index).  |
| Ellerston Capital                 | Ellerston Capital Limited ACN 110 397 674.  |
| ESG                               | Environmental, social and governance.   |
| Exchange Traded Derivative        | A Derivative that is traded through a public exchange or market. Exchange Traded Derivatives are characterised by standard terms and conditions.  |
| Expenses                          | Has the meaning provided in <b>Section 6.2</b> .  |
| Forward                           | A non-standardised contract between two parties to buy or sell an asset at a specified future time at a price agreed on at the time of conclusion of the contract.  |
| Fund                              | Ellerston Global Mid Small Cap Fund ARSN 609 725 868 an Australian domiciled unit trust, constituted by and under its Constitution and registered as a managed investment scheme.   |
| Fundamental                       | Analysing investment factors that can affect the security's value, including macroeconomic factors (for example, the overall economy and industry conditions) and company-specific factors (for example, business model, management and valuation). |
| Futures                           | An agreement under which the holder of the futures contract is under an obligation to deliver or take delivery of a particular asset (e.g. gold and currency) for a particular price and at a particular time.                                      |
| IDPS                              | Has the meaning provided in <b>Section 7.7</b> .  |
| Indirect Investor                 | Has the meaning provided in <b>Section 7.7</b> .  |
| Key Service Providers             | The entities named in <b>Section 4.7</b> as such and any additional or replacement service providers to the Fund from time to time.   |
| Leverage                          | Borrowing money or securities to invest or investing through Derivatives in order to increase the monies available for investment.  |
| Long                              | The exposure obtained by acquiring an investment.   |
| Management Fee                    | Has the meaning provided in <b>Section 6.2</b> .  |

| Manager               | Ellerston Capital as responsible entity and investment manager of the Fund.   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Manager's Group       | The Manager and each of its related bodies corporate, and each of their associates.   |
| Net Asset Value       | The net asset value of the relevant class or the Fund, as appropriate, as determined under the Constitution. Refer also <b>Section 7.5</b> .                                  |
| Offer                 | The invitation to subscribe for Units set out in this PDS.  |
| Option                | An agreement under which the holder has the right but not the obligation to purchase or sell an asset (e.g. a share) at a particular price at or by a particular time.        |
| OTC Derivative        | A Derivative that is not an Exchange Traded Derivative.   |
| PDS                   | This product disclosure statement.  |
| Performance Fee       | Has the meaning provided in <b>Section 6.2</b> .  |
| Redemption Price      | Has the meaning provided in <b>Section 7.2</b> .  |
| Registry or Registrar | Automic Group as a provider of registry services to the Fund.   |
| Securities            | Any type of shares or other equity interests in a company, exchange traded fund (listed or targeting a listing on an exchange within 6 months), or managed investment scheme. |
| Short Selling         | Selling an investment (which has been borrowed from another party) with the intention of buying it back at a later date.  |
| Swap                  | A Derivative contract through which two parties exchange financial instruments.   |
| Units                 | Class A Units representing a beneficial interest in the Fund issued pursuant to this PDS.   |
| Unit holder           | A person entered on the register of the Fund as a holder of Units pursuant to this PDS.   |
| US Persons            | Has the meaning given to the term in Regulation S of the U.S. Securities Act 1933 (as amended).   |
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# 12. Corporate Directory

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