

Product Disclosure Statement

# Betashares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund)

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### About this PDS

This Product Disclosure Statement (**PDS**) is dated 29 September 2022.

BetaShares Capital Ltd ABN 78 139 566 868 AFS Licence 341181 is the issuer of this PDS and is responsible for its contents. In this PDS references to the "Responsible Entity", "BetaShares", "we", "our" and "us" refer to BetaShares Capital Ltd.

This PDS is the offer document for the following registered managed investment scheme: BetaShares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund) (ARSN 150 081 691) (the "Fund").

A copy of this PDS has been lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (**ASIC**) on 29 September 2022. Neither ASIC nor ASX Limited takes any responsibility for the contents of this PDS.

The Fund commenced operations on 30 April 2014. An application was made to, and approved by, the ASX for Units in the Fund to be quoted for trading on the AQUA market of the ASX. The Units in the Fund are currently quoted for trading on the AQUA market of the ASX under the AQUA Rules.

A copy of the latest PDS for the Fund is available on the BetaShares website at [www.betashares.com.au](http://www.betashares.com.au) or by contacting BetaShares on (02) 9290 6888. A paper copy will be provided free of charge on request.

### The offer

The offer under this PDS is for certain financial institutions, called "Authorised Participants". Certain sections of the PDS (particularly those relating to applications for and redemptions of Units in the normal course) are of direct relevance to Authorised Participants only.

Other investors cannot apply for Units under this PDS but can buy Units on the ASX through a stockbroker, or via a financial adviser. Such investors may use this PDS for information purposes only.

The offer to which this PDS relates is available to Authorised Participants receiving the PDS (electronically or otherwise) in Australia, or in certain overseas jurisdictions by direct arrangement with the Responsible Entity.

This PDS does not constitute an offer of securities in any jurisdiction where, or to any person to whom, it would be unlawful to make such an offer.

No action has been taken to register or qualify the Fund in any jurisdiction outside Australia and New Zealand, although the Responsible Entity reserves the right to do so at any time. The distribution of this PDS outside Australia and New Zealand may be restricted by law and persons who come into possession of this PDS outside Australia and New Zealand should seek advice on and observe any such restrictions. Any failure to comply with such restrictions may constitute a violation of applicable securities law.

Units have not been registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 (as amended) and except in a transaction which does not violate such Act, may not be directly or indirectly offered or sold in the United States of America or any of its territories or for the benefit of a US Person (as defined in Regulation S of such Act).

### PDS updates

Information in this PDS that is not materially adverse to investors is subject to change from time to time and may be updated by the Responsible Entity by publishing such information on the BetaShares website at [www.betashares.com.au](http://www.betashares.com.au). A paper copy of any updated information will be provided free of charge on request. Any new or updated information that is materially adverse to investors will be available to investors via a supplementary or new PDS accessible via the ASX Market Announcements Platform.

### Risks

An investment in the Units is subject to risk (refer to section 4), which may include possible delays in repayment and loss of income and capital invested.

None of BetaShares Holdings Pty Ltd, BetaShares, or any of their related entities, directors or officers gives any guarantee or assurance as to the performance of, or the repayment of capital or income reinvested in, the Fund.

### Not personal advice

This PDS is prepared for general information only and is not financial product advice. It is not intended to be a recommendation by the Responsible Entity, any of the Responsible Entity's associates or any other person to invest in the Fund. In preparing this PDS, the Responsible Entity did not take into account the investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs of any particular person. Before making an investment decision, investors need to consider whether an investment in the Fund is appropriate to their needs, objectives and circumstances.

Investors should consult a professional financial adviser and ensure they understand the risks of the Fund before investing.

### Definitions

Certain terms used in this PDS are defined in the Glossary in section 8.

For further details on BetaShares Funds, please contact a stockbroker or financial adviser or visit [www.betashares.com.au](http://www.betashares.com.au).

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# 1 KEY FEATURES

## 1.1 ABOUT THE FUND

The BetaShares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund) (the Fund) is a managed investment fund whose units trade on the ASX, much like listed shares.

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide geared exposure to the returns of the Australian share market.

The Fund will seek to achieve this objective by combining application money from investors with borrowed funds and investing the proceeds in a broadly diversified share portfolio generally consisting of approximately 200 of the largest equity securities on the ASX, weighted by their market capitalisation.

The Fund is “internally geared”, which means the Fund borrows the money, instead of investors. Investors are not exposed to the risk of paying “margin calls” in market downturns, as all gearing obligations are met within the Fund. The aim of gearing is to invest more capital and to provide greater exposure to the Australian share market.

If the Fund's investment strategy is successful, an increase in the value of the Australian share market on a given day will generally result in a larger increase (in percentage terms) in the value of the Fund. Conversely, a decrease in the value of the Australian share market on a given day will generally result in a larger decrease (in percentage terms) in the value of the Fund.

The Responsible Entity anticipates that the gearing ratio will generally vary between 50% and 65% on a given day. This means that the Fund's geared exposure is anticipated to vary between 200% and 286% of the Fund's Net Asset Value on a given day.

**However, the return earned by investors over any period longer than a day will not necessarily be equivalent to 200% to 286% of the return of the broad Australian share market over that period, due to the effects of rebalancing the Fund's investment exposure from time to time to maintain the daily target geared exposure range and the compounding of investment returns over time. Therefore, the Fund's returns over periods longer than one day may differ in amount and possibly direction from the daily target geared exposure range. This effect on returns over time can be**

**expected to be more pronounced the more volatile the broad Australian share market and the longer an investor's holding period.**

**Due to the effects of rebalancing and compounding of investment returns over time, investors should not expect the Fund's Net Asset Value to be at a particular level for a given value of the broad Australian share market at any point in time.**

Because the Units of the Fund are quoted on the ASX, investors can benefit from simple trading of their investment, including the ability to buy and sell during the course of the trading day, much like listed shares.

The Fund carries certain investment risks. For information on the risks applicable to the Fund, see section 4.

**The Fund's use of borrowing can be expected to magnify both investment gains and losses, and consequently significant variations in the value of the Fund's investments can be expected. The Fund therefore involves risks that are not present in ungeared Australian equity funds.**

**Potential investors in the Fund should consider their particular investment objectives and circumstances, including their tolerance for investing in a higher risk Australian equity fund, in consultation with a professional financial adviser before making an investment decision.**

**An investment in the Fund should only be considered as a component of an investor's overall portfolio.**

**Investors in the Fund should actively monitor their investment on a frequent basis to ensure it continues to meet their investment objectives.**

## 1.2 SUMMARY OF KEY INFORMATION

The following table briefly summarises some of the key information contained in this PDS. It is not a complete summary of this PDS and you should read the PDS in its entirety. You should seek your own professional investment advice before deciding to invest in the Fund.

TABLE 1.2: SUMMARY OF KEY INFORMATION

TOPIC	SUMMARY	SECTION
<b>Investment objective</b>	<p>The investment objective of the Fund is to provide geared exposure to the returns of the Australian share market.</p> <p>There is no assurance or guarantee that the returns of the Fund will meet its investment objective.</p>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Investing</b>	<p>The offer in this PDS is only available to Authorised Participants.</p> <p>Units can only be acquired in multiples of 100,000 under this PDS unless the Responsible Entity agrees otherwise. Every 100,000 Units represents one “Creation Unit”.</p> <p>Application amounts must be in the form of cash. Only if specifically agreed with the Responsible Entity, the application amounts may be in the form of a parcel of quoted securities selected by the Responsible Entity from time to time which would generally correspond to the composition of the Fund's portfolio (or a sample of securities that</p>	<b>5, 6.3</b>

TOPIC	SUMMARY	SECTION
	<p>reflects the Fund's portfolio), together with any balancing cash payment. Applications are subject to an application fee described in section 3.</p> <p>Units are quoted on the ASX under the AQUA Rules. Subject to market conditions, investors may purchase Units by trading on the ASX. The purchase of Units on the ASX is not governed by the terms of this PDS and therefore the minimum investment does not apply to purchases of Units on the ASX.</p>	
<b>Redemptions</b>	<p>All Unitholders may sell their Units by trading on the ASX. This is generally expected to be the typical method of disposal for a Unitholder who is not an Authorised Participant.</p> <p>Units can only be redeemed directly with the Fund in multiples of 1,500 under this PDS (or the redemption must be for the Unitholder's entire unit account balance if the Unitholder holds less than 1,500 Units) unless the Responsible Entity agrees otherwise. Every 1,500 Units represents one "Redemption Unit".</p> <p>Unitholders may redeem Units by arranging to transfer the Units, and receive payment of the redemption proceeds, through the CHESS system, typically through a stockbroker.</p> <p>The amount payable to a Unitholder on redemption will be in the form of cash. Only if specifically agreed with the Responsible Entity, the amount payable to a Unitholder may be in the form of a parcel of quoted securities selected by the Responsible Entity from time to time which would generally correspond to the composition of the Fund's portfolio (or a sample of securities that reflects the Fund's portfolio), together with any balancing cash payment. In certain specified circumstances, redemption requests may be delayed, rejected or scaled down. See section 6.2.7 and 6.2.8 for further information.</p> <p>Units are quoted on the ASX under the AQUA Rules. Subject to market conditions, investors may sell their Units by trading on the ASX. The sale of Units on the ASX is not governed by the terms of this PDS and therefore the minimum redemption does not apply to sales of Units on the ASX.</p>	<b>5, 6.2.7, 6.2.8</b>
<b>Distributions</b>	<p>The Responsible Entity intends to make distributions semi-annually (assuming there is distributable income).</p>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Risks</b>	<p>There are a number of risks associated with investing in the Fund. The key risks include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no guarantee that the Fund's investment strategy will be successful or that the investment objective will be achieved.</li> <li>• The Fund's investment returns will be influenced by the performance of the market as a whole. Changes in Australian share prices, which may be volatile and fluctuate from day to day, may result in a loss in the value of Units.</li> <li>• The Fund borrows to gear its investment exposure. This gearing magnifies, and increases the volatility of, both gains and losses from the Fund's investments. The Fund is therefore riskier than a fund that does not provide a geared exposure.</li> <li>• The Fund targets a geared return within a specified range for a given day only. The return earned by investors over any period longer than a day will not necessarily be equivalent to the daily target geared exposure range over that period, due to the effects of rebalancing the Fund's investment exposure from time to time to maintain the daily target geared exposure range and the compounding of investment returns over time. Therefore, the Fund's returns over periods longer than one day may differ in amount and possibly direction from the daily target geared exposure range. This effect on returns over time can be expected to be more pronounced the more volatile the broad Australian share market and the longer an investor's holding period.</li> <li>• The Fund's ability to meet its investment objective may be adversely affected if there are changes to the Fund's borrowing capacity, or if it becomes unable to obtain a suitable borrowing facility.</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a risk of loss due to a counterparty to the Fund not honouring a financial commitment. Counterparties include the Custodian/Prime Broker, which holds assets of the Fund as custodian and provides financing for gearing the Fund.</li> <li>In certain circumstances, the Responsible Entity can suspend or scale down applications or redemptions.</li> <li>Although the Units will be quoted on the AQUA market of the ASX, there can be no assurance that there will be a liquid market for the Fund's investments or for Units.</li> <li>The trading price of Units on the ASX may differ from the Net Asset Value per Unit.</li> </ul> <p>This is not a comprehensive summary of all the risks of investing in the Fund. Before investing, investors should carefully consider the risks associated with an investment in the Fund and obtain financial advice on whether an investment in the Fund is suitable for their objectives, financial situation and needs.</p> <p>For further details on the risks of investing, see section 4.</p>	
<b>Fees and other costs</b>	Fees and other costs as described in section 3 of this PDS will apply.	<b>3</b>
<b>Tax</b>	Tax information of a general nature is set out in section 7. Investors should seek their own professional tax advice which takes into account their particular circumstances.	<b>7</b>
<b>Complaints</b>	The Responsible Entity has a process in place to deal with complaints from Unitholders.	<b>6.2.21</b>
<b>Responsible Entity</b>	BetaShares Capital Ltd is the responsible entity of the Fund and is the issuer of this PDS.	<b>1.4</b>

### 1.3 DISCLOSURE BENCHMARKS & DISCLOSURE PRINCIPLES

Each disclosure benchmark and disclosure principle set out in the following table identifies a key area that ASIC considers investors should understand before making a decision to invest in the Fund.

#### Disclosure Benchmarks

BENCHMARK	DESCRIPTION	DISCLOSURE SUMMARY	SECTION FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
<b>Valuation of assets</b>	This benchmark addresses whether valuations of any non-exchange traded assets are provided by an independent administrator or an independent valuation service provider.	<p>The Fund meets this benchmark.</p> <p>The Fund's assets will only comprise exchange-traded assets and cash or cash equivalents. The Responsible Entity has appointed an unrelated, external fund administrator, Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd, to value all of the Fund's assets and to calculate the total value of the Fund's assets and Net Asset Value per Unit using these valuations.</p> <p>The Fund's assets reflect their market value. The valuation methods applied to value the Fund's assets are consistent with applicable industry standards and result in Net Asset per Unit calculations that are independently verifiable.</p>	<b>5.8, 6.1.2</b>
<b>Periodic reporting</b>	This benchmark addresses whether the Responsible Entity will provide periodic disclosure to investors of certain key information.	<p>The Fund meets this benchmark.</p> <p>The Responsible Entity has in place and implements a policy to provide periodic reports on certain key information about the Fund, as set out in section 2.1.5.</p>	<b>2.1.5</b>

PRINCIPLE	DISCLOSURE SUMMARY	SECTION FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
<b>Investment strategy</b>	<p>As at the date of this PDS, the Responsible Entity intends to implement the investment strategy by combining application money from investors with borrowed funds and investing the proceeds in a broadly diversified share portfolio, generally consisting of approximately 200 of the largest equity securities listed on the ASX, weighted by their market capitalisation and rebalanced quarterly.</p> <p>All assets will be located in Australia and held in Australian dollars.</p> <p>Using borrowed funds in the way described above is known as “gearing” or “leveraging”. Gearing can be expected to magnify both investment gains and losses, and consequently significant variations in the value of the Fund’s investments can be expected. See “Leverage” below for more information.</p> <p>As at the date of this PDS, the Responsible Entity does not intend to use derivatives in implementing the investment strategy but reserves the right to use exchange traded derivatives in the future. See “Derivatives” below for more information.</p> <p>Investors will receive returns from (1) the change in the value of the Fund’s share portfolio magnified by the effects of gearing, which will be reflected in the daily Net Asset Value per Unit and (2) any distributions paid to investors, normally semi-annually.</p> <p>The strategy’s ability to produce investment returns is largely dependent on general share market conditions, prevailing interest rates and the availability of acceptable finance for gearing and may be influenced by the risks described in section 4.</p> <p>Diversification in the Fund’s share portfolio will be achieved by holding approximately 200 of the largest equity securities listed on the ASX, generally weighted by their market capitalisation. The Fund does not have specific diversification guidelines or limits.</p> <p>Specific risks associated with the Fund’s investment strategy are described in section 4 and include market risk, security specific risk, sector concentration risk, gearing risk and counterparty risk.</p> <p>Key aspects of the Responsible Entity’s risk management strategy comprise: (1) daily monitoring of the gearing ratio; and (2) monitoring expected income from the share portfolio with the objective of ensuring it is adequate to meet the borrowing costs. If the Responsible Entity anticipates that expected income will not be adequate to meet the borrowing costs, the Responsible Entity may decrease the gearing ratio by selling Fund assets and repaying a portion of the borrowings.</p> <p>The Responsible Entity may from time to time vary the investment strategy as set out in this PDS. Any change will be notified to investors via the ASX Market Announcements Platform.</p>	<b>2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.6, 2.2, 4</b>
<b>Investment manager</b>	The Responsible Entity’s Chief Investment Officer, Louis Crous, is head of the portfolio management team, which is responsible for implementing the Fund’s investment strategy. Mr Crous is adequately qualified and experienced to perform this role. Mr Crous devotes all of his business time to the Responsible Entity’s business, which includes managing and executing the investment strategy of the Fund.	<b>1.4</b>
<b>Fund structure</b>	<p>The Fund is an Australian registered managed investment scheme structured as a unit trust, whose Units trade on the ASX.</p> <p>For a diagram showing the flow of investment money through the structure, see section 2.3.</p> <p>For the names of the key service providers involved in the operation of the Fund, and a description of their services, see section 6.1. All key service providers are domiciled in Australia, with the exception of the Custodian/Prime Broker (domiciled in France with substantial operations in Australia).</p>	<b>2.3, 4, 6.1, 6.2.25</b>

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	<p>The Custodian/Prime Broker provides both custody services and gearing finance for the Fund. The Fund may also use entities related to the Custodian/Prime Broker as executing broker for the Fund's securities transactions. The Responsible Entity in its personal capacity, or companies related to the Responsible Entity, may invest in the Fund or provide services to the Fund, see section 6.2.25.</p> <p>The Responsible Entity ensures compliance of service providers with their service agreement obligations through various monitoring methods that include, where appropriate, daily observation of service provider performance, review of regular compliance and audit reports, regular meetings with service providers and performance assessments.</p> <p>The risks associated with the Fund's structure are described in section 4. As an exchange-traded managed fund, there is the risk of the Fund's Units being suspended from trading, of a lack of a liquid market for Units, and of the trading price of Units differing from Net Asset Value per Unit. As the Responsible Entity outsources key operational functions, namely custody, fund administration (including valuations and unit pricing) and unit registry, to third party service providers, there is the risk that service providers will default in performing their obligations (whether intentionally or unintentionally) and cause loss to the Fund.</p>	
<b>Valuation, location and custody of assets</b>	<p>The Fund's assets and liabilities will be valued, and the Net Asset Value calculated, on each ASX Business Day by the fund administrator. The Fund's assets reflect their market value. See section 5.8 for a summary of the Fund's valuation policy.</p> <p>The Fund may invest in Australian listed equities and cash equivalent investments. The target allocation range for each of these asset types is shown in section 2.1.2. As at the date of this PDS, the Responsible Entity does not intend to use derivatives in implementing the investment strategy but reserves the right in the future to use ASX exchange-traded derivatives contracts.</p> <p>All material assets of the Fund are expected to be located in Australia.</p> <p>The Fund's assets, whether securities or cash, will be held by an external custodian. Initially, this will be the Custodian/Prime Broker, BNP Paribas. See section 6.1.1 for more information.</p>	<b>2.1.2, 5.8, 6.1.1</b>
<b>Liquidity</b>	<p>The Responsible Entity intends that the Fund will only invest in liquid assets that it reasonably expects will be able to be liquidated on a daily basis (subject to normal settlement cycles that generally do not exceed two business days).</p> <p>Therefore, the Responsible Entity can reasonably expect to realise substantially all of the Fund's assets, at the value ascribed to those assets (that is, their market value) when calculating the Fund's Net Asset Value, within 10 days.</p>	
<b>Leverage</b>	<p>The Fund will use leverage as part of its investment strategy in order to provide geared exposure to the returns of the Australian share market.</p> <p>Leverage will be obtained through a loan provided by one or more financial institutions selected by the Responsible Entity according to the criteria set out in section 2.1.3. Initially this will be the Custodian/Prime Broker. The Responsible Entity will use the loan to borrow money to increase the amount that can be invested and provide greater exposure to the Australian share market. The Responsible Entity also reserves the right in the future to use exchange-traded derivatives to gear the Fund (see "Derivatives" below).</p> <p>The Fund's assets may be used as security for any borrowing. The Responsible Entity has granted security over the Fund's assets to the Custodian/Prime Broker in the form of a charge. In addition, the Custodian/Prime Broker is entitled to transfer to itself absolute ownership of a portion of the Fund's securities having a value up to, but not exceeding, 100% of the loan amount outstanding from time to time. The Fund will have an unsecured, contractual right to the return (at the Custodian/Prime Broker's discretion) of either equivalent securities or the then current cash value of the transferred securities.</p>	<b>2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 6.1.1</b>



PRINCIPLE	DISCLOSURE SUMMARY	SECTION FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
	<p>The Responsible Entity anticipates that the gearing ratio (the total amount borrowed expressed as a percentage of the total assets of the Fund) will generally vary between 50% and 65% on a given day, subject to adjustment as described in section 2.1.3. The maximum gearing ratio that the Responsible Entity will intentionally adopt is 65% (this means that the Fund will have a maximum gross exposure to movements in the share portfolio equal to approximately 286% of the Net Asset Value).</p> <p>A worked example showing the impact of leverage on investment gains and losses, assuming the maximum anticipated level of leverage, is provided in section 2.1.2.</p>	
<b>Derivatives</b>	<p>As at the date of this PDS the Responsible Entity does not intend to use derivatives in implementing the investment strategy but reserves the right in the future to use ASX exchange-traded derivatives contracts to gear the Fund where the Responsible Entity considers it to be in the best interests of investors, having regard to the availability and cost of borrowing.</p> <p>In the case of exchange-traded derivatives, the counterparty would be the central clearing house (ASX Clearing Corporation or its subsidiaries).</p> <p>The risks associated with the use of exchange-traded derivatives are described in section 4.</p>	<b>2.1.2, 4</b>
<b>Withdrawals</b>	<p>All Unitholders may sell their Units by trading on the ASX. Unitholders may redeem Units directly with the Fund by arranging to transfer the Units, and receive payment of the redemption proceeds, through the CHESS system, typically through a stockbroker.</p> <p>Withdrawal requests may be submitted on any ASX Business Day, as further described in section 5.</p> <p>Units can only be redeemed directly with the Fund in multiples of 1,500 under this PDS (or the redemption must be for the Unitholder's entire unit account balance if the Unitholder holds less than 1,500 Units) unless the Responsible Entity agrees otherwise.</p> <p>In certain specified circumstances, redemption requests may be delayed, rejected or scaled down. See sections 6.2.7, 6.2.8 and 6.2.9 for further information.</p> <p>The Responsible Entity will notify investors of any material changes to their withdrawal rights via the ASX Market Announcements Platform.</p>	<b>5, 6.2.7, 6.2.8, 6.2.9</b>

## 1.4 ABOUT THE RESPONSIBLE ENTITY

BetaShares Capital Ltd is the responsible entity of the Fund and is responsible for the ongoing management of the Fund.

The Responsible Entity is an Australian asset management business located in Sydney which was established in 2009 to be a specialist provider of fund products that are exchange traded. The Responsible Entity launched its first funds in 2010. As at the date of this PDS, it manages over \$20 billion in assets and acts as responsible entity for more than 70 funds whose units are quoted for trading on the Australian Securities Exchange under the AQUA Rules. These funds provide exposure to the performance of specific equity strategies, equity indices, fixed income strategies, fixed income indices, currencies, commodities or commodity indices. The primary focus of the Responsible Entity's business is the operation of funds that are exchange traded.

Neither BetaShares Capital Ltd nor any of its related entities, directors or officers gives any guarantee or assurance as to the performance of, or the repayment of capital invested in, the Fund.

As at the date of this PDS, the Responsible Entity's Chief Investment Officer, **Louis Crous**, has responsibility for investment decisions relating to the Fund. Louis has over 15 years' experience managing investments, including listed equities and derivatives. Louis has been responsible for managing all of the Responsible Entity's funds since 2010. Before joining BetaShares, Louis was a Senior Investment Product Specialist at nabInvest. Prior to nabInvest, he worked on the Equity Derivatives desk for Rand Merchant Bank in Sydney, London and Johannesburg, and most recently was responsible for the Structured Investment Products business in Australia. Louis holds a professional qualification as a Chartered Accountant (CA (SA)) and is also a CFA Charterholder. He has a Bachelor of Business Science (First Class Hons) and Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. Louis devotes all of his

business time to the Responsible Entity's business, which includes managing and executing the investment strategy of the Fund.

The Responsible Entity has sufficient working capital to enable it to operate the Fund as outlined in this PDS.

## 1.5 ADMISSION TO TRADING UNDER THE AQUA RULES

Units in the Fund have been admitted to trading status on the ASX under the AQUA Rules. The AQUA Rules form part of the ASX Operating Rules. The Fund will not be listed on the ASX under the ASX Listing Rules.

The AQUA Rules provide a tailored framework for the quotation of managed funds, exchange traded funds and structured products on the ASX.

In operational terms, the market for products quoted under the AQUA Rules operates in the same way that it does for listed equities, with continuous matching of bids and offers and an opening and closing auction.

### AQUA Rules: fundamental difference

The key distinction between products admitted under the ASX Listing Rules and those quoted under the AQUA Rules is the level of control and influence that the issuer of the relevant product has over the value of the underlying assets of the product.

Under the ASX Listing Rules, listed equity securities typically reflect the value of the business operated by the issuer. By contrast, the value of a product quoted under the AQUA Rules typically reflects the performance of the underlying assets.

The following table highlights the key specific differences between the AQUA Rules and the ASX Listing Rules.

ASX LISTING RULES	AQUA RULES
<b>Control</b>	
An issuer of an entity listed under the ASX Listing Rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>controls the value of its own securities and the business it runs; and</li><li>the value of those securities is directly influenced by the equity issuer's performance and conduct.</li></ul> For example, the management and board of a listed company generally control the fate of the business and, therefore, have direct influence over the share price.	An issuer of a product quoted under the AQUA Rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>does not control the value of the assets underlying its products, but</li><li>offers products that give investors exposure to the underlying assets – such as shares, indices, currencies or commodities.</li></ul> The value (price) of products quoted under the AQUA Rules is dependent upon the performance of the underlying assets rather than the financial performance of the issuer itself e.g. a managed fund issuer does not control the value of the shares it invests in.

ASX LISTING RULES	AQUA RULES
<b>Continuous Disclosure</b>	
Issuers are subject to the continuous disclosure requirements under ASX Listing Rule 3.1 and Section 674 of the <i>Corporations Act</i> .	<p>Issuers of products quoted under the AQUA Rules are not subject to the continuous disclosure requirements under ASX Listing Rule 3.1 and section 674 of the <i>Corporations Act</i> but must disclose information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Net Tangible Assets ("NTA") or the Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the fund;</li> <li>distributions declared;</li> <li>redemptions; and</li> <li>any other information that is required to be disclosed to ASIC under section 675 of the <i>Corporations Act</i> must be disclosed via the ASX Market Announcements Platform at the same time it is disclosed to ASIC. The Responsible Entity also intends to post any such information on its website <a href="http://www.betashares.com.au">www.betashares.com.au</a> at the same time.</li> </ul> <p>AQUA Product issuers must also disclose to the ASX any information the non-disclosure of which may lead to the establishment of a false market in its products or would materially affect the price of its products.</p>
<b>Periodic Disclosure</b>	
Issuers are required to disclose their half- yearly and annual financial information or annual reports to the ASX under Chapter 4 of the ASX Listing Rules.	Financial reports relating to the issuer itself are not required to be disclosed to the ASX. However, periodic financial reports relating to the AQUA Product must be disclosed to the ASX at the same time they are lodged with ASIC under Chapter 2M of the <i>Corporations Act</i> .
<b>Corporate Control</b>	
Requirements in the <i>Corporations Act</i> and the ASX Listing Rules in relation to matters such as takeover bids, share buy-backs, change of capital, new issues, restricted securities, disclosure of directors' interests and substantial shareholdings, apply to companies and listed schemes.	These requirements do not apply to AQUA Product issuers. Section 601FM of the <i>Corporations Act</i> continues to apply to the removal or change of the responsible entity. An extraordinary resolution would be required to change the responsible entity. An extraordinary resolution is a resolution passed by a majority of the total votes that may be cast by members entitled to vote on the resolution.
<b>Related Party Transactions</b>	
Chapter 10 of the ASX Listing Rules, which relates to transactions between an entity and persons in a position to influence the entity, specifies controls over related party transactions.	Chapter 10 of the ASX Listing Rules does not apply to AQUA Products. Products quoted under the AQUA Rules which are registered managed investment schemes remain subject to the related party requirements in Part 5C.7 and Chapter 2E of the <i>Corporations Act</i> .
<b>Auditor Rotation Obligations</b>	
There are specific requirements in relation to auditor rotation under Part 2M.4 Division 5 of the <i>Corporations Act</i> .	Issuers of products quoted under the AQUA Rules are not subject to the requirements under Part 2M.4 Division 5 of the <i>Corporations Act</i> . A responsible entity of a registered managed investment scheme will continue to be required to undertake an independent audit of its compliance with the scheme's compliance plan in accordance with Section 601HG of the <i>Corporations Act</i> and the auditor must not be the auditor of the scheme's financial statements (but may be from the same firm).

## 2 ABOUT THE FUND

### 2.1 INVESTMENT POLICY

#### 2.1.1 Investment objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide Unitholders with geared exposure to the returns of the Australian share market.

There is no assurance or guarantee that the returns of the Fund will meet its investment objective.

The Responsible Entity intends to provide geared exposure to the returns of the Australian share market in all market conditions. This means that, in a falling share market, investors should not expect the Fund's level of gearing to be reduced below the anticipated gearing range from time to time as described in this PDS, or investments to be repositioned, in an attempt to avoid or reduce losses.

#### 2.1.2 Investment strategy

As at the date of this PDS, the Responsible Entity intends to implement the investment strategy by combining application money from investors with borrowed funds, and investing the proceeds in a broadly diversified share portfolio, generally consisting of approximately 200 of the largest equity securities listed on the ASX, weighted by their market capitalisation and rebalanced quarterly.

The Fund does not have specific diversification guidelines or limits.

The Responsible Entity will publish information about the composition of the Fund's share portfolio on a daily basis on its website [www.betashares.com.au](http://www.betashares.com.au).

Using borrowed funds in order to increase the amount that can be invested is known as "gearing". The aim of this is to contribute more capital and to provide greater exposure to the Australian share market.

For example, if the Fund's gearing ratio is 50%, this means that, for every \$1 invested in the Fund, an additional \$1 will be borrowed to invest. The gearing ratio is defined as the total amount borrowed expressed as a percentage of the total assets of the Fund.

The Fund is 'internally geared', which means the Fund borrows the money instead of investors. One advantage of internal gearing is that the Fund is able to use its capacity as a wholesale investor to borrow at competitive interest rates. Also, investors do not need to apply for a margin loan to obtain geared exposure or pay "margin calls" in market downturns, since all gearing obligations are met within the Fund.

Gearing can be expected to magnify both investment gains and losses, and consequently significant variations in the value of the Fund's investments can be expected.

See section 4 of this PDS for further information on the risks associated with gearing.

As at the date of this PDS the Responsible Entity does not intend to use derivatives in implementing the investment strategy, but reserves the right in the future to use ASX exchange-traded derivatives contracts from time to time (e.g. futures and options over securities or indices) to gear the Fund where the Responsible Entity considers it to be in the best interest of investors, having regard to the availability and cost of borrowing.

Small cash balances may be held in the Fund from time to time.

The target asset allocation ranges for the total assets of the Fund are as follows:

Australian listed equities	90% -100%
Cash and cash equivalents	0% -10%

The above are target ranges only and the actual ranges may differ. If exchange-traded derivatives are used in the future, the target ranges will change and this will be reflected in an updated PDS issued by the Responsible Entity and announced via the ASX Market Announcements Platform.

#### How gearing works

The aim of gearing is to magnify gains by using borrowed money in addition to existing funds. While gearing can result in larger investment gains in a rising market, it can also magnify losses in a falling market.

The following examples illustrate the way in which gearing can affect investment gains and losses in comparison to a fund that is not geared. The examples are for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to be indicative of the actual performance of the Fund.

As the examples show, a 10% rise (or fall) in the market value of assets in an ungeared fund on a given day could translate into a 28.6% rise (or fall) in the value of the same portfolio in a geared fund with a gearing level of 65% (being the maximum anticipated level of gearing in the Fund). The examples exclude any borrowing costs or fund management costs, which would have the effect of reducing returns, whether positive or negative.

	<b>Geared</b>	<b>Ungeared</b>
Initial Investment	\$3,500	\$3,500
Fund gearing level	65.0%	0.0%
Amount borrowed by Fund	\$6,500	\$0
Amount invested in market	\$10,000	\$3,500

If the value of the Fund's assets rises by 10%		
Rise in value of Fund's assets	\$1,000	\$350
Value of Fund assets	\$11,000	\$3,850
Outstanding loan	\$6,500	\$0
<b>Value of investment</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>\$3,850</b>
<b>Gain on investment</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$350</b>
<b>Return %</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>

If the value of the Fund's assets falls by 10%		
Fall in value of Fund's assets	-\$1,000	-\$350
Value of Fund assets	\$9,000	\$3,150
Outstanding loan	\$6,500	\$0
<b>Value of investment</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$3,150</b>
<b>Loss on investment</b>	<b>-\$1,000</b>	<b>-\$350</b>
<b>Return %</b>	<b>-28.6%</b>	<b>-10.0%</b>

#### 2.1.3 How gearing is managed

The Responsible Entity anticipates that the gearing ratio will generally vary between 50% and 65% on a given day (this means that the

Fund's geared exposure is anticipated to vary between 200% and 286% of the Fund's Net Asset Value on a given day), provided that the Responsible Entity will monitor expected income from the share portfolio with the objective of ensuring it is adequate to meet the borrowing costs. If it anticipates that expected income will not be adequate to meet the borrowing costs, the Responsible Entity may decrease the gearing ratio by selling Fund assets and repaying a portion of the borrowings. Subject always to the maximum gearing ratio set out below, the Responsible Entity may adjust the anticipated gearing range set out in this PDS and nominate a target gearing rate within the anticipated gearing range by publishing this information in the Fund's "Key Facts" section at [www.betashares.com.au](http://www.betashares.com.au).

**However, the return earned by investors over any period longer than a day will not necessarily be equivalent to 200% to 286% of the return of the broad Australian share market over that period, due to the effects of rebalancing the Fund's investment exposure from time to time to maintain the daily target geared exposure range and the compounding of investment returns over time.**

**Therefore, the Fund's returns over periods longer than one day may differ in amount and possibly direction from the daily target geared exposure range. This effect on returns over time can be expected to be more pronounced the more volatile the broad Australian share market and the longer an investor's holding period.**

The level of gearing is reviewed daily by the Responsible Entity. The Responsible Entity can change the gearing ratio within the anticipated range by increasing or decreasing borrowings at any time. The gearing ratio will also change on a daily basis as a result of market movements (i.e. increases in the value of the Fund's share portfolio will generally reduce the gearing ratio, while decreases in the value of the share portfolio will generally increase the gearing ratio) and may also change as a result of applications and withdrawals.

The maximum gearing ratio that the Responsible Entity will intentionally adopt on a given day is 65% (this means that the Fund will have a maximum gross exposure to movements in the share portfolio equal to approximately 286% of the Net Asset Value). If through market movements the gearing ratio exceeds 65%, the Responsible Entity will bring the ratio back below 65% promptly by selling Fund assets and repaying part of the borrowings.

The Responsible Entity will disclose the Fund's gearing ratio on a daily basis on its website [www.betashares.com.au](http://www.betashares.com.au).

The Fund can borrow money from one or more financial institutions and use the assets of the Fund as security for any borrowing. Each selected financial institution must be subject to prudential supervision in Australia as an "Authorised Deposit-taking Institution", or elsewhere on a substantially equivalent basis. At the time of selection, the financial institution must have, as a minimum, a long term investment grade credit rating from a major credit ratings agency. The Responsible Entity may also, in its discretion, have regard to any other criteria it deems relevant in such selection in light of the then current market conditions, and having regard at all times to the best interests of Unitholders.

All borrowing costs, such as interest, government charges and transaction fees will be paid by the Fund.

As at the date of this PDS, the Responsible Entity has appointed BNP Paribas to provide custody/prime broking services in connection with the Fund, including financing to implement the gearing strategy. See section 6.1.1 for information on the Custodian/Prime Broker relationship.

## 2.1.4 Labour standards and environmental, social and ethical considerations

The Responsible Entity does not take into account labour standards or environmental, social or ethical considerations when selecting, retaining or realising investments.

## 2.1.5 Performance and other information

Performance information for the Fund, net of fees, costs and taxes payable by the Fund, will be published on the BetaShares website at [www.betashares.com.au](http://www.betashares.com.au), updated monthly. Information relating to past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

The information about the Fund available at [www.betashares.com.au](http://www.betashares.com.au) will also include:

- Net Asset Value of the Fund and Net Asset Value per Unit (upon which the Issue Price and Withdrawal Amount is based), updated daily;
- The Fund's portfolio composition, updated daily;
- The Fund's gearing ratio, updated daily;
- any material change in the Fund's investment strategy or risk profile, updated monthly; and
- any change in the individuals playing a key role in the Fund's investment decisions or key service providers to the Fund, updated monthly.

The following information will be provided to investors on an annual basis as soon as practicable after 31 December via the Fund's "Resources" section at [www.betashares.com.au](http://www.betashares.com.au):

- the actual allocation to each asset type;
- liquidity profile of the Fund's assets;
- maturity profile of the Fund's liabilities;
- monthly or annual investment returns over at least a five-year period or since inception (where the Fund has been operating for less than five years); and
- changes to key service providers of the Fund during the year.

## 2.1.6 Changes to investment objectives and strategy

The Responsible Entity may from time to time vary the investment mandate (i.e. the investment objective, strategy and guidelines as described in sections 2.1.1 to 2.1.3) for the Fund as set out in this PDS.

Any significant change to the investment mandate will be notified to investors and potential investors via a supplementary or new PDS accessible through the ASX Market Announcements Platform.

## 2.2 DISTRIBUTIONS

The Fund generally intends to pay distributions semi-annually based on, among other things, dividends received from the share portfolio, after allowing for the costs of borrowing as well as fees and expenses. The Fund may also realise capital gains or losses on the disposal of securities, or derive other assessable income.

### 2.2.1 Distributions

Unitholders holding Units in the Fund at the end of a distribution period are entitled to a pro-rata share of the distributable income (if any) for that period based on the number of Units held in the Fund at the end of the distribution period.

The amount of distributable income at the end of any distribution period will be determined by the Responsible Entity. Under the AMIT

tax rules, the Fund may make cash distributions that differ from taxable income attributed by the Fund to Unitholders. See section 7 for further information.

The Fund's NAV per Unit will normally fall after the end of each distribution period if a distribution is payable. Consequently, if you invest just before the end of a distribution period, some of your capital may be returned to you as income in the form of a distribution.

Distributions will generally be paid within 15 business days of the end of the distribution period to which they relate by deposit to a Unitholder's nominated Australian bank, building society or credit union account.

The amount of the distribution paid by the Fund will vary from period to period, and there may be periods when the Fund will not pay a distribution.

Any franking credits available for distribution will be determined as at the end of the financial year and may differ from any estimates provided during the year due to various factors, including changes in the number of units on issue.

The Responsible Entity may, in its discretion, change the duration of a distribution period for the Fund (provided that distribution periods cannot be longer than one year).

Unitholders may also become entitled to the distributable income of the Fund on the redemption of their Units. See section 7.1.6 for further information.

Information about the timetable for each distribution and the declared distribution amount will be announced via the ASX Market Announcements Platform.

### **2.2.2 Tax statements**

The Responsible Entity will, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, issue to each Unitholder who received

an entitlement to the distributable income and/or who was attributed taxable income of the Fund during a financial year, a tax statement which outlines the amount and composition of the taxable income to which the Unitholder became entitled and/or was attributed. Where the Fund is an Attribution Managed Investment Trust ("AMIT") for the financial year, the tax statement is referred to as an AMIT member annual statement ("AMMA").

### **2.2.3 Distribution Reinvestment Plan**

The Responsible Entity has established a distribution reinvestment plan ("DRP") for the Fund.

Participation in the DRP is subject to the terms and conditions of the DRP policy document, which is available at no charge by contacting BetaShares on 1300 487 577 (within Australia). The DRP is currently available only to Unitholders who have a registered address in Australia or New Zealand, unless otherwise determined by the Responsible Entity.

Unitholders can choose to:

- If eligible, participate in the DRP, meaning distributions from the Fund will be reinvested in additional Units in the Fund; or
- have the distributions paid directly to a nominated Australian bank account.

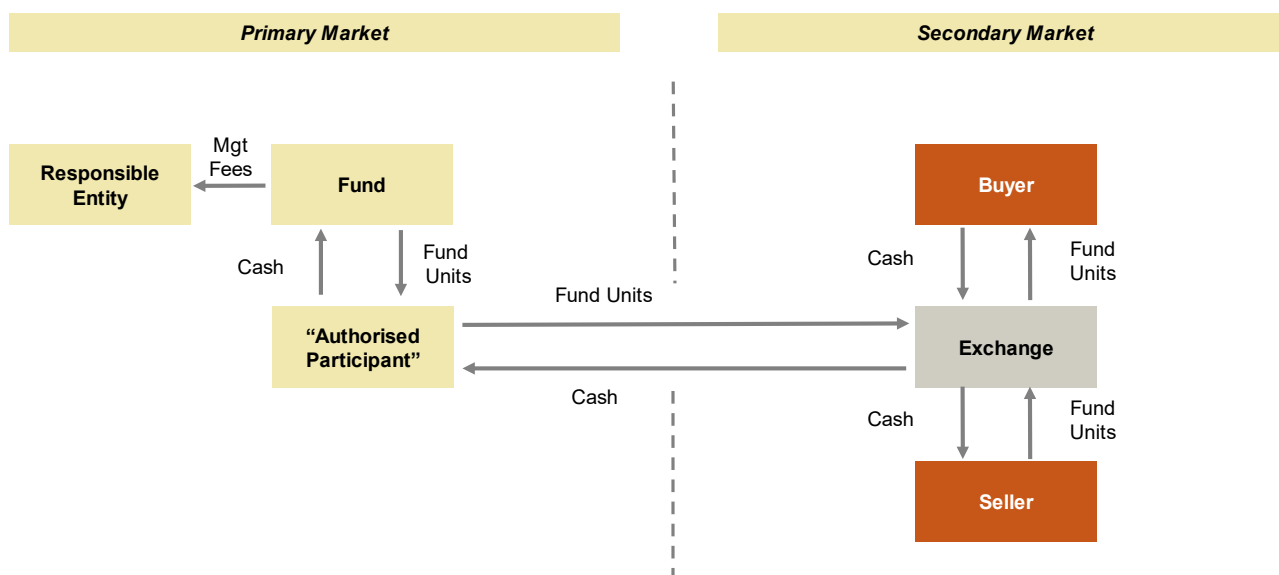
Full or partial reinvestment is available. If no DRP election is made, the distributions will automatically be paid into the nominated Australian bank, building society or credit union account.

Eligible Unitholders can elect to participate in the DRP by completing an on-line form available on the Registrar's website or by contacting the Registrar (further information will be provided in the information pack sent to you when you become a Unitholder).



## 2.3 FUND STRUCTURE

The following diagram shows the structure of the Fund and the flow of investment money through the structure:



The diagram shows how Units are created by Authorised Participants in the primary market (i.e. directly with the Fund) and then offered for sale in the secondary market (i.e. on the ASX). Only Authorised Participants may apply for Units directly with the Fund. Retail and other investors may buy (or sell) Units via the secondary market (i.e. by trading on the ASX). The Responsible Entity will combine the application money received from Authorised Participants with money borrowed from the Custodian/Prime Broker to purchase the Fund's share portfolio.

## 3 FEES AND OTHER COSTS

### DID YOU KNOW?

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

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

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

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

### TO FIND OUT MORE

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

### 3.1 FEES AND OTHER COSTS

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

Taxes are set out in another part of this PDS.

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

TABLE 3.1: FEES AND COSTS SUMMARY

BetaShares Geared Australian Equity Fund (Hedge Fund)		
TYPE OF FEE OR COST	AMOUNT	HOW AND WHEN PAID
<b>Ongoing annual fees and costs</b>		
<b>Management fees and costs:</b>	0.80% per annum of the Fund's Gross Asset Value.	
The fees and costs for managing your investment	<i>which is equivalent to:</i>  up to 2.28% p.a. of Net Asset Value, depending on the level of gearing.  As at the date of this PDS, the management fees and costs of the Fund consist of the following components:  <b>Management fee</b>  0.74% per annum of the Fund's Gross Asset Value.  <i>which is equivalent to:</i>  up to 2.11% per annum of the Fund's Net Asset Value, depending on the level of gearing.  <b>Plus</b>	The management fee is calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of the Fund's Gross Asset Value and reflected in the daily Net Asset Value per Unit. The amount is deducted from the Fund's assets monthly on or after the first day of the following month.

BetaShares Geared Australian Equity Fund (Hedge Fund)

TYPE OF FEE OR COST	AMOUNT	HOW AND WHEN PAID
<b>Recoverable expenses</b>		
	Estimated at 0.06% per annum of the Fund's Gross Asset Value. <sup>1</sup>	The recoverable expenses are calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of the Fund's Gross Asset Value and reflected in the daily Net Asset Value per Unit. The amount is deducted from the Fund's assets monthly on or after the first day of the following month.
	<i>which is equivalent to:</i>	
	up to 0.17% per annum of the Fund's Net Asset Value, depending on the level of gearing.	
	<b>Plus</b>	
	<b>Indirect costs</b>	
	Estimated at 0.00% per annum of the Fund's Net Asset Value. <sup>2</sup>	The indirect costs are calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of the Fund's Net Asset Value and reflected in the daily Net Asset Value per Unit. The amount is deducted from the Fund's assets as and when incurred.
<b>Performance fees:</b>  Amounts deducted from your investment in relation to the performance of the product	Nil.	Not applicable.
<b>Transaction costs:</b>  The costs incurred by the scheme when buying or selling assets	Estimated at 0.00% per annum of the Fund's Net Asset Value. <sup>3</sup>	Transaction costs reduce the Fund's Net Asset Value. How and when they are paid varies depending on the type of transaction cost. Certain costs, e.g. brokerage, are added to or deducted from the amounts payable from the Fund's assets or receivable by the Fund at the time of settlement in respect of investments purchased or sold for the Fund. Other costs, e.g. transactional custodian fees, are invoiced to the Fund and paid from the Fund's assets according to a regular monthly or quarterly cycle.
<b>Member activity related fees and costs (fees for services or when your money moves in or out of the scheme)</b>		
<b>Establishment fee:</b>  The fee to open your investment	Nil.	Not applicable.
<b>Contribution fee:</b>  The fee on each amount contributed to your investment	If you are not an Authorised Participant - \$0.  If you are an Authorised Participant – up 750 plus 0.04% of the application amount for cash applications <sup>5</sup>	Payable only by Authorised Participants. <sup>4</sup>  This fee will be payable by Authorised Participants together with the application consideration at the time of applying for Units, for cash applications.
<b>Buy-sell spread:</b>  An amount deducted from your investment representing costs incurred in transactions by the scheme	Nil. <sup>6</sup>	Not applicable.
<b>Withdrawal fee:</b>  The fee on each amount you take out of your investment	If you are not an Authorised Participant - \$0.  If you are an Authorised Participant – 3% of the redemption amount (up to a maximum of \$3,000 plus 0.04% of the redemption amount) for cash redemptions <sup>5</sup>	Payable only by Authorised Participants. <sup>4</sup>  This fee will be deducted from the redemption proceeds at the time of the redemption, for cash redemptions.

BetaShares Geared Australian Equity Fund (Hedge Fund)		
TYPE OF FEE OR COST	AMOUNT	HOW AND WHEN PAID
<b>Exit fee:</b>	Nil.	Not applicable.
The fee to close your investment		
<b>Switching fee:</b>	Nil.	Not applicable.
The fee for changing investment options		

<sup>1</sup> This figure reflects the estimated recoverable expenses incurred by the Fund for the previous financial year ended 30 June 2022 and may include the Responsible Entity's reasonable estimates where the Responsible Entity was unable to determine the exact amount or the information was not available at the date of the PDS. For more information on recoverable expenses, please see section 3.3.3 in the "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs" section below.

<sup>2</sup> This figure reflects the estimated indirect costs incurred by the Fund for the previous financial year ended 30 June 2022 and may include the Responsible Entity's reasonable estimates where the Responsible Entity was unable to determine the exact amount or information was not available at the date of this PDS. For more information on the meaning and calculation of indirect costs, see "Indirect costs" under the heading "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs".

<sup>3</sup> This figure reflects the estimated transaction costs incurred by the Fund for the previous financial year ended 30 June 2022 and may include the Responsible Entity's reasonable estimates where the Responsible Entity was unable to determine the exact amount or information was not available at the date of this PDS. This estimate is net of estimated transaction costs for which the Responsible Entity reimburses the Fund out of the application and redemption fees it receives from Authorised Participants, as described in section 3.3.6. For more information on transaction costs and the application and redemption fees payable by Authorised Participants see "Transaction costs" and "Application and redemption fees for Authorised Participants" under the heading "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs".

<sup>4</sup> An Authorised Participant is a financial institution which is a trading participant under the ASX Operating Rules (or which has engaged a trading participant to act on its behalf) which has entered into an agreement with the Responsible Entity in relation to Unit applications and redemptions. For an explanation of the contribution fees and withdrawal fees (also referred to in this PDS as application fees and redemption fees) please see section 3.3.6 "Application and Redemption Fees for Authorised Participants" in the "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs" section.

<sup>5</sup> In-kind applications and redemptions are only available if agreed by the Responsible Entity. Additional contribution and withdrawal fees may apply in the case of an in-kind application or redemption, as agreed with the Responsible Entity from time to time.

<sup>6</sup> While the Fund does not charge a buy-sell spread, as the Fund is traded on a securities exchange, investors may incur a bid-offer spread when trading on the exchange.

Certain additional costs may apply. See the "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs" section below for more information.

Each fee set out in this table may in some cases be negotiated with wholesale clients. For more information, refer to the explanation of "Differential fees, rebates and related payments" in the "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs" section below.

All fees and costs in the table above include Goods and Services Tax ("GST") net of any reduced input tax credits and any applicable stamp duty and are shown without any other adjustment in relation to any tax deduction available to the Responsible Entity or the extent to which any tax deduction may be passed on to unitholders.

## 3.2 EXAMPLE OF ANNUAL FEES AND COSTS

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

TABLE 3.2: EXAMPLE OF ANNUAL FEES AND COSTS

EXAMPLE - BetaShares Geared Australian Equity Fund (Hedge Fund)	AMOUNT	BALANCE OF \$50,000 WITH A CASH CONTRIBUTION OF \$5,000 <sup>1</sup> DURING THE YEAR
<b>CONTRIBUTION FEES<sup>2</sup></b>	<p>\$0 if you are not an Authorised Participant; or</p> <p>Up to \$750 plus 0.04% of the application amount for cash applications If you are an Authorised Participant.<sup>2</sup></p>	<p>For every additional \$5,000 you put in, you will be charged:</p> <p>\$0 if you are not an Authorised Participant; or</p> <p>\$752 if you are an Authorised Participant.</p>
<b>PLUS MANAGEMENT Fees AND COSTS<sup>3</sup></b>	<p>0.80% p.a. of Gross Asset Value</p> <p><i>which is equivalent to:</i></p> <p>2.28% p.a. of Net Asset Value, assuming a 65% level of gearing</p>	<p><b>And</b>, for every \$50,000 you have in the Fund you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$1,140 each year</p>
<b>PLUS PERFORMANCE FEES<sup>4</sup></b>	Nil	<p><b>And</b>, you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$0 in performance fees each year.<sup>4</sup></p>
<b>PLUS TRANSACTION COSTS<sup>5</sup></b>	Estimated at 0.00% of the Fund's Net Asset Value	<p><b>And</b>, you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$0 in transaction costs.</p>
<b>EQUALS COST OF FUND</b>		<p>If you had an investment of \$50,000 at the beginning of the year and you put in an additional \$5,000<sup>6</sup> during that year, you would be charged fees and costs of:</p> <p><b>\$1,140 (if you are not an Authorised Participant) or \$1,892 (if you are an Authorised Participant for the Fund). *</b></p> <p><b>What it costs you will depend on whether you are an Authorised Participant, the investment option you choose and the fees you negotiate.</b></p>

\* Additional fees may apply. A Unitholder who redeems Units directly will also be charged a withdrawal fee up to 3% of the redemption amount for cash redemptions (up to a maximum of \$3,000 plus 0.04% of the redemption amount) based on a balance of \$50,000.

Each fee in this table may in some cases be negotiated with wholesale clients. For more information, refer to the explanation of "Differential fees, rebates and related payments" in the "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs" section below.

<sup>1</sup> Please note the minimum investment in the Fund by an Authorised Participant is one Creation Unit unless the Responsible Entity agrees otherwise.

<sup>2</sup> Assumes the maximum contribution fee set out in Table 3.1 applies.

<sup>3</sup> Management fees and costs are made up of the management fee, recoverable expenses and indirect costs. For more information, refer to the "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs" section below.

<sup>4</sup> The Fund does not charge, and there is no right for the Responsible Entity to charge, a performance fee.

<sup>5</sup> This figure reflects the estimated net transaction costs incurred by the Fund for the previous financial year ended 30 June 2022 and may include the Responsible Entity's reasonable estimates where the Responsible Entity was unable to determine the exact amount or information was not available at the date of this PDS. For more information, refer to "Transaction costs" under the "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs" section below.

<sup>6</sup> Assumes the \$50,000 is invested for the entire year and the \$5,000 investment occurs on the last day of the year and therefore the fees and costs in this example are calculated using the \$50,000 balance only.

### 3.3 ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION OF FEES AND COSTS

#### 3.3.1 Management fees and costs

The management fees and costs for the Fund incorporate all relevant ongoing fees and other costs involved in managing the Fund and deriving investment returns. The management fees and costs comprise:

- Responsible Entity's management fee;
- recoverable expenses; and
- indirect costs.

Management fees and costs do not include:

- transaction costs, such as brokerage, transactional custodian fees, and other transaction fees associated with buying and selling the Fund's assets; and
- other costs that an investor would ordinarily incur when investing directly in the Fund's underlying assets.

(These costs are therefore not included in the management fees and costs set out in Table 3.1 and Table 3.2 above, but they are paid out of the Fund's assets).

#### 3.3.2 Management fee

The management fee is charged by the Responsible Entity for managing the Fund and making it available to investors. It is calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of the Fund's Gross Asset Value, and reflected in the daily Net Asset Value per Unit. The amount is deducted from the Fund's assets monthly on or after the first day of the following month.

#### 3.3.3 Recoverable expenses

The recoverable expenses represent the operating expenses incurred in the operation of the Fund. The Fund's Constitution allows all properly incurred expenses to be recovered from the Fund and does not place any limit on the amount or types of expenses that can be recovered.

The expenses normally incurred in the day to day operation of the Fund include custodian, fund administration, unit registry, ASX and audit costs (other than transaction costs described above). These expenses normally incurred and charged to the Fund will be capped at 0.06% per annum of the Fund's Gross Asset Value while this PDS is current. Any such expenses in excess of the cap will be paid by the Responsible Entity out of its own resources. The Responsible Entity has the right to be reimbursed for them at a later time, provided that the cap will not be exceeded at the time of reimbursement. The Responsible Entity may withdraw or replace this PDS at any time.

The management fees and costs figure disclosed in Table 3.1 includes recoverable expenses normally incurred of 0.06% p.a. of the Fund's Gross Asset Value, which is the amount incurred by the Fund for the previous financial year ended 30 June 2022.

Extraordinary expenses are expenses that are not normally incurred in the day to day operation of the Fund and are not necessarily incurred in any given year. They may include costs associated with holding unitholder meetings, changing the Fund's constitution, or defending or pursuing legal proceedings. Extraordinary expenses are not included in the cap on expenses described in this section. Extraordinary expenses will not be paid out of the Responsible Entity's own resources. Any such expenses will be recovered from the Fund and reflected in its Net Asset Value per Unit. The management fees and costs figure disclosed in Table 3.1 includes extraordinary expenses of nil, which is the amount incurred by the Fund for the previous financial year ended 30 June 2022.

#### 3.3.4 Indirect costs

Indirect costs are any amounts that we know or where required, reasonably estimate, will reduce the Fund's returns that are paid from the Fund's assets (other than the management fee, recoverable expenses, and transaction costs described elsewhere in this section) or that are paid from the assets of any interposed vehicle (such as an underlying fund) in which the Fund may invest.

The management fees and costs figure disclosed in Table 3.1 includes indirect costs of nil, which is the Responsible Entity's estimate of the amount incurred by the Fund for the previous financial year ended 30 June 2022.

#### 3.3.5 Transaction costs

The Fund incurs transaction costs, such as brokerage, clearing costs, transactional custodian fees and other transaction fees associated with buying and selling the Fund's assets.

Transaction costs also include costs incurred by an interposed vehicle that would be transaction costs if they had been incurred by the Fund. As transaction costs reduce the Fund's Net Asset Value and are reflected in the daily Net Asset Value per unit, they are an additional cost to you and are not a fee paid to the Responsible Entity. The impact of transaction costs can be offset in part by the application and redemption fees the Responsible Entity receives as described in section 3.3.6.

How and when they are paid varies depending on the type of transaction cost. Certain costs, e.g. brokerage, are added to or deducted from the amounts payable from the Fund's assets or receivable by the Fund at the time of settlement in respect of investments purchased or sold for the Fund. Other costs, e.g. transactional custodian fees, are invoiced and paid from the Fund's assets according to a regular monthly or quarterly cycle. Table 3.1 includes the net transaction costs borne by the Fund for the previous financial year ended 30 June 2022 which are estimated at 0.00% p.a. of the Fund's Net Asset Value (or \$0 for every \$50,000 you have in the Fund). These net transaction costs represent estimated total gross transaction costs of 0.02% p.a. minus the estimated transaction costs for which the Responsible Entity reimburses the Fund out of the application and redemption fees it receives, as described in section 3.3.6. These net transaction costs are borne by the Fund.

The transaction costs estimate shown in the fees and costs summary in Table 3.1 is shown net of any amount for which the Responsible Entity reimburses the Fund out of the application and redemption fees it receives.

The amount of these costs can be expected to vary from year to year depending on the volume and value of transactions undertaken.

#### 3.3.6 Application and redemption fees for Authorised Participants

No application fees or redemption fees are payable by investors who buy and sell Units on the ASX. However, brokerage charges may apply.

Application fees and redemption fees will only be payable by Authorised Participants on an application for or redemption of Units directly with the Fund. Redemption fees will only be payable by other Unitholders if they redeem Units directly with the Fund rather than sell their Units on the ASX.

The applicable application and redemption fees are set out in Table 3.1 above and are paid to the Responsible Entity. Out of these fees, the Responsible Entity pays directly, or reimburses the Fund



for, the estimated transaction costs associated with the application or redemption.

The application and redemption fees payable seek to ensure that the transaction costs associated with applications and redemptions are borne by the transacting investors and not by other investors.

### **3.3.7 Stockbroker fees**

Investors may incur customary brokerage fees and commissions when buying and selling Units on the ASX, as for any listed or quoted security. Please consult a stockbroker for more information in relation to their fees and charges.

### **3.3.8 Can fees and costs change and what are the maximums?**

Yes, fees and costs can change subject to maximums in the Fund's Constitution.

The Constitution limits the amount of the Responsible Entity's management fee to a maximum of 3% p.a. of the Fund's Net Asset Value (plus GST).

The Constitution of the Fund provides for the following maximum fees:

- a maximum contribution fee of 5% of the aggregate Issue Price of the Units applied for (plus GST);
- a maximum withdrawal fee of 5% of the aggregate Withdrawal Amount of the relevant Units (plus GST).

The Responsible Entity also has the right under the Constitution to recover from the Fund all expenses properly incurred in the performance of its duties.

As at the date of this PDS, the Responsible Entity does not have any intention to change the fees and costs described in this PDS, although it has the right to do so at any time without investor consent. Any increase in the fees for the Fund will be announced to the ASX via the Market Announcements Platform at least 30 days before it occurs.

Any estimates of fees and costs in this PDS are based on information available as at the date of this PDS. As such, the actual fees and costs may differ and are subject to change from time to time. Information in this PDS that is not materially adverse to investors is subject to change from time to time and may be updated by the Responsible Entity by publishing such information on the BetaShares website at [www.betashares.com.au](http://www.betashares.com.au). A paper

copy of any updated information will be provided free of charge on request.

### **3.3.9 Differential fees, rebates and related payments**

The Responsible Entity may, from time to time, agree with wholesale clients to rebate or reduce some of the management or other fees on a case by case basis. The amount of fee reduction is at the Responsible Entity's discretion. The Responsible Entity will achieve these reductions and meet any rebates in relation to management fees by payments from its own resources. For more information, please contact the Responsible Entity at the address specified in the "Directory" section of the PDS.

Any reduction in management fees offered by the Responsible Entity to a wrap platform or master trust operator may be passed on to the clients of the operator or retained by the operator.

Subject to applicable law, the Responsible Entity may also pay one-off or annual product access payments to wrap platform or master trust operators for including the Fund in their offering. As of the date of this PDS, no product access payments have been made. The Responsible Entity would make any such payment from its own resources.

### **3.3.10 Indirect investors**

Indirect investors investing through a wrap platform or master trust should note that the fees outlined in this section 3 are in addition to any other fees and costs imposed by the wrap platform or master trust operator.

### **3.3.11 Units as payment of Responsible Entity's fees and reimbursement of expenses**

Subject to the Corporations Act and the ASX Operating Rules, the Responsible Entity may elect, for any period it determines appropriate, to be issued Units equal to the amount of the fees or reimbursement of expenses (or part thereof) to which it is entitled divided by the Issue Price, instead of receiving such payment in the form of cash. The Responsible Entity may sell or redeem any Units so issued at any time.

### **3.3.12 Financial advisers**

Additional fees may be paid to a financial adviser if you have consulted a financial adviser. You should refer to the Statement of Advice provided by your financial adviser in which details of the fees are set out.

### **3.3.13 Taxation**

Information in relation to taxation is set out in section 7 of this PDS.

## 4 RISKS

Unitholders in the Fund face a number of investment risks. There are risks associated with any investment. Generally, the higher the expected return of an investment, the higher the risk and the greater the variability of returns.

The market price and Net Asset Value per Unit can fluctuate within a wide range. When considering an investment in the Fund, personal tolerance for fluctuating market values should be taken into account.

The most common risks associated with investing in the Fund are described below, but there could be other risks that affect the performance of the Fund. The discussion below is general in nature.

The Responsible Entity does not provide assurances or guarantees on future profitability, returns, distributions or return of capital. An investment in the Fund could lose money over short or long periods.

You should seek your own professional advice on the appropriateness of this investment to your circumstances. You should also consider how an investment in the Fund fits into your overall investment portfolio.

**The Fund's use of borrowing can be expected to magnify both investment gains and losses, and significant variations in the value of the Fund's investments can be expected. The Fund therefore involves risks that are not present in ungeared Australian equity funds.**

**Potential investors in the Fund should consider their particular investment objectives and circumstances, including their tolerance for investing in a higher risk Australian equity fund, in consultation with a professional financial adviser before making an investment decision.**

**An investment in the Fund should only be considered as a component of an investor's overall portfolio.**

**Investors in the Fund should actively monitor their investment on a frequent basis to ensure it continues to meet their investment objectives.**

### 4.1 INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE RISK

There is no guarantee that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved or that an investment in the Fund will earn any positive return in the short or long-term. The value of the Units may increase or decrease depending on market, economic, political, regulatory and other conditions affecting the Fund's investments. All prospective Unitholders should consider an investment in the Fund within the overall context of their investment policies. Investment policy considerations should include, but are not limited to, setting objectives, defining risk/return constraints and considering time horizons.

The Responsible Entity intends to provide geared exposure to the returns of the Australian share market in all market conditions. This means that, in a falling share market, investors should not expect the Fund's level of gearing to be reduced below the anticipated gearing range from time to time as described in this PDS, or investments to be repositioned, in an attempt to avoid or reduce losses.

### 4.2 MARKET RISK

The Fund's investment returns will be influenced by the performance of the market as a whole. Changes in Australian equity prices may result in a loss in the value of Units. Therefore, the market factors that drive changes in the prices of Australian equities, including global and national events (such as natural disasters, wars and other conflicts, and outbreaks of infectious diseases), general economic conditions, investor sentiment and industry specific factors, can be expected to influence the value of Units. Share markets can be and have been volatile, and have the potential to fall by large amounts over short periods of time. This volatility may cause the value of an investment in the Fund to decrease. The use of gearing in the Fund will significantly increase the volatility of its returns.

### 4.3 SECURITY SPECIFIC RISK

Factors specific to a particular equity security may cause its return to differ from that of the broader market. Such factors may include changes in a company's operations, such as changes in management, or the loss of a significant customer, or changes in the market environment the company operates in, or actions by regulators or competitors. The share portfolio held by the Fund will comprise approximately 200 of the largest equity securities on the ASX, weighted by their market capitalisation. As a result, the Fund may be sensitive to security specific risk for those securities which form a material component of the share portfolio.

### 4.4 SECTOR CONCENTRATION RISK

A significant percentage of the Fund's share portfolio may be comprised of securities concentrated in a single industry sector or only a small group of industry sectors. At times, such sector(s) may underperform other sectors, causing a greater impact on the value of the Fund's Units than would be the case if the portfolio were more broadly diversified over numerous industry sectors.

### 4.5 GEARING RISK

The Fund borrows to gear its investment exposure. This gearing magnifies, and increases the volatility of, both gains and losses from the Fund's investments. The Fund is therefore riskier than a fund that does not provide a geared exposure.

If the underlying investments experience negative returns, a geared exposure will significantly underperform an equivalent ungeared exposure. If the underlying investments experience low positive returns, a geared exposure may also underperform due to the impact of borrowing costs.

An increase in the Fund's cost of borrowing (which may result from an increase in interest rates, or an increase in the borrowing rate charged by the Fund's custodian/prime broker) will, all else being equal, reduce the Fund's returns.

The Fund's ability to meet its investment objective may be adversely affected if there are changes to the Fund's borrowing capacity or if it becomes unable to obtain a suitable borrowing facility.

The lender may reduce the amount it is prepared to lend to the Fund or terminate the loan at any time. The Fund may therefore

need to promptly reduce the gearing level by selling assets, which may force the sale of assets at unfavourable prices.

There is therefore a risk that the Fund will not be able to provide geared exposure continuously or at all, or at the level the Responsible Entity considers desirable.

Investors should note that the Fund's gearing level will fluctuate from day to day and may differ materially from the gearing level applicable at the time their Units were acquired.

While the Responsible Entity anticipates that the gearing ratio will generally vary between 50% and 65% on a given day (this means that the Fund's geared exposure is anticipated to vary between 200% and 286% of the Fund's Net Asset Value on a given day), the return earned by investors over any period longer than a day will not necessarily be equivalent to 200% to 286% of the return of the broad Australian share market over that period, due to the effects of rebalancing the Fund's investment exposure from time to time to maintain the daily target geared exposure range and the compounding of investment returns over time. Therefore, the Fund's returns over periods longer than one day may differ in amount and possibly direction from the daily target geared exposure range. This effect on returns over time can be expected to be more pronounced the more volatile the broad Australian share market and the longer an investor's holding period.

The Fund's returns over periods longer than one day will be the result of its return for each day compounded over the period, and may differ in amount and possibly direction from the daily target geared exposure range.

Compounding of investment returns over time affects all investments, but has a more significant impact on a fund with geared investment exposure.

Due to the effects of rebalancing and compounding of investment returns over time, investors should not expect the Fund's Net Asset Value to be at a particular level for a given value of the broad Australian share market at any point in time.

Investors in the Fund should actively monitor their investment as frequently as daily to ensure it continues to meet their investment objectives.

The Responsible Entity will monitor the level of gearing on a daily basis and make adjustments as described in section 2.1.3 to ensure that the maximum gearing ratio is not intentionally exceeded. This means that the Fund should not be exposed to investment losses that exceed its value, except where the value of the Fund's share portfolio were to fall by more than 35% in one day (assuming the Fund was geared to its maximum anticipated level of gearing, being 65%, on such a day). In any event, investors are not exposed to the risk of paying "margin calls" in market downturns, as all gearing obligations are met within the Fund.

In connection with the Fund's loan arrangement, the Responsible Entity has granted security over the Fund's assets to the Custodian/Prime Broker in the form of a charge. This means that the Custodian/Prime Broker, as the loan provider, has certain rights, including the right to take possession of, and sell, the assets if the Fund defaults on the loan repayments or another event of default occurs. The Fund may suffer loss if the Custodian/Prime Broker exercises these rights.

## 4.6 COUNTERPARTY RISK

There is a risk of loss due to a counterparty to the Fund not honouring a financial commitment. Default on the part of a

counterparty could result in financial loss to the Fund.

Counterparties to the Fund include service providers such as the Unit Registrar or fund administrator, any derivatives counterparties, as well as the Custodian/Prime Broker, which holds assets of the Fund and provides finance for gearing in the Fund.

In addition, the Custodian/Prime Broker is entitled at any time to transfer to itself absolute ownership of a portion of the Fund's securities having a value up to, but not exceeding, 100% of the loan amount outstanding from time to time (the "Transferred Securities Limit"). The Custodian/Prime Broker may deal with any assets so transferred in its absolute discretion and for its own benefit (including selling or lending those assets to third parties). The Fund will have an unsecured, contractual right to the return (at the Custodian/Prime Broker's discretion) of either equivalent securities or the then current cash value of the transferred securities determined by reference to their market value.

There is therefore a risk that, if the Custodian/Prime Broker becomes insolvent while the Fund remains indebted to the Custodian/Prime Broker, the transferred assets may not be returned in full. However, under the prime brokerage agreement, the Fund's obligation to repay the borrowing would be set off against the Custodian/Prime Broker's obligation to return equivalent assets or cash value. Therefore, if the Custodian/Prime Broker becomes insolvent while the Transferred Securities Limit is exceeded, the Fund will be exposed to the risk of loss, but only to the extent of the excess above the Transferred Securities Limit.

The Responsible Entity will monitor the Custodian/Prime Broker's adherence to the Transferred Securities Limit on a daily basis. If the Transferred Securities Limit is exceeded for any reason (such as market movements), the Responsible Entity will request that the Custodian/Prime Broker promptly transfer to the Fund sufficient equivalent securities or cash value so as to comply with the Transferred Securities Limit.

## 4.7 DERIVATIVES RISK

As at the date of this PDS, the Responsible Entity does not intend to use derivatives in the Fund, but reserves the right to use ASX exchange-traded derivatives in the future. The primary risks associated with the use of such derivatives are:

- the values of the derivative failing to move in line with the underlying asset;
- the potential lack of liquidity of the derivative;
- in the case of buying or selling futures contracts, the potential to incur substantial losses in excess of the initial amount invested;
- possibility that the derivative position is difficult or costly to manage or reverse;
- the Fund may not be able to meet payment obligations as they arise, including any requirements to make margin payments in the case of futures contracts;
- the counterparty to the derivative contract (the central clearing house or clearing broker) may not meet its obligations under the contract; and
- the electronic platforms on which such derivatives are traded are subject to risks related to system access, varying response time, security and system failure.

Any of the above factors could cause the Fund to incur losses, suffer increased costs, fail to realise gains or otherwise fail to achieve its investment objective.

Derivatives would only be used as an alternative means of establishing geared exposures in the Fund. The Responsible Entity would monitor any derivatives exposure daily with the objective of ensuring that the Fund's geared exposure stayed within the maximum limit set out in section 2.1.2.

The Responsible Entity would aim to ensure that there was sufficient cash and other liquid assets available in the Fund at all times to meet any payment obligations under derivatives.

#### **4.8 FUND TRADING RISK**

In certain circumstances, the ASX may suspend trading of the Units of the Fund and therefore Unitholders will not be able to buy or sell Units of the Fund on the ASX. In these circumstances, the Responsible Entity may suspend the application and redemption process.

There may be other occasions where the Responsible Entity may suspend the application and redemption process, such as around the end of a distribution period or where other factors prevent the accurate calculation of Unit prices, such as the suspension or restriction of trading in securities held by the Fund. This may cause the Fund's Units to be suspended from trading on the ASX.

The ASX also imposes certain requirements for Units to continue to be quoted. The Responsible Entity will endeavour to meet these requirements at all times to ensure the Units remain quoted, although there can be no assurance that Units will remain quoted on the ASX. Under these circumstances, the Responsible Entity may take measures such as suspending the application and redemption process or potentially terminating the Fund.

#### **4.9 LIQUIDITY RISK**

Although Units are quoted on the AQUA market of the ASX there can be no assurances that there will be a liquid market for Units. The Responsible Entity has in place market making arrangements to assist in maintaining liquidity for the Fund on the ASX. The Responsible Entity cannot guarantee that a market maker will fulfil its obligations or that a market maker will continue to be appointed. The market making arrangements agreed by the Responsible Entity with a market maker also specify certain permitted circumstances where the market making obligations may be suspended (such as operational disruptions, market disruptions or unusual conditions (including those which make the market maker's ability to perform the market making function impossible, impracticable or unduly onerous such as an unusually volatile or "fast market"), other events set out in the ASX Operating Rules, the suspension or rejection of applications for Units or redemption requests, or the market maker not having ASIC relief to allow short selling of Units). If a market maker defaults on its obligations, the Responsible Entity may seek to replace the market maker, although the arrangements with the market maker may limit or exclude any liability on the part of the market maker.

In addition, there is the risk that one or more assets held by the Fund may suffer from restricted or limited liquidity, which may be associated with wider than usual bid-offer spreads for such assets, preventing the Fund from closing out certain positions or rebalancing in a timely manner and at a fair price. This may be due to factors specific to that investment or to prevailing market conditions. The bid-offer spread for Units can be expected to increase if there is decreased liquidity for the underlying securities and/or their bid-offer spreads widen due to market conditions.

The Fund's monthly average bid-offer spread will be reported in the ASX Investment Products Monthly Update, which can be viewed on the ASX's website at [www.asx.com.au](http://www.asx.com.au).

#### **4.10 TRADING PRICE OF UNITS MAY DIFFER FROM NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT**

As with any exchange traded managed fund, it is possible that the trading price of Units on the ASX may differ from the Net Asset Value per Unit. The trading price is dependent on a number of factors including the demand for and supply of Units, investor confidence, the availability of market maker services during the course of the trading day, and the bid-offer spread charged by a market maker. The trading price may be affected if there is a suspension of the application and redemption process. The application and redemption facility is designed to reduce the likelihood of Units trading at a significant discount or premium to the Net Asset Value per Unit. If the application or redemption facility for a Fund is closed on a particular day, the trading price might diverge further from the Net Asset Value per Unit.

Periods of increased market volatility or disruptions to the market making function may result in wider bid-offer spreads for Units and trading prices that differ significantly from the Fund's Net Asset Value per Unit. This risk may be higher in the period shortly after the ASX opens for trading and near the close of trading. If an investor purchases Units at a time when the market price is at a premium to the Net Asset Value per Unit or sells at a time when the market price is at a discount to the Net Asset Value per Unit, then the investor may sustain losses. Investors should consider placing "limit orders" to reduce the risk of trading at unfavourable prices.

#### **4.11 EFFECT OF APPLICATIONS AND REDEMPTIONS ON DISTRIBUTIONS**

The distribution per Unit amount for a distribution period may be affected by application and redemption activity during the period. The issue of Units during a distribution period will tend to reduce the amount of the distribution per Unit for that period (which will be associated with a smaller decline in the NAV per Unit at the time of the distribution). Conversely, the redemption of Units during a distribution period will tend to increase the amount of the distribution per Unit for that period (which will be associated with a larger decline in the NAV per Unit at the time of the distribution).

#### **4.12 MANAGER RISK**

This is the risk that the Responsible Entity's investment strategy is not successful, or not successfully implemented, resulting in the Fund failing to meet its objectives. No assurance can be given that the trading systems and strategies utilised by the Responsible Entity will prove successful under all or any market conditions.

#### **4.13 FUND RISK**

There is a risk that the Fund could terminate, that the Fund's investment objective or investment strategy or fees and expenses could change or that the Responsible Entity may not be able to continue to act, for example if it loses its Australian financial services licence (in which case it could be replaced as responsible entity of the Fund).

#### **4.14 GENERAL REGULATORY RISK**

This is the risk that a government or regulator may introduce regulatory and/or tax changes, or a court makes a decision regarding the interpretation of the law, which affects the value of the Units or the tax treatment of the Fund and its Unitholders.

The Fund may be affected by changes to legislation or government policy both in Australia and in other countries. These changes are monitored by the Responsible Entity and action is taken, where

appropriate, to facilitate the achievement of the investment objective of the Fund. The Responsible Entity may not always be in a position to take such action.

#### **4.15 TAX RISK**

Taxation law is complex and subject to changes by the Australian Government, possibly with retrospective effect.

As the circumstances of each investor are different, the Responsible Entity strongly recommends that investors obtain professional independent tax advice relating to the tax implications of investing in and dealing in Units.

Unitholders redeeming their Units should note the risk of potentially adverse tax implications where the Units are not held as trading stock or as revenue assets and should seek their own advice in this regard. The tax implications of redemption may be different to selling Units on the ASX. These and other taxation matters are dealt with in section 7 of this PDS.

Unitholders should note that where the Fund receives franked dividends, the associated franking credits will not flow to Unitholders if the Fund does not have any distributable income or any net taxable income in that financial year.

#### **4.16 OPERATIONAL RISK**

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

#### **4.17 SETTLEMENT RISK**

The application and redemption processes associated with the issue or redemption of Units are subject to the normal settlement procedures through CHES. The Fund is exposed to some risk if an Authorised Participant or other market participant fails to comply with its settlement obligations. These risks are mitigated by the fact that Authorised Participants and other market participants are subject to usual ASX trading practices including ASX fail fees.

#### **4.18 EARLY CLOSING RISK**

Unanticipated early closings of a stock exchange on which securities held by the Fund are listed may result in the Fund being unable to sell or buy securities on that day. If the ASX closes early on a day when the Fund needs to execute a high volume of securities trades late in the trading day (in order to implement applications or redemption requests), the Fund may incur trading losses.

#### **4.19 CYBER-SECURITY RISK**

With the increased use of technology to conduct business, the Responsible Entity, the Fund and their service providers can be susceptible to information security and related risks including cyber-security attacks or incidents.

Cyber incidents can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events, and include gaining unauthorised access to digital systems, networks or devices for purposes of misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting data, or causing operational disruption. Cyber-attacks may also be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorised access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on websites (i.e. efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users).

Cyber-security breaches may cause disruptions to the Fund's operations, potentially resulting in financial loss.



## 5 HOW TO BUY AND SELL UNITS

Only Authorised Participants may apply for Units directly through this PDS.

**Other investors cannot apply for Units through this PDS. Such investors may buy and sell Units by trading on the ASX through a stockbroker or via a financial adviser.**

Prior to being issued Units, an Authorised Participant must execute an Authorised Participant Agreement that deals with, amongst other things, the rights and obligations of the Authorised Participant in relation to applying for Units. See section 6.3 for further information about the Authorised Participant Agreement.

Unitholders may redeem Units by arranging to transfer the Units and receive payment of the redemption proceeds through the CHESSE system, typically through a stockbroker (however, all Unitholders may normally sell their Units by trading on the ASX - this is generally expected to be the typical method of disposal for a Unitholder who is not an Authorised Participant).

To effect an application (Authorised Participants only) or redemption, the Application Form or Redemption Form attached to this PDS (or available on the BetaShares website [www.betashares.com.au](http://www.betashares.com.au)) must be completed.

### 5.1 MINIMUM APPLICATIONS AND REDEMPTIONS

The minimum application amount is one Creation Unit (the number of Units that constitute a Creation Unit is 100,000 Units, unless otherwise agreed with the Responsible Entity).

The minimum redemption amount is one Redemption Unit (the number of Units that constitute a Redemption Unit is 1,500 Units, unless otherwise agreed with the Responsible Entity), or the Unitholder's entire unit account balance if the Unitholder holds less than a Redemption Unit.

Applications and redemptions must be for whole multiples of Creation Units or Redemption Units (or must be for the Unitholder's entire unit account balance if the Unitholder holds less than a Redemption Unit), unless otherwise agreed with the Responsible Entity.

### 5.2 CASH APPLICATIONS AND REDEMPTIONS

An Authorised Participant must apply for Units, and Unitholders must redeem Units, for cash unless the Responsible Entity specifically agrees to an in-kind application or redemption with an Authorised Participant or Unitholder.

A cash application involves payment to the Responsible Entity or custodian by an Authorised Participant of cash (plus the application fee described in section 3) in return for the issue of Units by the Responsible Entity to the Authorised Participant.

A cash redemption involves delivery of Units by a Unitholder to the Responsible Entity or custodian in return for the payment of cash proceeds (minus the withdrawal fee described in section 3) by the Responsible Entity to the Unitholder.

### 5.3 IN-KIND APPLICATIONS AND REDEMPTIONS

"In-kind" means that, rather than delivering cash in respect of an application and receiving cash proceeds in respect of a redemption, the Authorised Participant applying for Units will deliver, or the Unitholder redeeming Units will receive, securities plus or minus a balancing cash component acceptable to the Responsible Entity. In-kind applications or redemptions will only be permitted where specifically agreed with the Responsible Entity.

If agreed with the Responsible Entity, an in-kind application or redemption will consist of two components:

- application/redemption securities component; and
- cash component (described below).

The application/redemption securities component generally corresponds to the composition of the Fund's portfolio (or a sample of securities that reflects the Fund's portfolio) and is prepared in respect of a Creation Unit by the Responsible Entity prior to the opening of trading for every ASX Business Day for the Fund. Details of the daily application/redemption securities will be available by contacting the Responsible Entity on 1300 487 577 (within Australia) or +61 2 9290 6888 (outside Australia).

The Responsible Entity reserves the right to permit delivery of a previously agreed basket of securities as the application/redemption securities component that varies from the composition of the Fund portfolio. From time to time, there may also be some differences between the application securities that are to be delivered by an Authorised Participant and the redemption securities delivered by the Responsible Entity to a Unitholder upon redemption.

Where an in-kind application or redemption has been specifically agreed with the Responsible Entity, the application securities and the redemption securities will be the applicable securities determined by the Responsible Entity for the relevant day on which the Issue Price or Withdrawal Amount for the application or redemption is determined (see "Applications and Redemptions" below).

The cash component reflects the difference between the value of the application securities/redemption securities and the aggregate of the Net Asset Value per Unit for the number of Units being applied for or redeemed, as at the applicable valuation time. The cash component is therefore a balancing amount that aims to ensure there is no impact (e.g. no dilution in value) for existing Unitholders arising out of an application or redemption.

### 5.4 PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS AND REDEMPTIONS

Application/Redemption forms received before the Dealing Deadline on an ASX Business Day are processed at the Issue Price/Withdrawal Amount (being the Net Asset Value per Unit) for the Fund applicable to that day.

Application/Redemption forms received on or after the Dealing Deadline on an ASX Business Day, or on a non-ASX Business Day, will be treated as being received on the next ASX Business Day.



## 5.5 APPLICATIONS AND REDEMPTIONS

For applications, the Authorised Participant must deliver cash equal to the Issue Price for the relevant Units (plus the application fee). In return, they will receive the relevant amount of Units.

Only if the Responsible Entity agrees to an in-kind application, Authorised Participants must deliver to the Responsible Entity or custodian the “in-kind” application securities component plus any required cash component (plus the application fee). In return, Authorised Participants will receive Units (plus any required cash component if payable by the Responsible Entity rather than the Authorised Participant).

For redemptions, the Unitholder will receive cash equal to the Withdrawal Amount for the relevant Units (less the redemption fee) upon delivery of the Units to the Responsible Entity or custodian. Only if the Responsible Entity agrees to an in-kind redemption, Unitholders must deliver the Units of the Fund to the Responsible Entity or custodian plus any required cash component (plus the withdrawal fee). In return, Unitholders will receive the “in-kind” redemption securities (plus any required cash component if payable by the Responsible Entity rather than the Unitholder).

Details of the amounts and/or securities payable pursuant to applications, or receivable upon redemptions, will be notified to the Authorised Participant or Unitholder on the ASX Business Day following the effective date of the application or redemption.

An application received by the Dealing Deadline (on day T) will generally enable the Authorised Participant to receive the new Units in its CHESS account two ASX Business Days later (T+2), provided the Authorised Participant has paid the application consideration and application fee no later than 11:30am on T+2.

A redemption request received by the Dealing Deadline (on day T) will generally enable the Unitholder to receive the redemption payment two ASX Business Days later (T+2), provided the Unitholder has transferred the Units and the redemption fee by no later than 11:30am on T+2.

By signing an Authorised Participant Agreement, an Authorised Participant agrees to be bound by certain execution and settlement procedures in relation to applications for and redemptions of Units. Settlement failure procedures apply if an Authorised Participant does not comply with its obligations under the procedures. The procedures allow the Responsible Entity to cancel an application or redemption in certain circumstances and to take certain other action. The Responsible Entity may also reject any application in whole or in part at any time, without giving reasons.

## 5.6 SUSPENSIONS OF APPLICATIONS AND REDEMPTIONS

There may be occasions where the Responsible Entity may suspend the issue of Units or delay or reject redemption requests.

This may occur, for example, around the end of a distribution period when the Responsible Entity is calculating and paying the distributable income for the relevant period or where there are factors, as determined by the Responsible Entity, which prevent the accurate calculation of Unit prices. The Responsible Entity will advise Unitholders of any suspension of applications or delay or rejection of redemptions.

The Responsible Entity may also scale down redemptions in certain circumstances.

See section 6.2.7 and 6.2.8 for further information.

## 5.7 VALUATIONS AND PRICING

After the Units are quoted, the amount per Unit payable by an Authorised Participant upon an application for Units is known as the Issue Price, and is equal to the Net Asset Value per Unit.

The amount per Unit to which a Unitholder is entitled on the redemption of Units is known as the Withdrawal Amount, and is equal to the Net Asset Value per Unit.

The Issue Price and the Withdrawal Amount are calculated in the same manner and will have the same value at any time. This value is determined by dividing the Net Asset Value of the Fund by the number of Units on issue in the Fund at the time the Issue Price and/or Withdrawal Amount are determined (the valuation time).

The valuation time for the Fund applicable to each ASX Business Day is generally the close of trading on the ASX, unless otherwise determined by the Responsible Entity.

The Withdrawal Amount paid to a Unitholder on the redemption of Units may include a distribution of the distributable income of the Fund. Please refer to section 7.1.6 for information regarding how this entitlement is determined.

The Net Asset Value of the Fund is calculated by deducting from the aggregate value of the assets of the Fund all liabilities, such as accrued fees and other costs, borrowings and provisions relating to the Fund. Fees and other costs, including the Responsible Entity's fees, are accrued daily. The Fund's assets reflect their market value. The valuation methods applied by the Responsible Entity to value the Fund's assets and liabilities are consistent with applicable industry standards and result in Net Asset Value per Unit calculations that are independently verifiable.

Details of the daily Net Asset Value per Unit (and hence the Issue Price and Withdrawal Amount) will be made available on the BetaShares website at [www.betashares.com.au](http://www.betashares.com.au).

## 6 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### 6.1 THE ROLE OF CERTAIN ENTITIES IN REGARD TO THE FUND

There are a number of parties, in addition to the Responsible Entity, involved in the ongoing operation and administration of the Fund or who otherwise provide services in connection with the Fund:

#### 6.1.1 Custodian/Prime Broker

As at the date of this PDS, the Responsible Entity has appointed BNP Paribas (the "Custodian/Prime Broker") to provide custody, financing for gearing and settlement services for the Fund pursuant to a prime brokerage agreement.

As custodian, the Custodian/Prime Broker will hold the Fund's assets on trust for the benefit of the Fund (other than securities of the Fund that may be transferred to the Custodian/Broker absolutely for its own use, as described below) and in the normal course settle the Fund's investment transactions on instructions from the Responsible Entity. The Custodian/Prime Broker may, from time to time, appoint sub-custodians. The custodian has a limited role and has no obligation to monitor whether the Responsible Entity is complying with its obligations as responsible entity of the Fund. The Responsible Entity may change the custodian without prior notice to Unitholders.

The loan is provided by the Custodian/Prime Broker at its discretion and the amount of the loan is repayable on written demand. Variable interest is payable on the loan from time to time.

As security for the performance of its obligations under the prime brokerage agreement, the Responsible Entity has granted a charge to the Custodian/Prime Broker over the Fund's assets held by the Custodian/Prime Broker. This means that the Custodian/Prime Broker, as the loan provider, has certain rights, including the right to take possession of, and sell, the Fund's assets if an event of default occurs in relation to the Fund. An event of default includes (i) failure by the Fund to make any repayment under the loan when due (ii) breach of a material term of the prime brokerage agreement that is not remedied within three business days after receiving notice of the breach (iii) insolvency of the Fund (iv) the Responsible Entity ceasing to be qualified to be the responsible entity of the Fund and (v) where the Fund's gearing ratio on any day exceeds the maximum gearing ratio specified in this PDS and is not reduced to below the maximum gearing ratio by the next business day.

In addition, the Custodian/Prime Broker is entitled at any time to transfer to itself absolute ownership of a portion of the Fund's securities having a value up to, but not exceeding, 100% of the loan amount outstanding from time to time (the "Transferred Securities Limit"). The Custodian/Prime Broker may deal with any assets so transferred in its absolute discretion and for its own benefit (including selling or lending those assets to third parties). The Fund will have an unsecured, contractual right to the return (at the Custodian/Prime Broker's discretion) of either equivalent securities or the then current cash value of the transferred securities. If the Transferred Securities Limit is exceeded for any reason (such as market movements), the Responsible Entity will request that the Custodian/Prime Broker promptly transfer to the Fund sufficient equivalent securities or cash value so as to comply with the Transferred Securities Limit.

If an event of default occurs in relation to either the Fund or the Custodian/Prime Broker (the latter includes breach of a material term of the prime brokerage agreement by the Custodian/Prime Broker that is not remedied within three business days after receiving notice of the breach and insolvency of the Custodian/Prime Broker), the non-defaulting party may elect a termination date, at which time the parties' obligations shall terminate and the non-defaulting party will determine in good faith applying commercially reasonable valuation procedures but at its absolute discretion the value of the rights and liabilities of the parties under the prime broker agreement, set them off and determine a single net amount payable by either the Fund or the Custodian/Prime Broker.

The fees of the Custodian/Prime Broker are payable by the Fund.

The Custodian/Prime Broker and its officers, directors, employees, agents and affiliated companies have a right to be indemnified by the Fund against liabilities which may be incurred by them in the performance of the services under the prime brokerage agreement, except to the extent arising directly from their negligence, fraud or wilful default.

The Custodian/Prime Broker will not be liable to the Fund for any losses arising in any way out of or in connection with the prime brokerage agreement except to the extent any such losses arise directly from the negligence, fraud, wilful default or breach of the prime brokerage agreement by the Custodian/Prime Broker and its officers, directors, employees and affiliated companies.

The prime brokerage agreement may be terminated by either party providing not less than 45 days written notice to the other.

The Custodian/Prime Broker has no decision making discretion relating to the investment of the assets of the Fund and makes no representation in respect of the Fund or the investment of the Fund's assets.

The Custodian/Prime Broker is a service provider to the Fund and is not responsible for the preparation of this PDS or the activities of the Fund and therefore accepts no responsibility for any information contained in this document.

The Responsible Entity may change the custodian/prime broker without prior notice to Unitholders.

See section 4 "Risks" for further information on the risks associated with gearing and the use of counterparties such as the Custodian/Prime Broker.

#### 6.1.2 Administrator

The administrator provides fund administration services to the Responsible Entity. These services include fund accounting, maintenance of books and records, calculating distribution amounts, valuing the Fund's assets and liabilities, calculating the Issue Price and Withdrawal Amount, and taxation and other services. The Responsible Entity may change the administrator without prior notice to Unitholders.

As of the date of this PDS, the administrator is:

Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd  
Level 10, 12 Shelley Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

### 6.1.3 Registrar

As for any quoted security, the role of the Registrar is to keep a record of the Unitholders in the Fund. This includes details such as the quantity of Units held, tax file numbers (if provided) and details of distribution reinvestment plan participation. The Responsible Entity may change the Registrar without prior notice to Unitholders.

As of the date of this PDS, the registrar is:

Link Market Services  
Level 12  
680 George Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

### 6.1.4 Market maker

The role of a market maker is to provide liquidity in the market for Units and to satisfy supply and demand for Units. They do this by:

- Subject to certain conditions, providing liquidity to the market through acting as the buyer and seller of Units during a significant part of the trading day; and
- Creating and redeeming Units in the primary market pursuant to this PDS, which helps to ensure the number of Units on issue matches supply and demand.

The Responsible Entity seeks to appoint market making firms: that have experience in making markets in exchange-traded securities both in Australia and internationally; that have the necessary skill and expertise to perform market making functions; and that are ASX participants (or trade through an ASX participant). To qualify for admission as an ASX participant, a firm must meet admission requirements set out in the ASX Operating Rules, which require the firm to hold an Australian financial services licence that authorises it to carry on its business as a market participant and to satisfy ASX of various matters including organisational competence and business integrity.

Information about the market maker(s) selected by the Responsible Entity from time to time can be obtained by contacting the Responsible Entity.

The arrangements with the market maker specify certain permitted circumstances where the market making obligations may be suspended (such as operational disruptions, market disruptions or unusual conditions (including those which make the market maker's ability to perform the market making function impossible, impracticable or unduly onerous such as an unusually volatile or "fast market"), other events set out in the ASX Operating Rules, the suspension or rejection of applications for Units or redemption requests, or the market maker not having ASIC relief to allow short selling of Units). If a market maker defaults on its obligations, the Responsible Entity may seek to replace the market maker, although the arrangements with the market maker may limit or exclude any liability on the part of the market maker. The arrangements with the market maker may also provide that the market maker has no liability or responsibility to Unitholders for any act or omission made in connection with the market making arrangements.

Unitholders should be aware that a market maker will retain for its own account any trading profit and bear any loss which may be generated by its market making activities. Subject to the AQUA Rules and the agreement with the market maker, the Responsible

Entity may appoint or terminate a market maker in respect of the Fund. The Responsible Entity may determine to no longer appoint a market maker in respect of the Fund in circumstances where it is no longer required to do so under the AQUA Rules.

### 6.1.5 Auditor

The Responsible Entity has appointed KPMG as the auditor of the financial statements of the Fund and the Responsible Entity's compliance plan for the Fund.

### 6.1.6 Monitoring of service providers

The Responsible Entity has procedures in place to monitor the performance of those service providers to whom functions have been outsourced. Monitoring methods include, where appropriate, daily observation of service provider performance, review of regular compliance and audit reports, regular meetings with service providers and performance assessments.

## 6.2 OTHER INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

### 6.2.1 BetaShares as the responsible entity

BetaShares, as the responsible entity, is responsible for the management and administration of the Fund. The Responsible Entity holds an Australian Financial Services Licence (AFSL 341181) that authorises it to act as the responsible entity of the Fund. The powers and duties of the Responsible Entity are set out in the Constitution of the Fund, the *Corporations Act* and general trust law.

The Responsible Entity has the power to appoint an agent, or otherwise engage a person, to do anything that it is authorised to do in connection with the Fund and, for the purpose of determining whether the Responsible Entity has properly performed its duties as responsible entity, the Responsible Entity is taken to have done (or failed to do) anything that the agent or person has done (or failed to do) because of the appointment or engagement, even if they were acting fraudulently or outside the scope of their authority or engagement.

### 6.2.2 The Constitution

The Fund is a registered managed investment scheme governed by a Constitution. Under the Fund's Constitution, the Responsible Entity has all the powers it is possible to confer on a trustee as though it were the absolute owner of the Fund's assets and acting in its personal capacity. The Constitution sets out the rights of the Unitholders and the obligations of the Responsible Entity, as responsible entity of the Fund. This PDS outlines some of the more important provisions of the Constitution.

A copy of the Constitution may be inspected by Unitholders at the Responsible Entity's office, during business hours. The Responsible Entity will provide Unitholders with a copy of the Constitution upon request.

### 6.2.3 Amendments to the Constitution

The Responsible Entity may amend the Constitution of the Fund from time to time, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and the *Corporations Act*. Generally, the Responsible Entity can only amend the Constitution where the Responsible Entity reasonably considers that the change will not adversely affect the rights of Unitholders. Otherwise the Constitution can only be amended if approved at a meeting of Unitholders by a resolution approved by at least 75% of the votes cast by Unitholders entitled to vote on the resolution.

#### 6.2.4 The compliance plan

The Responsible Entity has prepared and lodged a compliance plan for the Fund with ASIC. The compliance plan sets out the key criteria that the Responsible Entity will follow to ensure that it is complying with the *Corporations Act* and the Constitution of the Fund. Each year the compliance plan, and the Responsible Entity's compliance with the compliance plan, will be independently audited, as required by the *Corporations Act*, and the auditor's report will be lodged with ASIC.

#### 6.2.5 The compliance committee

The Responsible Entity has established a compliance committee with a majority of members that are external to the Responsible Entity. The compliance committee's functions include:

- monitoring the Responsible Entity's compliance with the compliance plan and reporting its findings to the Responsible Entity;
- reporting breaches of the *Corporations Act* or the Constitution to the Responsible Entity;
- reporting to ASIC if the committee is of the view that the Responsible Entity has not taken or does not propose to take appropriate actions to deal with breaches reported to it by the committee; and
- assessing the adequacy of the compliance plan, recommending any changes and reporting these to the Responsible Entity.

#### 6.2.6 Unit pricing policy

The Responsible Entity has documented its policy on how it exercises discretions when determining Unit prices for the Fund. The policy has been designed to meet the ASIC requirements and is available on request to all Unitholders and prospective Unitholders at no charge.

#### 6.2.7 Suspensions of applications and redemptions

The Constitution of the Fund allows the Responsible Entity to suspend the issue of Units in the Fund by publishing a notice to that effect. Application forms received during a period of suspension may be rejected or treated as received when the period of suspension ceases. The Responsible Entity may also reject any application in whole or in part at any time without giving reasons.

The Constitution of the Fund provides that, in some circumstances, the period for satisfaction of redemption requests (generally two ASX Business Days) may be extended, or that redemption requests may be rejected. Those circumstances are where:

- i. the Responsible Entity has taken all reasonable steps to realise sufficient assets to pay amounts due in respect of Units to which a redemption request applies and is unable to do so due to circumstances outside its control, such as restricted or suspended trading in the market for an asset;
- ii. the Responsible Entity believes that it is impracticable or not possible to transfer, in the manner acceptable to the Responsible Entity, sufficient assets to satisfy the redemption request (for example, because of disruption to a settlement or clearing system);
- iii. the Responsible Entity believes that it is not practicable to determine the redemption securities for an in-kind redemption or carry out the calculations necessary to satisfy the redemption request (for example, because it is impracticable to calculate the Net Asset Value because of

restricted or suspended trading in the market for an asset or because the value of any asset cannot otherwise promptly or accurately be ascertained);

- iv. the quotation of any Units on the ASX is suspended or the trading of any Units is otherwise halted, interrupted or restricted by the ASX, or the trading of any Units is subject to a period of deferred settlement;
- v. the Units cease to be admitted to trading status on the ASX;
- vi. a redemption request is received in a financial year and the Responsible Entity determines that the date on which the completion of the redemption of the Units would otherwise occur would be in the next financial year;
- vii. a redemption request is received during any period before or after a distribution date which period the Responsible Entity determines to be necessary or desirable to facilitate the calculation and distribution of distributable income;
- viii. the Responsible Entity does not consider that it is in the best interests of Unitholders of the Fund taken as a whole to transfer or realise sufficient assets to satisfy the redemption request; or
- ix. the Responsible Entity believes that assets cannot be realised at prices that would be obtained if assets were realised in an orderly fashion over a reasonable period in a stable market.

The redemption period may be extended for so long as the relevant circumstances apply.

#### 6.2.8 Spreading redemption requests

The Constitution of the Fund provides that, if the Responsible Entity receives one or more redemption requests in respect of a particular valuation time that seek the redemption in aggregate of more than 10% of the total number of Units on issue, the Responsible Entity may scale down pro rata each redemption request so that no more than 10% of the number of Units on issue will be redeemed in respect of that valuation time. If a redemption request is scaled down in this way, the relevant Unitholder shall be deemed to have made a redemption request with respect to the unsatisfied balance of the Units the subject of the redemption request and that request will be deemed to have been received immediately following the first valuation time. The balance of such unsatisfied redemption request will be satisfied in priority to any subsequently received redemption request and will generally be satisfied in full no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> valuation time following the first valuation time.

#### 6.2.9 Information relating to redemptions

The information in section 5 relating to redemptions assumes that the Fund is liquid within the meaning of section 601KA of the *Corporations Act*. The Fund will be liquid if at least 80% of its assets, by value, are liquid assets under the *Corporations Act*. Broadly, liquid assets include money in an account or on deposit with a bank, bank accepted bills, marketable securities and other property which the Responsible Entity reasonably expects can be realised for its market value within the period specified in the Constitution for satisfying redemption requests. At the date of this PDS, the Responsible Entity expects that the Fund will be liquid under the *Corporations Act*. If the Fund is not liquid, a Unitholder will not have a right to redeem Units and can only redeem where the Responsible Entity makes a withdrawal offer to Unitholders in accordance with the *Corporations Act*. The Responsible Entity is not obliged to make such offers.



### 6.2.10 Rights of a Unitholder

A Unit confers a beneficial interest on a Unitholder in the assets of the Fund but not an entitlement or interest in any particular part of the Fund or any asset.

The terms and conditions of the Fund's Constitution are binding on each Unitholder in the Fund and all persons claiming through them respectively, as if the Unitholder or person were a party to the Constitution.

### 6.2.11 Reimbursement of expenses

In addition to any other indemnity which the Responsible Entity may have under the Fund's Constitution or at law, the Responsible Entity is indemnified and entitled to be reimbursed out of, or paid from, the assets of the Fund for all liabilities, losses and expenses incurred by it in relation to the proper performance of its duties as responsible entity of the Fund.

### 6.2.12 Retirement of BetaShares

BetaShares may retire as responsible entity of the Fund by calling a meeting of Unitholders to enable Unitholders to vote on a resolution to choose a company to be the new responsible entity. The Responsible Entity may be removed from office by an extraordinary resolution (i.e. a resolution passed by at least 50% of the total votes that may be cast by Unitholders entitled to vote on the resolution) passed at a meeting of Unitholders, in accordance with the *Corporations Act*.

### 6.2.13 Termination

The Responsible Entity may wind up the Fund at any time. Following winding up, the net proceeds will be distributed to Unitholders pro-rata according to the number of Units they hold.

### 6.2.14 Limitation of liability of Unitholders

The Constitution of the Fund provides that the liability of each Unitholder is limited to the amount subscribed, or agreed to be subscribed, by the Unitholder, subject to:

- i. the indemnities each Unitholder gives the Responsible Entity for losses or liabilities incurred by the Responsible Entity:
  - a. in relation to the Unitholder's failure to provide requested information;
  - b. for tax or user pays fees as a result of a Unitholder's action or inaction, any act or omission by the Unitholder or any matter arising in connection with the Units held by the Unitholder;
  - c. in relation to the Unitholder paying or failing to pay the issue price or application or redemption fees in accordance with the constitution or otherwise failing to comply with the constitution; and
- ii. execution and settlement procedures prescribed by the Responsible Entity that relate to the issue and redemption of Units.

Subject to the matters described above, a Unitholder is not required to indemnify the Responsible Entity or a creditor of the Responsible Entity against any liability of the Responsible Entity in respect of the Fund. However, no complete assurance can be given in this regard, as the ultimate liability of a Unitholder has not been finally determined by the courts.

### 6.2.15 Meeting of Unitholders

The Responsible Entity may convene a meeting of Unitholders of the Fund at any time, (e.g. to approve certain amendments to the Fund's Constitution or to wind up the Fund). Unitholders also have limited rights to call meetings and have the right to vote at any Unitholder meetings. Except where the Fund's Constitution provides otherwise, or the *Corporations Act* requires otherwise, a resolution of Unitholders must be passed by Unitholders who hold Units exceeding 50% in value of the total value of all Units held by Unitholders who vote on the resolution.

A resolution passed at a meeting of Unitholders held in accordance with the Fund's Constitution binds all Unitholders of the Fund.

### 6.2.16 Indemnities and limitation of liability of the Responsible Entity

The Responsible Entity is indemnified out of the assets of the Fund for any liability incurred by it in properly performing or exercising any of its powers or duties in relation to the Fund. To the extent permitted by the *Corporations Act*, the indemnity includes any liability incurred by the Responsible Entity as a result of any act or omission of a delegate or agent appointed by the Responsible Entity.

The Responsible Entity is not liable in contract, tort or otherwise to Unitholders for any loss suffered in any way relating to the Fund except to the extent that the *Corporations Act* imposes such liability.

### 6.2.17 Defective applications

The Constitution of the Fund allows the Responsible Entity to cancel Units in certain circumstances including where the Responsible Entity determines that the applicant was not entitled to apply for or hold the Units, the application form was incorrectly executed or was otherwise defective or where the execution and settlement procedures were not complied with.

### 6.2.18 Discretionary redemptions

The Constitution of the Fund allows the Responsible Entity to redeem some or all of a Unitholder's Units at any time.

### 6.2.19 Information from Unitholders

The Constitution of the Fund provides that the Responsible Entity may request any information from Unitholders where it believes that such information is necessary to (a) comply with any law or regulatory request; or (b) lessen the risk of the Fund or any Unitholder suffering a material detriment. If a Unitholder fails to provide the requested information, the Unitholder must indemnify the Responsible Entity for any loss suffered by the Responsible Entity in relation to such failure.

### 6.2.20 Borrowings

The Fund's Constitution places no formal limits on borrowing. The Responsible Entity intends to borrow for the purpose of gearing as described in section 2.1.2 and 2.1.3. Temporary overdrafts may also be used occasionally to manage certain cash flows. Any borrowing costs will be borne by the Fund.

### 6.2.21 If you have a complaint

If a Unitholder has a complaint regarding the Fund or services provided by the Responsible Entity, please contact Client Services on 1300 487 577 (within Australia) or +61 2 9290 6888 (outside Australia) from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Sydney time, Monday to Friday, or refer the matter in writing to:

[complaints@betashares.com.au](mailto:complaints@betashares.com.au); or

Manager Client Services  
BetaShares Capital Ltd  
Level 11, 50 Margaret Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

A copy of the complaints handling policy can be obtained at no charge by contacting the Responsible Entity.

To expedite a resolution of the matter, copies of all relevant documentation and other information supporting the complaint should be provided when making the complaint.

The Responsible Entity will try to resolve complaints as soon as possible, but in any event, will inform the Unitholder in writing of its determination regarding the complaint within 30 days of receiving the initial complaint.

In the event that a Unitholder is not satisfied with the outcome of a complaint, the Unitholder has the right to request the Responsible Entity to review its decision or to refer the matter to an external complaints resolution scheme. The Responsible Entity is a member of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority ("AFCA"). AFCA provides independent financial services complaint resolution that is free to consumers. Unitholders can contact AFCA as follows:

Website: [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)  
Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)  
Phone: 1800 931 678 (free call)  
In writing to: Australian Financial Complaints Authority Limited  
GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001

Certain eligibility requirements apply for AFCA to hear a complaint, as set out in AFCA's complaint resolution scheme rules. AFCA is only available to retail clients.

#### 6.2.22 Privacy policy

Privacy laws regulate, among other matters, the way organisations collect, use, disclose, keep secure and give people access to their personal information.

The Responsible Entity is committed to respecting the privacy of a Unitholder's personal information. The Responsible Entity's privacy policy states how the Responsible Entity manages personal information.

The Responsible Entity may collect personal information in the course of managing the Fund. Some information must be collected for the purposes of compliance with the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Act 2006*.

Use of unitholder information will be in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988.

The Responsible Entity may:

- provide personal information to a Unitholder's adviser if unitholder written consent is provided to the Responsible Entity;
- disclose personal information to authorities investigating criminal or suspicious activity and to the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) in connection with anti- money laundering and counter-terrorism financing;
- provide a Unitholder's personal information to its service providers for certain related purposes (as described under the *Privacy Act 1988*) such as account administration and the production and mailing of statements;

- use a Unitholder's personal information and disclose it to its service providers to improve customer service (including companies conducting market research) and to keep Unitholders informed of the Responsible Entity's or its partners' products and services.

The Responsible Entity will assume consent to personal information being used for the purposes of providing information on services offered by the Responsible Entity and being disclosed to market research companies for the purposes of analysing the Responsible Entity's investor base unless otherwise advised.

Unitholders may request access to the personal information held about them at any time and ask the Responsible Entity to correct this information if it is incomplete, incorrect or out of date.

To obtain a copy of the privacy policy at no charge, contact the Responsible Entity on 1300 487 577 (within Australia) or +61 2 9290 6888 (outside Australia).

#### 6.2.23 Anti-money laundering

The Responsible Entity is bound by laws regarding the prevention of money laundering and the financing of terrorism, including the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* (AML/CTF Laws). By completing the Application or Redemption form, the Unitholder agrees that:

- it does not subscribe to the Fund under an assumed name;
- any money used to invest in the Units is not derived from or related to any criminal activities;
- any proceeds of the investment will not be used in relation to any criminal activities;
- if the Responsible Entity requests, the Unitholder will provide to it any additional information that is reasonably required for the purposes of AML/CTF Laws (including information about the investor, any beneficial interest in the Units, or the source of funds used to invest);
- the Responsible Entity may obtain information about the Unitholder or any beneficial owner of a Unit from third parties if it is believed this is necessary to comply with AML/CTF Laws; and
- in order to comply with AML/CTF Laws, the Responsible Entity may be required to take action, including:
  - delaying or refusing the processing of any application or redemption; or
  - disclosing information that the Responsible Entity holds about the Unitholder or any beneficial owner of the Units to the Responsible Entity's related bodies corporate or service providers, or relevant regulators of AML/CTF Laws (whether in or outside of Australia).

#### 6.2.24 Interest on amounts awaiting investment or redemption

Amounts paid to the Fund may accrue interest in the Fund's accounts pending the issue of Units or the return of application monies. Similarly, amounts made available to satisfy a redemption request may also accrue interest pending payment. Any such interest will be retained by the Responsible Entity as an asset of the Fund.

#### 6.2.25 Other services

The Responsible Entity in its personal capacity, or companies related to the Responsible Entity, may invest in the Fund or provide services to the Fund. Any such services will be provided



on terms that would be reasonable if the parties were dealing at arm's length.

#### 6.2.26 Indicative Net Asset Value per Unit

As at the date of this PDS, the Responsible Entity intends to take all reasonable steps to make available, or may designate other persons to make available on its behalf, an estimated indicative Net Asset Value per Unit (**iNAV**) for the Fund from time to time during an ASX Business Day. Such information will be calculated based upon information available to the Responsible Entity or its designate during the ASX Business Day. As at the date of this PDS, the Responsible Entity has arranged for the ASX to calculate and publish the iNAV. The Responsible Entity expects that the iNAV for the Fund will be accessible from broker websites and other financial information services, using the relevant iNAV ASX code "YGEA".

The iNAV calculations are estimates of the net asset value per Unit calculated using market data. The iNAV price is a calculation of the value of a portfolio of assets that is indicative of the Fund's portfolio as at the open of trading on the relevant day based on quotes and last sale prices, less any liabilities of the Fund.

Any iNAV is not, and should not be taken to be or relied on as being, the value of a Unit or the price at which Units may be applied for or redeemed, or bought or sold on any stock exchange, and may not reflect the true value of a Unit. Investors interested in applying for or redeeming Units, or buying or selling Units on a stock exchange, should not rely on any iNAV which is made available, in making investment decisions but should consider other market information and relevant economic factors. Neither the Responsible Entity nor any designate or other service provider to the Responsible Entity shall be liable to any person who relies on the iNAV.

No assurance can be given that any iNAV will be published continuously, will be up to date or free from error. The publication of an iNAV is dependent on the availability of a suitable data provider and other factors.

#### 6.2.27 Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) & OECD Common Reporting Standard (CRS)

FATCA was enacted by the U.S. Congress to target non-compliance by US taxpayers using foreign accounts. In order to prevent FATCA withholding tax being applied to any US connected payments made to the Fund in Australia, the Fund is required to collect and report information to the Australian Taxation Office relating to certain U.S. accounts, which may be exchanged with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

Similar to FATCA, the CRS is the single global standard for the collection, reporting and exchange of financial account information on foreign tax residents. Australian financial institutions need to collect and report financial account information regarding non-residents to the Australian Taxation Office.

Accordingly, the Fund may request that you provide certain information about yourself (for individual investors) or your controlling persons (where you are an entity) in order for the Fund to comply with its FATCA or CRS compliance obligations.

#### 6.2.28 Warning statement for New Zealand investors

The following disclosure is made to enable the Fund's Units to be offered by the Responsible Entity in New Zealand under the mutual recognition scheme between Australia and New Zealand:

1. 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.

2. This offer and the content of the offer document are principally governed by Australian rather than New Zealand law. In the main, the Corporations Act 2001 (Aust) and the regulations made under that Act set out how the offer must be made.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The taxation treatment of Australian financial products is not the same as for New Zealand financial products.
7. If you are uncertain about whether this investment is appropriate for you, you should seek the advice of a financial advice provider.

#### Currency exchange risk

1. 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.
2. 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.

#### Trading on financial product market

If the financial products are able to be traded on a financial product market and you wish to trade the financial products through that market, you will have to make arrangements for a participant in that market to sell the financial products on your behalf. If the financial product market does not operate in New Zealand, the way in which the market operates, the regulation of participants in that market, and the information available to you about the financial products and trading may differ from financial product markets that operate in New Zealand.

#### Dispute resolution process

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

#### 6.2.29 Other services

The Responsible Entity in its personal capacity, or companies related to the Responsible Entity, may invest in the Fund or provide services to the Fund. Any such services will be provided on terms that would be reasonable if the parties were dealing at arm's length.

## 6.3 MATERIAL CONTRACTS

The Responsible Entity (or the Responsible Entity's holding company) has entered into a number of contracts in relation to the offer of the Fund, as set out below.

TABLE 6.3: MATERIAL CONTRACTS

CONTRACT AND PARTY	DESCRIPTION
<b>Prime brokerage agreement</b>  BNP Paribas	This agreement sets out the services provided by the Custodian/Prime Broker for the Fund, including custody, financing for gearing and settlement services, and the rights and obligations of the parties, as further described in section 6.1.1.
<b>Fund administration services agreement</b>  Mainstream Fund Services Pty Ltd	This agreement sets out the services provided by the administrator (accountancy services, tax services and fund services including Unit price calculations), together with service standards.
<b>Registry agreement</b>  Link Market Services Limited	This agreement sets out the services provided by the Registrar on an ongoing basis together with the service standards.
<b>Authorised participant agreement</b>  Authorised Participants	<p>An Authorised Participant Agreement deals with execution and settlement procedures in relation to the application for and redemption of Units. The terms of each Authorised Participant Agreement may vary and each may be amended from time to time.</p> <p>Under the Authorised Participant Agreement, the Authorised Participant makes certain representations to the Responsible Entity about its status as an appropriately licensed entity and agrees to comply with the Constitution and with the execution and settlement procedures.</p>

## 6.4 ASIC RELIEF

### 6.4.1 Ongoing Disclosure Relief

ASIC has granted relief under section 1020F(1)(a) of the *Corporations Act* from ongoing disclosure requirements in section 1017B on the condition that the Responsible Entity complies with the provisions of the *Corporations Act* that apply to an unlisted disclosing entity as if the Fund were an unlisted disclosing entity. The Responsible Entity will comply with these provisions as if the Fund were an unlisted disclosing entity.

### 6.4.2 Periodic Statements Relief

ASIC Class Order 13/1200 exempts the Responsible Entity from certain periodic statement requirements. In particular, the Responsible Entity is not required (and does not propose) to include in periodic statements details of the price at which an investor transacts in Units on the ASX, or information on the return on an investment in Units acquired on the ASX (for the year in which the Units are acquired), if the Responsible Entity is not able to calculate this and the periodic statement explains why the information was not included and how it can be obtained.

### 6.4.3 Other

Under the Fund's Constitution, the Responsible Entity has the power to restrict eligibility to redeem Units to qualified Authorised Participants, subject to receiving the necessary relief from ASIC on such terms as ASIC deems appropriate. There is no current application for relief before ASIC at the date of this PDS, although it is possible the Responsible Entity may seek such relief (or substantially similar relief) in the future.

## 6.5 DOCUMENTS LODGED WITH ASIC

The Responsible Entity is subject to certain regular reporting and disclosure obligations in relation to the Fund as if it were an unlisted "disclosing entity" under the *Corporations Act*. We will comply with our continuous disclosure obligations under the law by publishing material information on our website in accordance with ASIC's good practice guidance for website disclosure.

As an investor in the Fund, a Unitholder may obtain the following documents from the Responsible Entity:

- the annual report most recently lodged with ASIC in respect of the Fund;
- any half-year financial report lodged with ASIC in respect of the Fund after the lodgement of the abovementioned annual report and before the date of this PDS; and
- any continuous disclosure notices given in respect of the Fund after the lodgement of the abovementioned annual report and before the date of this PDS.

The Responsible Entity will send a requesting Unitholder a printed or electronic copy of any of the above documents free of charge within 5 business days of the request.

Copies of documents lodged with ASIC in relation to the Fund may be obtained from, or inspected at, an ASIC office.

## **6.6 COOLING OFF**

There is no cooling off period in relation to the subscription for Units in the Fund. This means that once an application form is submitted, an applicant cannot decide to withdraw the application.

## **6.7 INDIRECT INVESTORS**

When an investor invests through a master trust or wrap platform or an IDPS, the operator of the trust, platform or IDPS is investing on the investor's behalf. Consequently the operator (or the custodian of the platform), and not the investor as an indirect investor, holds the Units and therefore has the rights of a Unitholder in the Fund. For example, if an investor is an indirect investor they will not have rights to attend and vote at Unitholder meetings, to withdraw Units or receive distributions. Instead the platform operator will exercise those rights in accordance with their arrangements with the investor. For information about their investment, an investor should contact their platform operator.

## **6.8 INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM BETASHARES**

The Responsible Entity is subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations, in its capacity as responsible entity of the Fund and issuer of the Units. The following information can be obtained from the Responsible Entity by visiting the BetaShares website at [www.betashares.com.au](http://www.betashares.com.au) or by contacting BetaShares on 1300 487 577 (within Australia) or +61 2 9290 6888 (outside Australia):

- The daily Net Asset Value (NAV) for the Fund;

- The daily NAV per Unit for the Fund;
- The Fund's portfolio holdings, updated daily;
- The Responsible Entity's Unit pricing policy;
- The latest PDS for the Fund;
- Copies of announcements made to the ASX via the ASX Market Announcements Platform (including continuous disclosure notices and distribution information);
- Information about distributions as soon as possible after they are declared;
- Information about redemptions from the Fund;
- The aggregate net exposure of the Fund to prime broker counterparties as a percentage of the NAV of the Fund as at the end of each month (announced to the ASX via the ASX Market Announcements Platform);
- Annual and any half-year reports and financial statements for the Fund;
- Details of the Distribution Reinvestment Plan;
- Information in relation to the Fund to enable Authorised Participants and market makers to estimate the Net Asset Value per Unit of the Fund during the course of a trading day; and
- The Target Market Determination prepared by the Responsible Entity pursuant to the "design and distribution" obligations set out in Part 7.8A of the Corporations Act, which sets out the class of consumers that comprise the target market for the Fund.

## 7 TAXATION

The taxation information in this PDS is provided for general information only. It is a broad overview of some of the Australian tax consequences associated with investing in the Fund for a potential Australian resident investor.

It does not take into account the specific circumstances of each person who may invest in the Fund. It should not be used as the basis upon which potential investors make a decision to invest.

As the circumstances of each investor are different, the Responsible Entity strongly recommends that investors obtain professional independent tax advice relating to the tax implications of investing in and dealing in Units.

The taxation information in this PDS has been prepared based on tax laws and administrative interpretations of such laws available at the date of this PDS. These laws and interpretations may change.

### 7.1.1 Taxation of the Fund

The Responsible Entity intends to manage the Fund such that the Fund is not subject to Australian tax. Changes in the tax law have introduced a new elective taxation regime that is available to certain eligible management investment trusts, known as "Attribution Managed Investment Trusts" (AMITs). The AMIT regime became generally available from 1 July 2016, with the existing tax rules for managed funds applying unless an election is made to enter the regime.

The Responsible Entity has made an irrevocable election for the Fund to enter the AMIT regime.

The Responsible Entity does not generally expect the Fund to be subject to tax on the income of the Fund, as it is intended that:

- for eligible funds that enter the AMIT regime: all taxable income and other relevant amounts will be "attributed" to the unitholders in each financial year; and
- for funds that have not entered the AMIT regime or cease to be eligible to be AMITs: Unitholders will be presently entitled to all income of the fund in each financial year, with the existing non-AMIT tax rules for managed funds continuing to apply.

Instead, Unitholders pay tax on their share of the Fund's income. Under the AMIT regime, the Fund may make cash distributions that differ from taxable income attributed by the Fund to Unitholders.

### 7.1.2 Taxation of Australian resident Unitholders

The taxable income of the Fund which is attributed to Unitholders, or to which a Unitholder becomes entitled, during a financial year forms part of the Unitholder's assessable income for that year, even if payment of the entitlement does not occur until after the end of the financial year, or the proceeds are reinvested in more of the Fund's Units.

A Unitholder may receive an entitlement to the income of the Fund for a financial year if the Unitholder holds Units at the end of a distribution period, or if the Unitholder redeems any Unit during the financial year.

### 7.1.3 Taxable income of the Fund

The tax impact for a Unitholder of receiving an entitlement to the income of the Fund depends upon the nature of the Fund's income.

#### Types of income

The Fund can derive various types of income, depending on the types of investments it makes. The Fund can derive income in the form of dividends, interest, gains on the disposal of investments and other types of income.

Generally, such income derived by the Fund is taxable, although tax credits may be available to Unitholders to offset some or all of any resulting tax liability. For example, any income received by the Fund from foreign sources may be subject to tax in the country of source, and Australian tax resident investors may be entitled to claim a foreign income tax offset against their Australian tax liability in respect of their share of the foreign tax paid.

Similarly, as the Fund invests in Australian shares which may pay franked dividends, a Unitholder may receive distributions from the Fund which include franking credits. Subject to certain legislative restrictions (such as the 45 day holding period rule), franking credits may be available to offset the Australian income tax liability, and some investors (e.g. complying superannuation funds) may have an entitlement to a tax refund in respect of the franking credits to the extent they exceed the Australian income tax payable in the relevant year.

#### Capital gains and losses

A trust that qualifies as a managed investment trust ("MIT") can elect to treat its gains and losses on disposal of certain investments as capital gains and losses. The Fund has made this election.

Any assessable capital gains derived by the Fund to which a Unitholder becomes entitled or which is attributed to a Unitholder forms part of the Unitholder's assessable income.

A Unitholder may be eligible for the 50% CGT discount (where the Unitholder is an individual or trust) or a 33 1/3% CGT discount (where the Unitholder is a complying superannuation fund) in respect of the gain that forms part of that Unitholder's assessable income, depending on the Unitholder's circumstances. Unitholders should seek professional advice in relation to the availability of any CGT concession.

#### Tax deferred / non-assessable amounts

The Fund may distribute "tax deferred amounts" for non-AMITs, or other non-assessable amounts (other non-attributable amounts) for AMITs, relating to distributions of capital by the Fund, which are generally non-assessable for tax purposes. Where non-assessable, tax deferred amounts / non-assessable amounts reduce the capital gains tax ("CGT") cost base of a Unitholder's Units, and may increase the capital gain or reduce the capital loss subsequently realised on disposal of the Units. Where the total tax deferred amounts / non-assessable amounts received by a Unitholder have exceeded the cost base of their Units, the excess is treated as a capital gain to the Unitholder.

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

The TOFA rules may apply to “financial arrangements” (e.g. debt securities) held by the Fund. Under the TOFA rules, gains and losses on financial arrangements are generally assessed for tax purposes on a compounding accruals basis (where the gains/losses are sufficiently certain) rather than a realisation basis.

For Unitholders who hold Units as trading stock, distributions from the Fund including capital gains and tax deferred / non-assessable amounts may be fully taxable as ordinary income, depending on the Unitholder’s particular circumstances.

Unitholders will be provided with statements after the end of each financial year detailing the components, for tax purposes, of any distributions or attribution of income received from the Fund during the financial year, including on the redemption of Units.

### **7.1.4 Selling or transferring Units**

If a Unitholder disposes of Units by selling or transferring the Units to another person (e.g. selling on-market), the Unitholder may be liable for tax on any gains realised on that disposal of Units.

If a Unitholder is assessed otherwise than under the CGT provisions on a disposal of Units (e.g. if the Unitholder is in the business of dealing in securities like Units), any profits made on the disposal of the Units should be assessable as ordinary income. Such Unitholders may be able to deduct any losses made on the disposal of Units.

If a Unitholder is assessed under the CGT provisions on disposal of Units, the Unitholder may make a capital gain or loss on the disposal of those Units, in the year in which the contract for the disposal is entered into. Some Unitholders may be eligible for the CGT discount upon disposal of Units if the Units have been held for at least 12 months (excluding the acquisition and disposal dates) and the relevant requirements are satisfied. Unitholders should obtain professional independent tax advice about the availability of the CGT discount.

Any capital loss arising on a disposal of Units may be able to be offset against capital gains made in that year or in subsequent years.

### **7.1.5 Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

The issue and redemption of Units should not be subject to GST. However, fees and expenses, such as management costs, incurred by the Fund would likely attract GST (at the rate of 10%).

Given the nature of the activities of the Fund, the Fund may not be entitled to claim input-tax credits for the full amount of the GST incurred. However, for the majority of the expenses, a Reduced Input-Tax Credit (RITC) may be able to be claimed.

The GST and expected RITC relating to fees and expenses is incorporated in the management cost for the Fund.

### **7.1.6 Applications and redemptions**

A person will generally only be eligible to apply for and redeem Units if they are an Authorised Participant.

This section seeks to provide a summary of the tax consequences for Authorised Participants who are assessed on the disposal of Units otherwise than under the CGT provisions (e.g. because they are in the business of dealing in securities like Units).

Authorised Participants should obtain professional independent tax advice regarding the tax consequences of applying for and the

redemption of their Units, particularly if they are assessed on the disposal of Units under the capital gains provisions.

## **Applications**

The Units which an Authorised Participant acquires on an application for Units should be taken to have been acquired at a cost equal to the purchase price of those Units.

## **Redemptions**

An Authorised Participant who redeems Units will become entitled to receive the Withdrawal Amount on the redemption (this may be reduced by the redemption fee).

The redemption of Units by an Authorised Participant may result in the Authorised Participant being assessed on some of the taxable income of the Fund, through a distribution of income or an attribution under the AMIT regime. This includes, but is not limited to, income and other gains realised by the Fund to fund the redemption of Units by the Authorised Participant, and, potentially, where fair and reasonable, a portion of undistributed income or gains for the year as at the time of the redemption.

The Withdrawal Amount may therefore comprise a share of the income of the Fund as well as the payment of the redemption price for the Units which are to be redeemed.

An Authorised Participant whose Units are redeemed should be assessed on any profit arising on the redemption of the Units. An Authorised Participant who redeems Units may be entitled to a deduction for any loss arising on the redemption of Units.

For the purposes of determining the profit or loss arising on the redemption, the redemption price (being the Withdrawal Amount less the share of income provided as part of the Withdrawal Amount) should be regarded as the proceeds received in respect of the disposal.

That part of the Withdrawal Amount that is a share of income should also be assessable, based on the components of the distribution of income.

The Responsible Entity will notify persons who have redeemed Units during a financial year of the composition of the Withdrawal Amount, including the composition of any income entitlement they received in connection with the redemption of Units during that year, following the end of the financial year, once that information becomes available.

### **7.1.7 Tax reform**

Tax reform activity that affects trusts is generally ongoing, and such reforms may impact on the tax position of the Fund and its investors. Accordingly, Unitholders should monitor the progress of any proposed legislative changes or judicial developments, and seek their own professional advice, specific to their own circumstances, in relation to the taxation implications of investing in the Fund.

### **7.1.8 Tax File Number (“TFN”) or Australian Business Number (“ABN”)**

Unitholders will be requested by the Fund to provide their TFN or ABN (if applicable) or claim an exemption in relation to their investment in the Fund. It should be noted that there is no obligation to provide a TFN, however, Unitholders who do not provide their TFN or ABN or claim an exemption may have tax deducted from distributions at the highest marginal rate.

#### **7.1.9 Other comments**

In cases where Units are to be redeemed by a Unitholder that is an Australian resident for tax purposes, the Fund should generally not

be required to withhold any amounts from the Withdrawal Amount paid on redemption of Units.

Distributions to non-resident Unitholders (including on redemption) may have tax withheld by the Responsible Entity.



## 8 GLOSSARY

These definitions are provided to assist investors in understanding some of the expressions used in this PDS:

<b>AQUA Product</b>	A product admitted under the ASX Operating Rules to the AQUA market of the ASX.
<b>AQUA Rules</b>	Schedule 10A of the ASX Operating Rules and related rules and procedures, as amended, varied or waived from time to time.
<b>ASIC</b>	Australian Securities and Investments Commission.
<b>ASX</b>	ASX Limited or the Australian Securities Exchange, as the case requires.
<b>ASX Business Day</b>	A "Business Day" as defined in the ASX Operating Rules, unless determined otherwise by the Responsible Entity.
<b>ASX Listing Rules</b>	The listing rules of the ASX as amended, varied or waived from time to time.
<b>ASX Operating Rules</b>	The operating rules of the ASX as amended, varied or waived from time to time.
<b>Authorised Participant</b>	A financial institution which is a trading participant under the ASX Operating Rules (or which has engaged a trading participant to act on its behalf), which has entered into an Authorised Participant Agreement with the Responsible Entity.
<b>Authorised Participant Agreement</b>	An agreement between the Responsible Entity and an Authorised Participant in relation to Unit applications and redemptions.
<b>CHESS</b>	The Clearing House Electronic Sub-Register System or any system that replaces it.
<b>Constitution</b>	The constitution governing the Fund, as amended or replaced from time to time.
<b>Corporations Act</b>	Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).
<b>Creation Unit</b>	A particular number of units of the Fund, as set out in section 5.1 or as otherwise determined by the Responsible Entity from time to time.
<b>Dealing Deadline</b>	For a cash application/redemption 2:30pm Sydney time on each ASX Business Day (or such other time advised by the Responsible Entity), being the time by which an Application/Redemption form must be received by the Responsible Entity to be processed for that ASX Business Day.
<b>Fund</b>	The fund offered under this PDS, specifically BetaShares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund).
<b>Gross Asset Value</b>	The aggregate value of the Fund's assets (including assets acquired from borrowings) less the Fund's liabilities, but excluding from liabilities the amount of borrowings not repaid.
<b>Issue Price</b>	The Net Asset Value divided by the number of Units on issue in the Fund.
<b>Net Asset Value</b>	The net asset value for the Fund calculated in accordance with section 5.7.
<b>PDS</b>	Product Disclosure Statement.
<b>Redemption Unit</b>	A particular number of units of the Fund, as set out in section 5.1 or as otherwise determined by the Responsible Entity from time to time.
<b>Registrar</b>	Link Market Services Limited (ABN 54 083 214 537), or any other registry that the Responsible Entity appoints to maintain the register.
<b>Unit</b>	A unit in the Fund.
<b>Unitholder</b>	A holder of a Unit.
<b>Withdrawal Amount</b>	The Net Asset Value divided by the number of Units on issue in the Fund.

## FORMS

# APPLICATION FORM

**BetaShares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund)**  
**Product Disclosure Statement dated 29 September 2022**  
**issued by BetaShares Capital Ltd, ABN 78 139 566 868, AFSL 341181 as Responsible Entity.**

*Please note: This form is for use by Authorised Participants. Other investors can buy Units on the ASX through a stockbroker or via a financial adviser.*

*It is important to read the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) carefully. If this PDS was obtained electronically, a paper copy of this PDS (including any supplementary PDS) and the Application Form will be provided free of charge upon request. If you give another person access to the Application Form you must at the same time and by the same means give the other person access to this PDS and any supplementary PDS. Capitalised terms have the same meaning as in the PDS.*

Please fax the completed Application Form to (02) 9262 4950 or scan it and send it by email to [orders@betashares.com.au](mailto:orders@betashares.com.au).

### APPLICANT DETAILS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

ACN/ABN \_\_\_\_\_

Postal  
address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone  
( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax  
( ) \_\_\_\_\_

### NUMBER OF UNITS APPLIED FOR

This Applicant hereby applies to the Responsible Entity for Units as specified below.

**Please note:** The minimum application is the number of Units that constitute one Creation Unit (as described in the PDS). Applications must be made in whole multiples of Creation Units unless the Responsible Entity agrees otherwise.

Fund: BetaShares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund)  
ASX code: GEAR

Number of Units:	
Application method: cash/in-kind (in-kind by agreement only)	
Market maker name (if applicable):	

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

By signing this Application Form:

- I/We confirm that the representations and warranties made and given in the Authorised Participant Agreement continue to be true and correct.
- I/We confirm that all of the information in this Application Form is true and correct.
- I/We represent and warrant that I/we have received the PDS (electronic or hard copy) in Australia.
- I/We declare I/we have read the PDS and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the PDS and the Constitution of the Fund (as amended or replaced from time to time).
- I/We understand that none of BetaShares Holdings Pty Ltd, BetaShares Capital Ltd or their related entities, directors or officers guarantees the performance of, the repayment of capital invested in, or the payment of income from the Fund.
- I/We acknowledge that an investment in Units is subject to risk which may include possible delays in repayment and loss of income and capital invested.
- I/We declare that the applicant has the capacity and power to make an investment in accordance with the application.
- I/We declare that in making a decision to invest the only information and representations provided by the Responsible Entity are those contained in this PDS to which this application relates.
- I/We understand the risks of the investment and have obtained all professional financial and taxation advice independently of the Responsible Entity as we consider necessary prior to deciding to invest in the Fund.
- I/We acknowledge that I/we have read and understood the privacy disclosure statement in the PDS and agree to information about the applicant being collected, used and disclosed in accordance with that statement.
- If signed under power of attorney, the/each attorney verifies that no notice or revocation of that power has been received.
- I/We intend this Application Form to take effect as a deed poll.

### Applicant signatures

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorised Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Authorised Person (block letters)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position (block letters)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorised Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Authorised Person (block letters)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position (block letters)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# FORMS

## REDEMPTION FORM

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**Product Disclosure Statement dated 29 September 2022 issued**  
**by BetaShares Capital Ltd, ABN 78 139 566 868, AFSL 341181**  
**as Responsible Entity.**

*Please note: This form is for use by Unitholders (including Authorised Participants). Unitholders can also sell Units on the ASX through a stockbroker or via a financial adviser. It is anticipated that a Unitholder that is not an Authorised Participant will normally sell their Units by trading on the ASX rather than by redeeming their Units.*

*It is important to read the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) carefully. If this PDS was obtained electronically, a paper copy of this PDS (including any supplementary PDS) and the Redemption Form will be provided free of charge upon request. Capitalised terms have the same meaning as in the PDS.*

Please fax the completed Redemption Form to (02) 9262 4950 or scan it and send it by email to [orders@betashares.com.au](mailto:orders@betashares.com.au).

### UNITHOLDER DETAILS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

ACN/ABN \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### NUMBER OF UNITS TO BE REDEEMED

We hereby request the Responsible Entity to redeem Units as specified below.

**Please note:** The minimum redemption is the number of Units that constitute one Redemption Unit or the Unitholder's entire unit account balance if the Unitholder holds less than a Redemption Unit. Redemptions must be made in whole multiples of Redemption Units (or must be for the Unitholder's entire unit account balance if the Unitholder holds less than a Redemption Unit) unless the Responsible Entity agrees otherwise. Redemptions shall be paid in Australian dollars, unless the Responsible Entity agrees otherwise.

Fund: BetaShares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund)  
 ASX code: GEAR

Number of Units:	
Redemption method: cash/in-kind (in-kind by agreement only)	
Market maker name (if applicable):	

### SIGNATURE BY REDEEMING UNITHOLDER

By signing this Redemption Form:

- If an Authorised Participant, I/we confirm that the representations and warranties made and given in the Authorised Participant Agreement in relation to redemption requests continue to be true and correct.
- I/We confirm that I/we am/are entitled to deliver or arrange delivery of the Units the subject of the redemption request to the Responsible Entity or its custodian.
- I/We agree to reimburse and indemnify the Responsible Entity for all taxes, duties and charges imposed against the Responsible Entity or its agents that may be assessed against the Responsible Entity as a result of my/our entitlement to the capital or distributable income of the Fund (Taxation Amount).
- I/We authorise the Responsible Entity to deduct from my/our income distributions payable from the Fund, on account of the Taxation Amount which the Responsible Entity is or may become liable to pay in respect of my/our entitlement to the capital or distributable income of the Fund.
- I/We confirm that I/we have read and understood the PDS as it relates to redemptions.
- If signed under power of attorney, the/each attorney verifies that no notice or revocation of that power has been received.

### Applicant signatures

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