



Booklet 6

# Condensed Interim Financial Report

31 December 2022

**Responsible Entity**

Betashares Capital Limited Ltd

(ABN 78 139 566 868)

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## **Betashares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund)**

**ASX Code: GEAR**

ARSN 150 081 691

## **Betashares U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund - Currency Hedged**

**ASX Code: BBUS**

ARSN 602 663 918

## **Betashares Geared U.S. Equity Fund - Currency Hedged (hedge fund)**

**ASX Code: GGUS**

ARSN 602 666 615

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## Directors' report

The directors of Betashares Capital Ltd, the Responsible Entity of the following managed investment funds (the "Funds"), present their report together with the condensed interim financial report of the Funds for the half-year ended 31 December 2022 and the auditor's report thereon.

Fund name	Referred to in this document as	Financial reporting period	ARSN
Betashares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund)	Geared Australian Equity Fund	1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022	150 081 691
Betashares U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund - Currency Hedged	U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022	602 663 918
Betashares Geared U.S. Equity Fund - Currency Hedged (hedge fund)	Geared U.S. Equity Fund	1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022	602 666 615

## Responsible Entity

The Responsible Entity of the Funds is Betashares Capital Ltd (ABN 78 139 566 868). The Responsible Entity's registered office and principal place of business is Level 11, 50 Margaret Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

## Principal activities

The principal activity of each Fund is to invest in accordance with the investment objective and guidelines as set out in the Fund's current Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) and its Constitution.

The Funds did not have any employees during the half-year.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the Funds' activities during the half-year.

The following persons held office as directors of Betashares Capital Ltd during or since the end of the financial half-year and up to the date of this report:

Mr Alex Vynokur	Appointed 21 September 2009
Mr Jason Gellert	Appointed 5 March 2021
Mr Edward Sippel	Appointed 5 March 2021

## Review and results of operations

During the half-year, the Funds continued to invest in accordance with target asset allocations as set out in their governing documents in accordance with the provisions of the Funds' Constitutions.

The results of operations of the Funds are disclosed in the condensed interim statements of comprehensive income. The income distributions payable by each of the Funds are disclosed in the condensed interim statements of financial position. The income distributions paid and payable by each of the Funds are disclosed in Note 4 to the condensed interim financial statements.

## Significant changes in state of affairs

As the global community moves toward 'living with' the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been continuous challenging economic conditions as a result of the pandemic such as supply chain constraints, inflation, increasing interest rates, the Russia-Ukraine war, or other events may impact the Funds' performance.

In the opinion of the directors, there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Funds that occurred during the financial half-year.

## Matters subsequent to the end of the financial half-year

Since the end of the reporting period the net asset value of the below Funds has changed by more than 10% due to changes in the fair value of the investments held. These movements result from implementation of the investment strategy as set out in the relevant Funds' Product Disclosure Statement.

Fund	Net asset value changed by:
U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	-11.02%
Geared U.S. Equity Fund	10.03%

**Directors' report (continued)**

**Matters subsequent to the end of the financial half-year (continued)**

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

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

**Likely developments and expected results of operations**

The results of the Funds' operations will be affected by a number of factors, including the performance of investment markets in which the Funds invest. Investment performance is not guaranteed and future returns may differ from past returns. As investment conditions change over time, past returns should not be used to predict future returns.

Further information on likely developments in the operation of the Funds and the expected results of those operations have not been included in this report because the Responsible Entity believes it would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Funds.

**Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars**

The Funds are entities of the kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191* and in accordance with that Instrument, amounts in the condensed interim financial report and the directors' report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

**Auditor's independence declaration**

A copy of the Auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 4.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Alex Vynokur  
Director

Sydney  
9 March 2023



## Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To the Directors of Betashares Capital Limited, the Responsible Entity for the Schemes:

Betashares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund)

Betashares U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund – Currency Hedged

Betashares Geared U.S. Equity Fund – Currency Hedged (hedge fund)

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the review of Schemes for the half-year ended 31 December 2022 there have been:

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

KPMG

Nicholas Buchanan

*Partner*

Sydney

9 March 2023



Condensed interim statements of comprehensive income

	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2021 \$'000	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2021 \$'000	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2021 \$'000
<b>Investment income</b>						
Dividend/distribution income	21,174	14,897	-	-	2,433	1,545
Interest income	-	-	2,878	-	1,345	-
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	73,454	15,107	8,450	(48,570)	(6,090)	29,993
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)	-	-	170	303	7,603	(5,908)
Other operating income	37	12	44	-	9	-
<b>Total net investment income/(losses)</b>	<b>94,665</b>	<b>30,016</b>	<b>11,542</b>	<b>(48,267)</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>25,630</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Management fees	3,313	2,746	1,617	1,067	1,040	824
Custody fees	1	-	-	-	-	-
Expense recoveries	269	223	156	170	88	70
Transaction costs	35	29	25	2	9	3
Other operating expenses	2	-	1	-	1	-
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>3,620</b>	<b>2,998</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>897</b>
<b>Operating profit/(loss) before finance costs for the half-year</b>	<b>91,045</b>	<b>27,018</b>	<b>9,743</b>	<b>(49,506)</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>24,733</b>
<b>Finance costs attributable to unitholders</b>						
Finance costs - interest expense	(8,758)	(1,655)	(608)	(385)	(5,385)	(944)
<b>Profit/(loss) for the half-year</b>	<b>82,287</b>	<b>25,363</b>	<b>9,135</b>	<b>(49,891)</b>	<b>(1,223)</b>	<b>23,789</b>
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year</b>	<b>82,287</b>	<b>25,363</b>	<b>9,135</b>	<b>(49,891)</b>	<b>(1,223)</b>	<b>23,789</b>

The above condensed interim statements of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Condensed interim statements of financial position

	Notes	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
		31 December	30 June	31 December	30 June	31 December	30 June
		2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents		-	-	273,456	288,469	127,863	114,452
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	866,629	805,130	23,493	-	287,673	255,831
Due from broker - receivables for securities sold		28,608	-	-	-	-	-
Other receivables		8,607	5,821	2,369	156	373	91
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>903,844</b>	<b>810,951</b>	<b>299,318</b>	<b>288,625</b>	<b>415,909</b>	<b>370,374</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	5	-	-	-	4,602	-	-
Borrowings	7	511,317	488,636	10,270	37,013	282,780	264,225
Due to brokers - payables for securities purchased		17,371	5,957	-	-	-	-
Distributions payable	4	14,337	30,203	-	21,737	-	5,966
Interest payable	7	1,648	592	146	40	1,206	456
Other payables		12,553	526	316	270	194	177
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)</b>		<b>557,226</b>	<b>525,914</b>	<b>10,732</b>	<b>63,662</b>	<b>284,180</b>	<b>270,824</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity</b>	3	<b>346,618</b>	<b>285,037</b>	<b>288,586</b>	<b>224,963</b>	<b>131,729</b>	<b>99,550</b>

The above condensed interim statements of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



Condensed interim statements of changes in equity

	Notes	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
		31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
		2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Total equity at the beginning of the half-year</b>	3	<b>285,037</b>	311,259	<b>224,963</b>	173,557	<b>99,550</b>	75,248
<b>Comprehensive income for the half-year</b>							
Profit/(loss) for the half-year	3	<b>82,287</b>	25,363	<b>9,135</b>	(49,891)	<b>(1,223)</b>	23,789
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year</b>		<b>82,287</b>	25,363	<b>9,135</b>	(49,891)	<b>(1,223)</b>	23,789
<b>Transactions with unitholders</b>							
Applications	3	<b>110,416</b>	58,055	<b>248,443</b>	61,962	<b>62,843</b>	39,289
Redemptions	3	<b>(121,845)</b>	(54,364)	<b>(194,981)</b>	(13,833)	<b>(29,646)</b>	-
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	3	<b>5,267</b>	1,163	<b>1,026</b>	-	<b>205</b>	-
Distributions to unitholders	3, 4	<b>(14,544)</b>	(14,948)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total transactions with unitholders</b>		<b>(20,706)</b>	(10,094)	<b>54,488</b>	48,129	<b>33,402</b>	39,289
<b>Total equity at the end of the half-year</b>	3	<b>346,618</b>	326,528	<b>288,586</b>	171,795	<b>131,729</b>	138,326

The above condensed interim statements of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying note.

Condensed interim statements of cash flows

	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2021 \$'000	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2021 \$'000	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2021 \$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>						
Proceeds from sales of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	270,739	142,849	726	952	98,050	6
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(275,979)	(146,583)	(20,371)	(48,476)	(135,982)	(130,686)
Dividends/distributions received	23,311	16,893	-	-	2,433	1,545
Interest received	-	-	2,299	-	1,065	-
Other operating income received	121	38	44	19	9	-
Management fees paid	(3,213)	(2,745)	(1,566)	(1,082)	(1,026)	(732)
Expense recoveries paid	(261)	(223)	(162)	(172)	(87)	(62)
Transactions costs paid	(35)	(29)	(25)	(2)	(9)	(3)
Custody fees paid	(1)	-	-	-	-	-
Other operating expenses paid	-	-	(18)	-	(1)	(7)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	<b>14,683</b>	<b>10,200</b>	<b>(19,073)</b>	<b>(48,761)</b>	<b>(35,548)</b>	<b>(129,939)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>						
Net proceeds/(payments) from/to borrowings	22,681	(6,290)	(26,743)	(50,094)	18,555	172,670
Proceeds from applications by unitholders	105,404	58,055	246,827	61,962	62,843	39,289
Payments for redemptions by unitholders	(109,923)	(54,364)	(194,981)	(16,104)	(29,646)	-
Distributions paid	(25,143)	(5,958)	(20,711)	-	(5,761)	(2,358)
Interest paid on borrowings	(7,702)	(1,643)	(502)	(434)	(4,635)	(817)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</b>	<b>(14,683)</b>	<b>(10,200)</b>	<b>3,890</b>	<b>(4,670)</b>	<b>41,356</b>	<b>208,784</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(15,183)</b>	<b>(53,431)</b>	<b>5,808</b>	<b>78,845</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year	-	-	288,469	243,202	114,452	71,620
Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	-	-	170	303	7,603	(5,908)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>273,456</b>	<b>190,074</b>	<b>127,863</b>	<b>144,557</b>
<b>Non-cash financing activities</b>						
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	5,267	1,163	1,026	-	205	-

The above condensed interim statements of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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## 1 General information

These condensed interim financial statements cover the following managed investment funds ("the Funds"). The Funds are registered managed investment schemes under the *Corporations Act 2001*. The Responsible Entity cannot issue or redeem any units from the 80th anniversary of the day before the day the Funds commenced if that issue or redemption would cause a contravention of the rule against perpetuities or any other rule of law or equity. The Funds may be terminated in accordance with the provisions of their Constitutions. The Funds are domiciled in Australia.

Abbreviated Fund name	Registration date	Commencement date	Financial reporting period
Geared Australian Equity Fund	8 April 2011	30 April 2014	1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022
U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	10 November 2014	24 August 2015	1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022
Geared U.S. Equity Fund	10 November 2014	17 August 2015	1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022

The Responsible Entity of the Funds is Betashares Capital Ltd (the "Responsible Entity"). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 11, 50 Margaret Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

The condensed interim financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 9 March 2023. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the condensed interim financial statements.

## 2 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these condensed interim financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all periods presented unless otherwise stated.

### (a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The Funds are for-profit unit trusts for the purpose of preparing the condensed interim financial statements.

These condensed interim financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements. The financial report of the Funds complies with International Financial Reporting Standards adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022 and any continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The Funds operated solely in one segment which is the business of investment management within Australia.

The condensed interim financial statements are prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities except where otherwise stated.

The condensed interim statements of financial position are presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and are not distinguished between current and non-current. All balances are expected to be recovered or settled within twelve months, except for investments in financial assets and net assets attributable to unitholders.

#### *Use of estimates and judgements*

Management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the condensed interim financial statements. Estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

For the majority of the Funds' financial instruments, quoted market prices are readily available. However, certain financial instruments are fair valued using valuation techniques. Where valuation techniques (for example, pricing models) are used to determine fair values, they are validated and regularly reviewed by experienced personnel of the Responsible Entity independent of the area that created them.

Models use observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations require management to make estimates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments.

For certain other financial instruments, including amounts due from/to brokers and payables, the carrying amounts approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments.

#### *Functional currency and presentation*

The condensed interim financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Funds' functional currency.

## 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### (b) Australian accounting standards and interpretations

There are no new accounting standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the half-year beginning 1 July 2022 that would be expected to have a material impact on the Funds.

### (c) Rounding in amounts

The Funds are an entity of the kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191* and in accordance with that Instrument, amounts in the condensed interim financial statements and directors' report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with that Instrument, unless otherwise indicated.

## 3 Net assets attributable to unitholders

Subject to market conditions, unitholders may withdraw their units from the Funds at their election by trading on the Australian Securities Exchange at the prevailing market price for sale of the units at the time of the transaction.

Under AASB 132 *Financial instruments: Presentation*, puttable financial instruments meet the definition of a liability to be classified as equity where certain strict criteria are met. The Funds shall classify a financial instrument as an equity instrument from the date when the instrument has all the features and meets the conditions.

Movements in the number of units and net assets attributable to unitholders during the half-year were as follows:

	Geared Australian Equity Fund				U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund			
	31 December 2022 Units '000	31 December 2021 Units '000	31 December 2022 Units '000	31 December 2021 Units '000	31 December 2022 Units '000	31 December 2021 Units '000	31 December 2022 Units '000	31 December 2021 Units '000
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>								
Opening balance	14,705	11,428	285,037	311,259	19,314	160,425	224,963	173,557
Applications	5,264	2,111	110,416	58,055	24,900	22,877	248,443	61,962
Redemptions	(5,100)	(1,901)	(121,845)	(54,364)	(17,700)	(6,150)	(194,981)	(13,833)
Consolidation of units	-	-	-	-	-	(156,263)	-	-
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	272	43	5,267	1,163	88	-	1,026	-
Distributions to unitholders	-	-	(14,544)	(14,948)	-	-	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the half-year	-	-	82,287	25,363	-	-	9,135	(49,891)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>15,141</b>	<b>11,681</b>	<b>346,618</b>	<b>326,528</b>	<b>26,602</b>	<b>20,889</b>	<b>288,586</b>	<b>171,795</b>

  

	Geared U.S. Equity Fund			
	31 December 2022 Units '000	31 December 2021 Units '000	31 December 2022 Units '000	31 December 2021 Units '000
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>				
Opening balance	4,800	2,300	99,550	75,248
Applications	3,100	1,100	62,843	39,289
Redemptions	(1,400)	-	(29,646)	-
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	10	-	205	-
Distributions to unitholders	-	-	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the half-year	-	-	(1,223)	23,789
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>6,510</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>131,729</b>	<b>138,326</b>

### 3 Net assets attributable to unitholders (continued)

#### Capital risk management

The Funds consider their net assets attributable to unitholders as equity. The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Funds are subject to daily applications and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders.

Under the terms of the Funds' Constitutions, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer or adjust a redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unitholders.

### 4 Distributions to unitholders

Distributions are payable as set out in the Funds' Product Disclosure Statement and/or Funds' Constitution. Such distributions are recognised as payable when they are determined by the Responsible Entity.

U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund and Geared U.S. Equity Fund had nil distributions for the half-year.

The distributions paid/payable for the half-year were as follows:

#### Distributions

Distributions paid - June

Distributions payable - December

#### Total distributions

Geared Australian Equity Fund			
31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2022 Cents per unit	31 December 2021 \$'000	31 December 2021 Cents per unit
207	206.80	-	-
14,337	94.69	14,948	127.97
14,544	301.49	14,948	127.97

The distribution information shown above refers to cash distributions paid by the relevant Fund for the period. Under the AMIT tax rules, a Fund may distribute cash that is different to the taxable income attributed by the Fund to unitholders. During the half-year, some distributions were satisfied by the issue of units (reinvestment). See Note 3.

### 5 Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

The Funds measure and recognise the following assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis.

	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
	31 December 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000	31 December 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000	31 December 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>						
Listed securities	866,629	805,130	-	-	287,673	255,831
Futures	-	-	23,493	-	-	-
<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>866,629</b>	<b>805,130</b>	<b>23,493</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>287,673</b>	<b>255,831</b>
	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
	31 December 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000	31 December 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000	31 December 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
<b>Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>						
Futures	-	-	-	4,602	-	-
<b>Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,602</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

An overview of the fair value measurements relating to financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss is included in Note 6 to the condensed interim financial statements.

## 6 Fair value measurements

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

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

### Fair value estimation

The carrying amounts of the Funds' assets and liabilities at the end of each reporting period approximate their fair values.

Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured initially at fair value excluding any transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or liability. Transaction costs on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are expensed immediately. Subsequent to initial recognition, all instruments at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value with changes in their fair value recognised in the condensed interim statements of comprehensive income.

#### (i) Fair value in an active market (Level 1)

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

The Funds value their investments in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the 30 June 2022 financial statements. For the majority of their investments, the Funds rely on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of their investments.

The quoted market price used for financial assets and liabilities held by the Funds is the last traded price. Where the last traded price does not fall within the bid-ask spread, an assessment is performed by management to determine the appropriate valuation price to use that is most representative of fair value.

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

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

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

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

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

The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Funds for similar financial instruments.

Index futures are measured by the quoted market prices, or binding dealer price quotations on the exchange where they are listed or held.



6 Fair value measurements (continued)

Fair value estimation (continued)

(iii) Recognised fair value measurements

The tables below set out the Funds' financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy at 31 December 2022 and 30 June 2022.

Geared Australian Equity Fund								
	Level 1 31 December 2022 \$'000	Level 2 31 December 2022 \$'000	Level 3 31 December 2022 \$'000	Total 31 December 2022 \$'000	Level 1 30 June 2022 \$'000	Level 2 30 June 2022 \$'000	Level 3 30 June 2022 \$'000	Total 30 June 2022 \$'000
<b>Financial assets</b>								
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss								
Listed securities	866,629	-	-	866,629	804,317	-	813	805,130
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>866,629</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>866,629</b>	<b>804,317</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>805,130</b>
U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund								
	Level 1 31 December 2022 \$'000	Level 2 31 December 2022 \$'000	Level 3 31 December 2022 \$'000	Total 31 December 2022 \$'000	Level 1 30 June 2022 \$'000	Level 2 30 June 2022 \$'000	Level 3 30 June 2022 \$'000	Total 30 June 2022 \$'000
<b>Financial assets</b>								
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss								
Futures	23,493	-	-	23,493	-	-	-	-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>23,493</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,493</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>								
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss								
Futures	-	-	-	-	4,602	-	-	4,602
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,602</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,602</b>
Geared U.S. Equity Fund								
	Level 1 31 December 2022 \$'000	Level 2 31 December 2022 \$'000	Level 3 31 December 2022 \$'000	Total 31 December 2022 \$'000	Level 1 30 June 2022 \$'000	Level 2 30 June 2022 \$'000	Level 3 30 June 2022 \$'000	Total 30 June 2022 \$'000
<b>Financial assets</b>								
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss								
Listed securities	287,673	-	-	287,673	255,831	-	-	255,831
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>287,673</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>287,673</b>	<b>255,831</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>255,831</b>

## 6 Fair value measurements (continued)

### Fair value estimation (continued)

#### (iv) Transfers between levels

There were no transfers between levels during the half-year ended 31 December 2022 and the year ended 30 June 2022.

#### (v) Movement in level 3 instruments

The following table presents the movement in level 3 instruments for the half-year ended 31 December 2022 by the class of financial instrument.

	Listed securities \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>Geared Australian Equity Fund</b>		
<b>Opening balance</b>	-	-
Purchases	999	999
Sales	(59)	(59)
Gains/(losses) recognised in the statements of comprehensive income	(127)	(127)
<b>Closing balance - 30 June 2022*</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>813</b>
<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>813</b>
Purchases	-	-
Sales	-	-
Gains/(losses) recognised in the statement of comprehensive income	(813)	(813)
<b>Closing balance - 31 December 2022*</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

\*Includes unrealised gains or (losses) recognised in profit or loss attributable to balances held at the end of the reporting period.

### Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)

An investment held in AVZ Minerals Ltd (ASX Code: AVZ) in Geared Australian Equity Fund, was purchased during the year-ended 30 June 2022 and suspended from ASX trading from 11 May 2022. AVZ remained suspended for trading at 31 December 2022.

As at 31 December 2022, the security was valued at \$nil per unit (30 June 2022: \$0.78).

### Valuation inputs and relationships to fair value

The following table summarises the quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used in the level 3 fair value measurements. See Note 6 (ii) for the valuation techniques adopted.

Geared Australian Equity Fund		Range of inputs (probability-weighted average)	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value \$'000
Description	Fair value \$'000	Unobservable inputs	
<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>			
Listed securities	-	Last market price	10%/(10%)
<b>As at 30 June 2022</b>			
Listed securities	813	Last market price	10%/(10%)

## 6 Fair value measurements (continued)

### Fair value estimation (continued)

#### Valuation processes

Portfolio reviews are undertaken regularly by management to identify securities that potentially may not be actively traded or have stale security pricing. This process identifies securities which possibly could be regarded as being level 3 securities. Further analysis, should it be required, is undertaken to determine the accounting significance of the identification. For certain security types, in selecting the most appropriate valuation model, management performs back testing and considers actual market transactions. Changes in allocation to or from level 3 are analysed at the end of each reporting period and are disclosed in Note 6 (iv) above.

(vi) *Fair value of financial instruments not carried at fair value*

The carrying value of trade receivables and trade payables are assumed to approximate their fair values.

Net assets attributable to unitholders carrying value differs from its fair value (deemed to be the redemption price for individual units) due to differences in valuation inputs. This difference is not material in the current half-year.

## 7 Borrowings

The custody/prime broker for each Fund is BNP Paribas.

Each Fund has a loan facility with its custodian/prime broker, BNP Paribas, pursuant to a prime brokerage agreement. BNP Paribas has the ultimate discretion as to the amount to lend under each facility. Amounts drawn are repayable on demand. The PDS for each Fund sets out whether, and for what purpose, borrowing may be undertaken by the Fund.

As security for the performance of its obligations under the prime brokerage agreement in relation to each Fund, the Responsible Entity has granted a charge to BNP Paribas over the relevant Fund's assets held by BNP Paribas. BNP Paribas, as the loan provider, has certain rights, including the right to take possession of, and in relation to each Fund, sell the relevant 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 Responsibility Entity ceasing to be qualified to be the Responsible Entity of the Fund (v) where the Fund's gearing ratio on any day exceeds the maximum gearing ratio specified in the PDS and is not reduced to below the maximum gearing ratio by the next business day.

BNP Paribas is also entitled at any time to transfer to itself absolute ownership of a portion of the relevant 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"). BNP Paribas 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 discretion of BNP Paribas) 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 BNP Paribas promptly transfer to the Fund sufficient equivalent securities or cash value so as to comply with the Transferred Securities Limit.

## 8 Events occurring after the reporting period

Since the end of the reporting period the net asset value of the below Funds has changed by more than 10% due to changes in the fair value of the investments held. These movements result from implementation of the investment strategy as set out in the relevant Funds' Product Disclosure Statement.

Fund	Net asset value changed by:
U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	-11.02%
Gearred U.S. Equity Fund	10.03%

No other significant events have occurred since the reporting period which would impact on the financial position of the Funds disclosed in the condensed interim statements of financial position as at 31 December 2022 or on the results and cash flows of the Funds for the half-year ended on that date.

**Directors' declaration**

Betashares Capital Ltd present the Directors' Declaration in respect of the following funds:

Betashares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund)  
Betashares U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund - Currency Hedged  
Betashares Geared U.S. Equity Fund - Currency Hedged (hedge fund)

In the opinion of the directors of Betashares Capital Ltd, the Responsible Entity of the Funds:

- (a) the condensed interim financial statements and notes set out on pages 5 to 16 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) complying with AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting*, the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
  - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Funds' financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of their performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Funds will be able to pay their debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors of Betashares Capital Ltd.



Alex Vynokur  
Director

Sydney  
9 March 2023



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To the unitholders of following Schemes (the "Schemes")

Betashares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund)

Betashares U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund – Currency Hedged

Betashares Geared U.S. Equity Fund – Currency Hedged (hedge fund)

## Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying **Condensed Interim Financial Reports** of the Schemes.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the Condensed Interim Financial Reports of the Schemes do not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Schemes' financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- complying with *Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

The **Condensed Interim Financial Reports** comprise:

- Condensed interim statements of financial position as at 31 December 2022;
- Condensed interim statements of comprehensive income for the half-year ended on that date;
- Condensed interim statements of changes in equity and Condensed interim statements of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date;
- Notes 1 to 8 comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- The Directors' Declaration.

The **Interim Period** is the 6 months ended on 31 December 2022.



### Basis for Conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*. Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report* section of our reports.

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

### Responsibilities of the Directors for the Condensed Interim Financial Reports

The Directors of Betashares Capital Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for:

- the preparation of the Condensed Interim Financial Reports that give a true and fair view in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Act 2001*; and
- for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the Condensed Interim Financial Reports that give a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's responsibility for the review of the Condensed Interim Financial Reports

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Condensed Interim Financial Reports based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the Condensed Interim Financial Reports do not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Scheme's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and its performance for the Half-year ended on that date, and complying with *Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a Condensed Interim Financial Reports consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards* and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

KPMG

Nicholas Buchanan  
Partner  
Sydney  
9 March 2023



Betashares Capital Ltd (ABN 78 139 566 868 AFSL 341181) is the issuer.  
Investors should read the relevant fund PDS and TMD (available at [www.betashares.com.au](http://www.betashares.com.au)) and consider whether the fund is appropriate for them.  
Past performance is not indicative of future returns. Investing involves risk.