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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 annual financial report of the Funds for the year ended 30 June 2023 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 30 June 2023	150 081 691
Betashares U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund - Currency Hedged	U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023	602 663 918
Betashares Geared U.S. Equity Fund - Currency Hedged (hedge fund)	Geared U.S. Equity Fund	1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023	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 Statements (PDSs) and its Constitution.

The Funds did not have any employees during the year.

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

The following persons held office as directors of Betashares Capital Ltd during or since the end of the financial 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 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 statements of comprehensive income. The income distributions payable by each of the Funds are disclosed in the statements of financial position. The income distributions paid and payable by each of the Funds are disclosed in Note 4 to the financial statements.

Significant changes in state of affairs

There have been continuous challenging economic conditions such as Covid-19 pandemic supply chain constraints, inflation, increasing interest rates, the Russia - Ukraine war, or other events that may impact the Funds' future 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 year.

Directors' report (continued)

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2023 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

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

Likely developments, risk management 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.

Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors

No insurance premiums are paid for out of the assets of the Funds in regards to insurance cover provided to either the Responsible Entity, directors or the auditor of the Funds. As long as the officers of the Responsible Entity act in accordance with the Funds' Constitutions and the Law, the officers remain indemnified out of the assets of the Funds against losses incurred while acting on behalf of the Funds. The auditor of the Funds is in no way indemnified out of the assets of the Funds.

Fees paid to and interests held in the Funds by the Responsible Entity or its associates

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its associates out of Funds' property during the year are disclosed in Note 15 of the financial statements.

No fees were paid out of Fund property to the directors of the Responsible Entity during the year.

The number of interests in the Funds held by the Responsible Entity or its associates as at the end of the financial year are disclosed in Note 15 of the financial statements.

Interests in the Funds

The movement in units on issue in the Funds during the year is disclosed in Note 3 of the financial statements.

The value of the Funds' assets and liabilities is disclosed in the statements of financial position and derived using the basis set out in Note 2 of the financial statements.

Environmental regulation

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

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 financial report and the directors' report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

Directors' report (continued)

Compensation (ASIC Regulatory Guide 94 Unit pricing: Guide to good practice)

The Responsible Entity may apply a \$20 minimum to compensation amounts in respect of any unit pricing errors for exited investors.

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 5.

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



Alex Vynokur
Director

Sydney
22 September 2023



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

To the Directors of Betashares Capital Limited, as 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 audit of the Schemes for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 there have been:

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



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Nicholas Buchanan
Partner
Sydney

22 September 2023

Statements of comprehensive income

		Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
	Notes	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Investment income							
Dividend and distribution income		39,168	40,569	-	-	4,706	3,173
Interest income		-	-	8,167	95	3,701	45
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		100,199	(81,890)	(91,398)	53,702	51,325	(28,371)
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)		-	-	(94)	356	376	(17,540)
Other operating income		49	9	76	6	16	-
Total net investment income/(losses)		139,416	(41,312)	(83,249)	54,159	60,124	(42,693)
Expenses							
Management fees	15	6,515	5,562	3,463	2,343	2,275	1,829
Expense recoveries	15	528	451	335	348	192	155
Transaction costs		44	77	-	5	14	11
Other operating expenses		4	-	27	1	1	-
Total operating expenses		7,091	6,090	3,825	2,697	2,482	1,995
Operating profit/(loss) before finance costs for the year		132,325	(47,402)	(87,074)	51,462	57,642	(44,688)
Finance costs attributable to unitholders							
Finance costs - interest expense		(19,781)	(3,874)	(1,924)	(605)	(14,891)	(2,684)
Profit/(loss) for the year		112,544	(51,276)	(88,998)	50,857	42,751	(47,372)
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		112,544	(51,276)	(88,998)	50,857	42,751	(47,372)

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

Statements of financial position

	Notes	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
		30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
		2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	8(c)	-	-	284,793	288,469	149,920	114,452
Cash held on collateral		-	-	7,698	-	-	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	956,463	805,130	-	-	372,881	255,831
Other receivables	6	25,348	5,821	1,667	156	535	91
Total assets		981,811	810,951	294,158	288,625	523,336	370,374
Liabilities							
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	5	-	-	16,527	4,602	-	-
Borrowings	9	528,896	488,636	5,286	37,013	357,838	264,225
Due to brokers - payables for securities purchased		40,356	5,957	-	-	-	-
Distributions payable	4	4,199	30,203	-	21,737	-	5,966
Interest payable		2,018	592	259	40	1,771	456
Other payables	7	610	526	324	270	237	177
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)		576,079	525,914	22,396	63,662	359,846	270,824
Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity	3	405,732	285,037	271,762	224,963	163,490	99,550

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

Statements of changes in equity

	Notes	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
		30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the year		285,037	311,259	224,963	173,557	99,550	75,248
Comprehensive income for the year							
Profit/(loss) for the year	3	112,544	(51,276)	(88,998)	50,857	42,751	(47,372)
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss)		112,544	(51,276)	(88,998)	50,857	42,751	(47,372)
Transactions with unitholders							
Applications	3	219,932	179,741	445,168	164,191	80,437	90,549
Redemptions	3	(200,622)	(113,439)	(310,397)	(141,905)	(59,453)	(12,909)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	3	7,584	3,903	1,026	-	205	-
Distributions to unitholders	3	(18,743)	(45,151)	-	(21,737)	-	(5,966)
Total transactions with unitholders		8,151	25,054	135,797	549	21,189	71,674
Total equity at the end of the year		405,732	285,037	271,762	224,963	163,490	99,550

The above statements of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statements of cash flows

	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities						
Proceeds from sales of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	490,164	332,564	2,912	1,447	166,913	123,528
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(506,899)	(494,028)	(82,385)	52,684	(232,638)	(244,726)
Movement in cash held on collateral	-	-	(7,698)	-	-	-
Dividends and distributions received	38,219	40,003	-	-	4,706	3,173
Interest received	-	-	7,289	1	3,270	-
Other operating income received	141	9	49	15	16	-
Management fees paid	(6,440)	(5,575)	(3,405)	(2,305)	(2,221)	(1,763)
Expense recoveries paid	(522)	(452)	(340)	(342)	(188)	(149)
Transactions cost paid	(44)	(77)	-	(5)	(14)	(11)
Other operating expenses paid	(1)	(78)	(26)	(1)	(12)	(15)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	14,618	(127,634)	(83,604)	51,494	(60,168)	(119,963)
	8(a)					
Cash flows from financing activities						
Net proceeds/(payments) from/to borrowings	40,260	85,195	(31,727)	(25,952)	93,613	107,383
Proceeds from applications by unitholders	201,262	177,597	444,562	164,191	80,437	90,549
Payments for redemptions by unitholders	(200,622)	(113,439)	(310,397)	(144,176)	(59,453)	(12,909)
Distributions paid	(37,163)	(18,166)	(20,711)	-	(5,761)	(2,358)
Interest paid on borrowings	(18,355)	(3,553)	(1,705)	(646)	(13,576)	(2,330)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	(14,618)	127,634	80,022	(6,583)	95,260	180,335
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents						
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	-	-	(3,582)	44,911	35,092	60,372
Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	-	-	288,469	243,202	114,452	71,620
	-	-	(94)	356	376	(17,540)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	-	-	284,793	288,469	149,920	114,452
	8(c)					
Non-cash financing activities						
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	7,584	3,903	1,026	-	205	-
	8(b)					

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

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1 General information

These 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	Comparative period
Geared Australian Equity Fund	8 April 2011	30 April 2014	1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023	1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022
U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	10 November 2014	24 August 2015	1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023	1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022
Geared U.S. Equity Fund	10 November 2014	17 August 2015	1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023	1 July 2021 to 30 June 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 financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors of the Responsible Entity on 22 September 2023. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

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

(a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and *the Corporations Act 2001* in Australia.

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

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

The 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 investment in financial assets and net assets attributable to unitholders.

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

Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

The financial statements of the Funds also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

Use of estimates and judgement

Management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the 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.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

Investment entity exception

The Funds meet the definition of an investment entity and therefore apply the investment entity amendments to AASB 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements*, AASB 12 *Disclosure of Interest in Other Entities* and AASB 127 *Separate Financial Statement*. AASB 10 is applicable to all investees; among other things, it requires the consolidation of an investee if the Funds control the investee on the basis of de facto circumstances. An exception however exists where an entity meets the definition of an investment entity.

The Funds meet the definition of investment entity due to the following factors:

- (a) the Funds obtain funds from one or more unitholders for the purpose of providing the unitholders with investment management services;
- (b) the Funds commit to their unitholders that their business purpose is to invest funds solely for returns from capital appreciation, investment income, or both; and
- (c) the Funds measure and evaluate the performance of substantially all of their investments on a fair value basis.

In making the above assessments, the Funds have multiple investments and multiple investors. Their investors are generally unrelated parties of the Funds. Unitholders invest for returns from capital appreciation, investment income, or both. Directors of the Responsible Entity have concluded that the Funds meet the definition of investment entity.

Assessment of the Funds' investments as structured entities

The Funds have assessed whether the securities in which they invest are structured entities. The Funds have considered the voting rights and other similar rights afforded to investors in any managed investment funds in which they invest, including the rights to remove the fund manager or redeem holdings. The Funds have assessed whether these rights are the dominant factor in controlling the relevant funds, or whether the contractual agreement with the fund manager is the dominant factor in controlling such funds. The Funds have concluded that any managed investment funds in which they invest are not structured entities.

(b) Australian accounting standards and interpretations

The accounting policies adopted in these financial statements are consistent with those of the previous financial year.

There are no new accounting standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the period beginning 1 July 2022 that had a material impact on the Funds.

(c) Financial instruments

(i) Classification

The Funds classify their investments based on their business model for managing those financial assets and their contractual cash flow characteristics. The Funds' portfolios of financial assets are managed and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Funds' documented investment strategy. The Funds evaluate the information about their investments on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

Equity securities and derivatives are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

For debt securities, the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, however, they are neither held for collecting contractual cash flows nor held for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Funds' business model objective. Consequently, the debt securities are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Financial instruments (continued)

(ii) Australian accounting standards and interpretations

The Funds may hold financial assets and financial liabilities comprising futures contracts, equity instruments and unlisted unit trusts which had previously been designated at fair value through profit or loss under AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, prior to 1 July 2018. On adoption of AASB 9 *Financial Instruments* from 1 July 2018, these securities continued to be measured at fair value but are now mandatorily classified at fair value through profit or loss.

(iii) Recognition/derecognition

The Funds recognise financial assets and financial liabilities on the date they become party to the contractual agreement (trade date) and recognises changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities from this date.

Investments are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Funds have transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

(iv) Measurement

At initial recognition, the Funds measure a financial asset at its fair value. Transaction costs of financial assets or liability are expensed in the statements of comprehensive income as incurred.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets or liabilities are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value measurement are presented in the statements of comprehensive income within net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss during the financial period.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. For further details on how the fair value of the financial instruments is determined are disclosed in Note 5.

(v) Offsetting financial instruments

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

(d) Net assets attributable to unitholders

The Funds consider their net assets attributable to unitholders as equity as each Fund had made an irrevocable choice to be an Attribution Managed Investment Trust (AMIT).

Units are normally redeemable only by unitholders being Authorised Participants at the unitholders' option (other unitholders only have a right to redeem units in special circumstances). The units can be put back to the Funds at any time (subject to the *Corporations Act 2001* and the Funds' Constitutions) for cash based on the redemption price. The fair value of redeemable units is measured at the redemption amount that is payable (based on the redemption unit price) at the end of the reporting year if unitholders exercised their right to redeem units in the Funds.

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unitholders. Where the Funds' units are classified as liabilities, movements in net assets attributable to unit holders are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as finance costs.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts. The carrying amount of cash approximates fair value.

Payments and receipts relating to the purchase and sale of investment securities are classified as cash flows from operating activities, as movements in the fair value of these securities represent the Funds' main income generating activity.

(f) Cash held on collateral

Margin accounts comprise cash held for derivative transactions. The cash is held by the broker and is only available to meet margin calls. Unrestricted margin account balances and restricted margin accounts balances, where the derivative transactions' original maturities are within three months, are classified as cash and cash equivalents. Restricted margin accounts where the derivative transactions' original maturities are not within three months are classified as cash held on collateral.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(g) Investment income

Interest income earned on cash balances is recognised on an accrual basis in the statement of comprehensive income using the nominated interest rates available on the bank accounts held.

Interest income earned from financial assets at amortised cost is recognised using the effective interest method and includes interest from cash and cash equivalents.

Interest from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is determined based on the contractual coupon interest rate and includes interest from debt securities.

Other changes in fair value for such instruments are recorded in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2(c).

Dividend and distribution income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income within dividend income and distribution income when the Funds' right to receive payments is established.

Dividend income is recognised on the ex-dividend date with any related foreign withholding tax recorded as an expense. The Funds currently incur withholding tax imposed by certain countries on investment income. Such income is recorded gross of withholding tax in the statement of comprehensive income.

Trust distributions are recognised on an entitlement basis.

(h) Expenses

All expenses are recognised in the statements of comprehensive income on an accruals basis.

(i) Income tax

The Funds are not subject to income tax as all taxable income and other relevant amounts are attributed to unitholders in each financial year under the AMIT tax regime. Such amounts form part of unitholders' assessable incomes for the relevant financial year. The benefits of imputation credits and foreign tax paid are passed onto unitholders.

(j) Distributions

Distributions are payable, either by cash or reinvestment, as set out in the Funds' Product Disclosure Statements and/or Funds' Constitutions.

The distributions are recognised in the statements of changes in equity as transactions with unitholders.

(k) Foreign currency translation

(i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the Funds' financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (the "functional currency"). This is the Australian dollar, which reflects the currency of the economy in which the Funds compete for funds and are regulated. The Australian dollar is also the Funds' presentation currency.

(ii) Transactions and balances

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

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when fair value was determined. Translation differences on assets and liabilities carried at fair value are reported in the statements of comprehensive income on a net basis within net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(l) Due from/to brokers

Amounts due from/to brokers (if applicable) represent payables for securities purchased and receivables for securities sold that have been contracted for but not yet delivered by the end of the year. Trades are recorded on trade date, and normally settled within standard market settlement times (typically three business days). These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Funds shall measure the loss allowance on amounts due from broker at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Funds shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses. Significant financial difficulties of the broker, probability that the broker will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance.

(m) Other receivables

Other receivables may include amounts for dividends, interest and trust distributions. Dividends and trust distributions are accrued when the right to receive payment is established. Interest is accrued at the end of each reporting period from the time of last payment in accordance with the policy set out in Note 2(g) above. The Funds' receivables are measured at amortised cost under AASB 9 and the impact of any expected credit losses (ECL) is not material as amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recorded as receivables. The carrying amount of receivables approximates fair value.

(n) Other payables

Other payables include liabilities and accrued expenses owing by the Funds which are unpaid as at the end of the reporting period.

The distribution amount payable to unitholders as at the reporting date is recognised separately in the statements of financial position as unitholders are presently entitled to the distributable income.

(o) Borrowings and interest expense

Borrowings are recognised at historical cost where any transaction fees and costs directly related to the borrowings are recognised in the statements of comprehensive income over the expected life of the borrowings. Borrowings are classified as current liabilities where the liability has been drawn under a financing facility which expires within one year. Finance costs include interest expense related to the borrowings which are expensed in the statements of comprehensive income and interest payable is accrued in the statement of financial position on an effective yield basis.

(p) Applications and redemptions

Applications received for units in the Funds are recorded net of any entry fees payable (if applicable) prior to the issue of units in the Funds. Redemptions from the Funds are recorded gross of any exit fees payable (if applicable) after the cancellation of units redeemed.

(q) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The GST incurred on the costs of various services provided to the Funds by third parties such as investment management fees have been passed onto the Funds. The Funds qualify for Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC) at a rate of 55% to 85%; hence investment management fees, custodial fees and other expenses have been recognised in the statements of comprehensive income net of the amount of GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Accounts payable are inclusive of GST. The net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST) recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as a reduced input tax credit (RITC) is included in the payables in the statement of financial position. Cash flows relating to GST are included in the statements of cash flows on a gross basis.

Accounts payable are inclusive of GST. The net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST) recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as a reduced input tax credit (RITC) is included in the payables in the statement of financial position. This change does not have a material impact on prior periods and no restatement was made to the comparative period.

(r) Rounding of 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 financial report and directors' report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with that Instrument, unless otherwise indicated.

(s) Comparative revisions

Comparative information has been revised where appropriate to enhance comparability. Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.

3 Net assets attributable to unitholders

Units are redeemable at the unitholders' option, however, applications and redemptions may be suspended by the Responsible Entity if it is in the best interests of the unitholders. The units can be put back to the Funds at any time for cash based on the redemption price, which is equal to a proportionate share of the Funds' net asset value attributable to the unitholders.

Under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*, puttable financial instruments meet the definition of a financial 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 year were as follows:

	Geared Australian Equity Fund				U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund			
	30 June 2023 Units '000	30 June 2022 Units '000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000	30 June 2023 Units '000	30 June 2022 Units '000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Net assets attributable to unitholders								
Opening balance	14,705	11,428	285,037	311,259	19,314	160,425	224,963	173,557
Applications	9,863	7,236	219,932	179,741	45,375	32,852	445,168	164,191
Redemptions	(8,200)	(4,100)	(200,622)	(113,439)	(30,075)	(17,700)	(310,397)	(141,905)
Consolidation of units	-	-	-	-	-	(156,263)	-	-
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	373	141	7,584	3,903	88	-	1,026	-
Distributions to unitholders	-	-	(18,743)	(45,151)	-	-	-	(21,737)
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-	112,544	(51,276)	-	-	(88,998)	50,857
Closing balance	16,741	14,705	405,732	285,037	34,702	19,314	271,762	224,963

	Geared U.S. Equity Fund			
	30 June 2023 Units '000	30 June 2022 Units '000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Net assets attributable to unitholders				
Opening balance	4,800	2,300	99,550	75,248
Applications	3,900	3,000	80,437	90,549
Redemptions	(2,700)	(500)	(59,453)	(12,909)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	10	-	205	-
Distributions to unitholders	-	-	-	(5,966)
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-	42,751	(47,372)
Closing balance	6,010	4,800	163,490	99,550

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.

The daily issues and redemptions of units are reviewed relative to the liquidity of the Funds' underlying assets on a daily basis by the Responsible Entity. 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.

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

	Geared Australian Equity Fund				U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund			
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2023	2023	2022	2022	2023	2023	2022	2022
	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU
Distributions								
Distribution paid - June	207	206.80	-	-	-	-	-	-
Distribution paid - December	14,337	94.69	14,948	127.97	-	-	-	-
Distribution payable - June	4,199	25.08	30,203	206.80	-	-	21,737	112.54
Total distributions	18,743	326.57	45,151	334.77	-	-	21,737	112.54

	Geared U.S. Equity Fund			
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2023	2023	2022	2022
	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU
Distributions				
Distribution paid - December	-	-	-	-
Distribution payable - June	-	-	5,966	124.29
Total distributions	-	-	5,966	124.29

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 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	
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss						
Listed securities	956,463	805,130	-	-	372,881	255,831
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	956,463	805,130	-	-	372,881	255,831

	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss						
Futures	-	-	16,527	4,602	-	-
Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	16,527	4,602	-	-

An overview of the fair value measurements relating to financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss is included in Note 12 to the financial statements.

6 Other receivables

	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Dividends receivable	4,413	3,464	-	-	-	-
GST receivable	121	213	89	62	59	46
Interest receivable	-	-	972	94	476	45
Applications receivable	20,814	2,144	606	-	-	-
Total other receivables	25,348	5,821	1,667	156	535	91

7 Other payables

	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Management fees payable	533	458	291	233	217	163
Recoveries fees payable	43	37	32	37	18	14
Other payables	34	31	1	-	2	-
Total other payables	610	526	324	270	237	177

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

	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
(a) Reconciliation of operating profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities						
Operating profit/(loss)	132,325	(47,402)	(87,074)	51,462	57,642	(44,688)
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(100,199)	81,890	91,398	(53,702)	(51,325)	28,371
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(506,899)	(494,028)	(82,385)	52,684	(232,638)	(244,726)
Proceeds from sales of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	490,164	332,564	2,912	1,447	166,913	123,528
Net (gains)/losses on foreign exchange	-	-	94	(356)	(376)	17,540
Movement in cash held on collateral	-	-	(7,698)	-	-	-
Net change in receivables and other assets	(857)	(658)	(905)	(85)	(444)	(60)
Net change in payables and other liabilities	84	-	54	44	60	72
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	14,618	(127,634)	(83,604)	51,494	(60,168)	(119,963)

(b) Non-cash financing and investing activities

During the year, the following distribution payments were satisfied by the issue of units under the distribution reinvestment plan

	7,584	3,903	1,026	-	205	-
	7,584	3,903	1,026	-	205	-

(c) Components of cash and cash equivalents

Cash as at the end of financial year as shown in the Statements of cash flows is reconciled to the Statements of financial position as follows:

Cash	-	-	284,793	278,448	149,920	114,452
Margin accounts	-	-	-	10,021	-	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	-	-	284,793	288,469	149,920	114,452

9 Borrowings

The custodian/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 PDSs 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.

10 Financial risk management

(a) Objectives, strategies, policies and processes

The Funds are exchange traded managed funds that primarily invest in a portfolio of securities listed on global financial markets as well as derivative instruments and cash and cash equivalents.

The Funds' activities expose them to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including price risk, foreign currency risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Funds use different methods to measure different types of risk to which they are exposed. Methods include sensitivity analysis in the case of price risk.

The Funds' overall risk management programs focus on ensuring compliance with the Funds' PDSs and seek to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Funds are exposed. Financial risk management is carried out by an investment manager under policies approved by the Board of Directors of the Responsible Entity (the Board).

The Board of Directors of the Responsible Entity has the overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Funds' risk management framework. The Funds' overall risk management programs focus on ensuring compliance with the Funds' PDSs and investment guidelines.

Compliance with the Funds' Product Disclosure Statements, Constitutions and investment guidelines are reported to the Board on a regular basis.

(b) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and other market prices will affect the Funds' income or the carrying value of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk. Included in the following analysis are tables that summarise the sensitivity of the operating profit and net assets attributable to unitholders to changes in market prices (e.g. equity prices, foreign exchange rates and interest rates). The analysis is based on reasonably possible movements in the specified risk variable with other variables held constant. Actual movements in the risk variables in any period may be greater or less than indicated. The market price risk information is intended to be a relative estimate of risk rather than a precise and accurate number. It represents a hypothetical outcome and is not intended to be predictive. The analysis is based on historical data and cannot take account of the fact that future market price movements (e.g. in times on market stress) may bear no relation to historical patterns.

(i) Price risk

The Funds are exposed to securities and derivatives price risk. This arises from investments held by the Funds for which prices in the future are uncertain. Securities and derivatives are classified in the statements of financial position as at fair value through profit or loss. All securities investments present a risk of loss of capital.

10 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk (continued)

(i) Price risk (continued)

The Funds' overall market positions are reported to the Board on a regular basis.

Sensitivity analysis

A 10% movement at the report date of the market prices attributable to the assets held by the Funds would have the following impact on the Funds' operating profit/(loss) and net assets attributable to unitholders. This analysis assumes that all other variables remain constant. The calculations include the impact of any derivatives that may be held by the Funds. It is assumed that the relevant change occurs at the balance date.

	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
+10% Price movement - impact on the Funds' operating profit/(loss) and net assets attributable to unitholders	95,646	72,800	(75,417)	(57,037)	37,288	24,137
-10% Price movement - impact on the Funds' operating profit/(loss) and net assets attributable to unitholders	(95,646)	(72,800)	75,417	57,037	(37,288)	(24,137)

(ii) Foreign currency risk

The Funds may hold monetary assets denominated in currencies other than the Australian dollar. Foreign exchange risk arises as the value of these financial assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates.

Betashares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund) is not exposed to significant risks from movements in foreign exchange rates as the Fund has no financial assets or liabilities denominated in foreign currencies.

U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund and Geared U.S. Equity Fund have exposure to assets/securities denominated in U.S. dollars. However, the Responsible Entity hedges such currency exposure with the objective of substantially offsetting the Fund's exposure to movements in the U.S. dollar. Therefore these Funds are expected to have a minimal exposure to foreign currency risk.

(iii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Interest rate risk is not considered to be significant to the Funds other than its cash holdings.

Interest bearing financial assets are exposed to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on their financial position and cash flows. Financial instruments with variable interest rates expose Funds to cash flow interest rate risk. Financial instruments with fixed interest rates expose Funds to fair value interest rate risk. The risk is measured using sensitivity analysis.

The main interest rate risk for these funds arises from their cash holdings, and for Funds that employ borrowing, from their loan obligations, in that a change in interest rates will directly impact the interest earned on long balances and payable on borrowings.

Geared Australian Equity Fund and Geared U.S. Equity Fund borrow to gear their investment exposure and are therefore exposed to interest rate risk. An increase in the Funds' costs of borrowing resulting from an increase in interest rates or an increase in the borrowing rates charged by the Funds' Prime Broker will have an impact on the Funds' profit from operating activities.

10 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk (continued)

(iii) Interest rate risk (continued)

The table below summarises the Funds' exposure to interest rate risks.

Betashares Geared Australian Equity	Floating	Fixed	Non interest	Total	Floating	Fixed	Non interest	Total
	interest rate	interest rate	bearing		interest rate	interest rate	bearing	
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets								
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	956,463	956,463	-	-	805,130	805,130
Other receivables	-	-	25,348	25,348	-	-	5,821	5,821
Liabilities								
Borrowings	(528,896)	-	-	(528,896)	(488,636)	-	-	(488,636)
Due to brokers - payables for securities purchased	-	-	(40,356)	(40,356)	-	-	(5,957)	(5,957)
Distributions payable	-	-	(4,199)	(4,199)	-	-	(30,203)	(30,203)
Interest payable	-	-	(2,018)	(2,018)	-	-	(592)	(592)
Other payables	-	-	(610)	(610)	-	-	(526)	(526)
	(528,896)	-	934,628	405,732	(488,636)	-	773,673	285,037
Betashares U.S. Equities Strong Bear								
	Floating	Fixed	Non interest	Total	Floating	Fixed	Non interest	Total
	interest rate	interest rate	bearing		interest rate	interest rate	bearing	
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	284,793	-	-	284,793	288,469	-	-	288,469
Cash held on collateral	-	-	7,698	7,698	-	-	-	-
Other receivables	-	-	1,667	1,667	-	-	156	156
Liabilities								
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	(16,527)	(16,527)	-	-	(4,602)	(4,602)
Borrowings	(5,286)	-	-	(5,286)	(37,013)	-	-	(37,013)
Distributions payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	(21,737)	(21,737)
Interest payable	-	-	(259)	(259)	-	-	(40)	(40)
Other payables	-	-	(324)	(324)	-	-	(270)	(270)
	279,507	-	(7,745)	271,762	251,456	-	(26,493)	224,963

10 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk (continued)

(iii) Interest rate risk (continued)

Betashares Geared U.S. Equity Fund	Floating	Fixed	Non interest	Total	Floating	Fixed	Non interest	Total
	interest rate	interest rate	bearing		interest rate	interest rate	bearing	
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	149,920	-	-	149,920	114,452	-	-	114,452
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	372,881	372,881	-	-	255,831	255,831
Other receivables	-	-	535	535	-	-	91	91
Liabilities								
Borrowings	(357,838)	-	-	(357,838)	(264,225)	-	-	(264,225)
Distributions payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,966)	(5,966)
Interest payable	-	-	(1,771)	(1,771)	-	-	(456)	(456)
Other payables	-	-	(237)	(237)	-	-	(177)	(177)
	(207,918)	-	371,408	163,490	(149,773)	-	249,323	99,550

Sensitivity analysis - Interest rate risk

The analysis is based on the assumption that interest rates increase or decrease by a "predetermined basis points" from the year end rates with all other variables held constant. The predetermined basis points for 30 June 2023 are noted in the table below (30 June 2022: 100bps). Management have considered the movements for each investment asset type to be reasonable given the Fund's economic environment.

	Impact on net assets attributable to unitholders					
	Currency	Sensitivity rate (basis points)	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
			30 June 2023	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2022
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Betashares Geared Australian Equity Fund	AUD	100	(5,289)	5,289	(4,886)	4,886
Betashares U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	AUD	100	2,795	(2,795)	2,515	(2,515)
Betashares Geared U.S. Equity Fund	AUD	100	(2,079)	2,079	(1,498)	1,498

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Funds.

(i) Cash and cash equivalents

The exposure to credit risk for cash and cash equivalents is considered low as the Funds only invest their assets into bank deposit accounts held with banks that are regulated in Australia by the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority as authorised deposit taking institutions, and all counterparties have a credit rating of at least A.

(ii) Settlement of securities transactions

All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered low, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligations.

10 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Credit risk (continued)

(iii) Other

The custody of the Funds' assets are mainly concentrated with one counterparty, namely Citigroup Pty Ltd. Citigroup Pty Ltd is a subsidiary of a company listed on a major securities exchange, and at 30 June 2023 had a credit rating of A by Standard & Poor's (S&P) (30 June 2022: "A" by S&P). At 30 June 2023, substantially all cash and cash equivalents, balances due from brokers and investments are held in custody by Citigroup Pty Ltd.

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities.

The Funds are exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. The Funds therefore primarily hold investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily realisable and the Funds maintain adequate liquidity to pay withdrawals and distributions when required.

Certain Funds may invest in derivative contracts traded over the counter, which are not traded in an organised market and may be illiquid. As a result, the Funds may not be able to quickly liquidate their investments in these instruments at an amount close to their fair value to meet their liquidity requirements or to respond to specific events such as deterioration in the creditworthiness of any particular issuer or counterparty.

The tables below analyse the Funds' derivative and non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the end of the reporting period to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

Geared Australian Equity Fund	On Demand	Less than 6 months	Greater than 6 months	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At 30 June 2023				
Borrowings	528,896	-	-	528,896
Due to brokers - payables for securities purchased	-	40,356	-	40,356
Distributions payable	-	4,199	-	4,199
Interest payable	-	2,018	-	2,018
Other payables	-	610	-	610
Total financial liabilities	528,896	47,183	-	576,079
	On Demand	Less than 6 months	Greater than 6 months	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At 30 June 2022				
Borrowings	488,636	-	-	488,636
Due to brokers - payables for securities purchased	-	5,957	-	5,957
Distributions payable	-	30,203	-	30,203
Interest payable	-	592	-	592
Other payables	-	526	-	526
Total financial liabilities	488,636	37,278	-	525,914

10 Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Liquidity risk (continued)

U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	On Demand	Less than 6 months	Greater than 6 months	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At 30 June 2023				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	16,527	-	16,527
Borrowings	5,286	-	-	5,286
Interest payable	-	259	-	259
Other payables	-	324	-	324
Total financial liabilities	5,286	17,110	-	22,396
	On Demand	Less than 6 months	Greater than 6 months	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At 30 June 2022				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	4,602	-	4,602
Borrowings	37,013	-	-	37,013
Distributions payable	-	21,737	-	21,737
Interest payable	40	-	-	40
Other payables	-	270	-	270
Total financial liabilities	37,053	26,609	-	63,662
	On Demand	Less than 6 months	Greater than 6 months	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Geared U.S. Equity Fund				
At 30 June 2023				
Borrowings	357,838	-	-	357,838
Interest payable	-	1,771	-	1,771
Other payables	-	237	-	237
Total financial liabilities	357,838	2,008	-	359,846
	On Demand	Less than 6 months	Greater than 6 months	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At 30 June 2022				
Borrowings	264,225	-	-	264,225
Distributions payable	-	5,966	-	5,966
Interest payable	-	456	-	456
Other payables	-	177	-	177
Total financial liabilities	264,225	6,599	-	270,824

11 Offsetting financial assets and liabilities

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

Agreements with the funding counterparty, BNP Paribas are based upon the Prime Broker Agreement. Under the terms of this arrangement, only when certain credit events occur (such as default), the net position owing to BNP Paribas, after taking into consideration the assets held by BNP Paribas, will be taken as owing and all the relevant arrangements terminated. As, except in the event of default, the relevant Funds do not have a legally enforceable right of set-off, these amounts have not been offset in the statements of financial position, but have been presented separately in the tables below:

	Effects of offsetting on the statement of financial position			Related amounts not offset in the statement of financial position		
	Gross amounts of financial assets/liabilities	Gross amounts set off in the statement of financial position	Net amount of financial assets/ (liabilities) presented in the statement of financial position	Financial instruments (including non-cash collateral)	Stock and cash held on collateral pledged	Net amount
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Geared Australian Equity Fund						
As at 30 June 2023						
Financial assets - listed securities	956,463	-	956,463	-	-	956,463
Financial liabilities - borrowings	(528,896)	-	(528,896)	-	-	(528,896)
Total	427,567	-	427,567	-	-	427,567
As at 30 June 2022						
Financial assets - listed securities	805,130	-	805,130	-	-	805,130
Financial liabilities - borrowings	(488,636)	-	(488,636)	-	-	(488,636)
Total	316,494	-	316,494	-	-	316,494
U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund						
As at 30 June 2023						
Financial liabilities - futures	(16,527)	-	(16,527)	-	16,527	-
Financial liabilities - borrowings	(5,286)	-	(5,286)	-	268,266	262,980
Total	(21,813)	-	(21,813)	-	284,793	262,980
As at 30 June 2022						
Financial liabilities - futures	(4,602)	-	(4,602)	-	-	(4,602)
Financial liabilities - borrowings	(37,013)	-	(37,013)	-	288,469	251,456
Total	(41,615)	-	(41,615)	-	288,469	246,854

11 Offsetting financial assets and liabilities (continued)

	Effects of offsetting on the statement of financial position			Related amounts not offset in the statement of financial position		
	Gross amounts of financial assets/liabilities	Gross amounts set off in the statement of financial position	Net amount of financial assets/ (liabilities) presented in the statement of financial position	Financial instruments (including non-cash collateral)	Stock and cash held on collateral pledged	Net amount
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Geared U.S. Equity Fund						
As at 30 June 2023						
Financial assets - listed securities	372,881	-	372,881	-	-	372,881
Financial liabilities - borrowings	(357,838)	-	(357,838)	-	149,920	(207,918)
Total	15,043	-	15,043	-	149,920	164,963
As at 30 June 2022						
Financial assets - listed securities	255,831	-	255,831	-	-	255,831
Financial liabilities - borrowings	(264,225)	-	(264,225)	-	114,452	(149,773)
Total	(8,394)	-	(8,394)	-	114,452	106,058

12 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 held 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 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 Note 2. 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.

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

12 Fair value measurements (continued)

Fair value estimation (continued)

(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.

(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 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022.

		Geared Australian Equity Fund							
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
		30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
		2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets									
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss									
Listed securities		956,463	-	-	956,463	804,317	-	813	805,130
Total assets		956,463	-	-	956,463	804,317	-	813	805,130
		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund							
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
		30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
		2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial liabilities									
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss									
Futures		16,527	-	-	16,527	4,602	-	-	4,602
Total liabilities		16,527	-	-	16,527	4,602	-	-	4,602
		Geared U.S. Equity Fund							
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
		30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
		2023	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022	2022
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets									
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss									
Listed securities		372,881	-	-	372,881	255,831	-	-	255,831
Total assets		372,881	-	-	372,881	255,831	-	-	255,831

12 Fair value measurements (continued)

Fair value estimation (continued)

(iv) Transfers between levels

There were no transfers between levels during the year ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022.

(v) Movement in level 3 instruments

The following table presents the movement in level 3 instruments for the year ended 30 June 2023 by the class of financial instrument.

	Listed securities \$'000	Total \$'000
Geared Australian Equity Fund		
Opening balance	-	-
Purchases	999	999
Sales	(59)	(59)
Gains/(losses) recognised in the statement of comprehensive income	(127)	(127)
Closing balance - 30 June 2022	813	813
Opening balance	813	813
Purchases	-	-
Sales	-	-
Gains/(losses) recognised in the statement of comprehensive income	(813)	(813)
Closing balance - 30 June 2023	-	-
Total unrealised gains/(losses) for the year included in the statement of comprehensive income for financial assets and liabilities held at the end of the year	(813)	(813)

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 30 June 2023.

Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)

As at 30 June 2023, 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 12 (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	\$'000
As at 30 June 2023			
Listed securities	-	Last market price	-

12 Fair value measurements (continued)

Fair value estimation (continued)

(v) *Movement in level 3 instruments (continued)*

Valuation inputs and relationships to fair value (continued)

Geared Australian Equity Fund			Range of inputs (probability- weighted average)	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value \$'000
Description	Fair value \$'000	Unobservable inputs		
As at 30 June 2022				
Listed securities	813	Last market price	10%/(10%)	81/(81)

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 12 (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 redemption price for individual units) due to differences in valuation inputs. This difference is not material in the current period.

13 Derivative financial instruments

U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund

In the normal course of business the Fund enters into transactions in certain derivative financial instruments with certain risks. A derivative is a financial instrument or other contract which is settled at a future date and whose value changes in response to the change in a specified interest rate, financial instrument price, commodity price, foreign exchange rate, index of prices or rates, credit rating or credit index or other variable.

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

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

- hedging to protect an asset or liability of the Fund against a fluctuation in market values or to reduce volatility;
- a substitution for trading of physical securities;
- adjusting asset exposures within the parameters set in the investment strategy, and adjusting the duration of fixed interest portfolios or the weighted average maturity of cash portfolios.

13 Derivative financial instruments (continued)

The Fund holds the following derivatives:

Futures

Futures are contractual obligations to buy or sell financial instruments on a future date at a specified price established in an organised market. The futures contracts are collateralised by cash or marketable securities. Changes in futures contracts' values are usually settled net daily with the exchange. Interest rate futures are contractual obligations to receive or pay a net amount based on changes in interest rates at a future date at a specified price, established in an organised financial market.

The Fund's derivative financial instruments and contractual notional amounts, converted to Australian dollar at year end are detailed below:

U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	Contract/ notional \$'000	Assets \$'000	Liabilities \$'000
As at 30 June 2023			
Futures	(754,166)	-	16,527
Total	(754,166)	-	16,527
As at 30 June 2022			
Futures	(570,368)	-	4,602
Total	(570,368)	-	4,602

14 Auditor's remuneration

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the Funds. Audit fees were borne by the Responsible Entity.

	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
	30 June 2023 \$	30 June 2022 \$	30 June 2023 \$	30 June 2022 \$	30 June 2023 \$	30 June 2022 \$
KPMG						
Audit and other assurance services						
Audit and review of financial reports	4,982	4,982	7,529	7,529	7,529	7,529
Audit of compliance plan	1,230	1,230	1,230	1,230	1,230	1,230
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	6,212	6,212	8,759	8,759	8,759	8,759

15 Related party transactions

Responsible Entity

The Responsible Entity of the Funds is Betashares Capital Ltd (ABN 78 139 566 868), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Betashares Financial Group Pty Ltd.

Related party unitholdings

All transactions with related parties are conducted on normal terms and conditions. From time to time the Responsible Entity or its director-related entities may invest or withdraw from the Fund. These applications or redemptions are on the same terms and conditions as those entered into by other fund investors and are trivial and domestic in nature.

15 Related party transactions (continued)

Related party unitholdings (continued)

Parties related to the Funds, including the Responsible Entity, its affiliates or other schemes managed by the Responsible Entity, held no units in the Funds during the financial year.

Investments

The Funds did not hold any investments in other schemes managed by the Responsible Entity or its related parties.

Key management personnel

The Funds do not employ personnel in their own right. However, the Funds are required to have an incorporated Responsible Entity to manage the activities and this is considered to be key management personnel. The directors of the Responsible Entity, which are key management personnel of the Responsible Entity, during or since the end of the financial year are:

(a) Directors

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

(b) Other key management personnel

There were no other persons with responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Funds, directly or indirectly during the year.

Responsible Entity fees and other transactions

The Responsible Entity's fees are calculated in accordance with the Funds' Constitutions. The Responsible Entity's fees comprise of a management fee and (if applicable) expense recoveries (after taking account of GST and reduced input tax credits), which are calculated as a percentage of the gross/net asset value of the Funds and are disclosed in the statements of comprehensive income.

The following table discloses the Responsible Entity's fees for 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022:

Fund	Basis for calculation	Management fee	Expense recoveries
		%	%
Geared Australian Equity Fund	Gross asset value	0.74	0.06
U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	Net asset value	1.19	0.19
Geared U.S. Equity Fund	Gross asset value	0.74	0.06

The related party transactions during the year and amounts payable at year end were as follows:

	Geared Australian Equity Fund		U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund		Geared U.S. Equity Fund	
	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Management fees expensed to the Responsible Entity	6,515,263	5,562,399	3,463,103	2,343,205	2,274,786	1,829,274
Management fees payable to the Responsible Entity as at the reporting date	532,743	458,376	290,559	232,791	216,700	163,376
Expense recoveries expensed to the Responsible Entity	528,265	451,005	334,895	347,954	192,235	154,587
Expense recoveries payable to the Responsible Entity as at the reporting date	43,195	37,166	31,742	37,168	18,313	13,806

16 Events occurring after the reporting period

No significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period which would impact on the financial position of the Funds disclosed in the statements of financial position as at 30 June 2023 or on the results and cash flows of the Funds for the year ended on that date.

17 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets and liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2023 (2022: nil).

Directors' declaration

Betashares Capital Ltd presents 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 financial statements and notes set out on pages 6 to 32 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Funds' financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of their performance for the financial 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; and
- (c) Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards and Interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Alex Vynokur
Director

Sydney
22 September 2023



Independent Auditor's Report

To the respective unitholders of the following 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)

For the purpose of this report, the term Scheme and Schemes denote the individual and distinct entity for which the financial information is prepared and upon which our audit is performed. Each is to be read as a singular subject matter.

Opinions

We have audited each of the **Financial Reports** of the Schemes.

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Report of each Scheme is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of that Scheme's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- complying with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

The **Financial Reports** of the individual Schemes comprise:

- Statements of financial position as at 30 June 2023;
- Statements of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- Statements of changes in equity, and Statements of cash flows for the year then ended;
- Notes including a summary of significant accounting policies; and
- Directors' Declaration made by the Directors of Betashares Capital Limited (the Responsible Entity).

Basis for opinions

We conducted our audits in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audits of the Financial Reports* section of our report.

We are independent of the Schemes and the Responsible Entity in accordance with 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 audits of the Financial Reports in Australia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Key Audit Matters

Key Audit Matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our respective audits of the



Financial Reports of each Scheme in the current period.

These matters were addressed in the context of our audits of each of the Financial Reports as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

The **Key Audit Matter** we identified for Betashares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund) and Betashares Geared U.S. Equity Fund - Currency Hedged (hedge fund) is:

- Valuation and existence of financial instruments.

The **Key Audit Matter** we identified for Betashares U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund - Currency Hedged and Betashares Geared U.S. Equity Fund – Currency Hedged (hedge fund) is:

- Existence of cash and cash equivalents and cash held on collateral.

Valuation and existence of financial instruments (Betashares Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund) \$956,463,000, Betashares Geared U.S. Equity Fund - Currency Hedged (hedge fund) \$372,881,000).

Refer to Note 5 to the Financial Report

The key audit matter

How the matter was addressed in our audit

Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss comprise investments in listed securities and derivatives (“investments”).
The Scheme outsources

Our procedures included:

- We assessed the appropriateness of the accounting policies applied by the Scheme, including those relevant to the fair value of investments, against the

certain processes and controls relevant to:

- Executing transactions as instructed by the Responsible Entity and recording and valuing investments to the Scheme administrator;
- Maintaining custody and underlying records of investments to the custodian;

Valuation and existence of investments is a key audit matter due to the:

- Size of the Scheme’s portfolio of investments. These investments represent a significant percentage of the Scheme’s total assets at year end; and
- Importance of the performance of these investments in driving the Scheme’s investment income and capital performance, as reported in the Financial Report.

As a result, this was the area with greatest effect on our

requirements of the accounting standards.

- We obtained and read the Scheme’s Service Provider’s ASAE 3402 Assurance Reports on Controls at a Service Organisation and GS007 (Guidance Statement 007 Audit Implications of the Use of Service Organisations for Investment Management Services) assurance reports to understand the processes and assess the controls relevant to the:
 - Scheme administrator – to execute transactions, record and value the Scheme’s investments;
 - Custodian – to maintain custody and underlying records of the Scheme’s investments;
- We obtained and read the custodians bridging letter over the period not covered by the ASAE 3402 and GS007 assurance reports. We have checked that there were no instances of non-compliance over controls in place at the service provider.
- We assessed the reputation, professional competence and independence of the auditors of the ASAE 3402 and GS007 assurance

<p>overall audit strategy and allocation of resources in planning and performing our audit.</p>	<p>reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We checked the existence of investments, being the ownership and quantity held to external sources such as independent confirmations for derivative investments as at 30 June 2023. We checked the valuation of investments, as recorded in the general ledger, to independently sourced prices as at 30 June 2023. <p>We evaluated the Scheme’s disclosures of investments, using our understanding obtained from our testing, against the requirements of the accounting standards.</p>
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Existence of cash and cash equivalents (Betashares U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund- Currency Hedged \$284,793,000, Betashares Geared U.S. Equity Fund - Currency Hedged (hedge fund) \$149,920,000).	
Existence of cash held on collateral (Betashares U.S. Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund- Currency Hedged \$7,698,000).	
The key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
<p>Cash and cash equivalents and cash held on collateral comprise deposits held at call with financial institutions (“cash”).</p> <p>The Scheme outsources certain processes and controls relevant to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recording cash transactions to the Scheme administrator; Maintaining custody and underlying records of cash balances to the custodian; <p>Existence of cash is a key audit matter due to the size of the Scheme’s portfolio of cash. These cash balances represent a significant percentage of the Scheme’s</p>	<p>Our procedures included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We obtained and read the Service Provider’s ASAE 3402 <i>Assurance Reports on Controls at a Service Organisation</i> and GS007 (<i>Guidance Statement 007 Audit Implications of the Use of Service Organisations for Investment Management Services</i>) assurance reports to understand the processes and assess the controls relevant to the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Custodian – to maintain custody and underlying records of the Scheme’s cash balances. We obtained and read the custodians’ bridging letter over the period not covered by the ASAE 3402 and GS007 assurance reports. We have checked that there were no instances of non-compliance over controls in place at the service



<p>total assets at year end.</p> <p>As a result, this was the area with greatest effect on our overall audit strategy and allocation of resources in planning and performing our audit.</p>	<p>provider.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We assessed the reputation, professional competence and independence of the auditors of the ASAE 3402 and GS007 assurance reports. <p>We requested independent confirmations from the relevant financial institutions of the balance of the deposits held at call for the Scheme at 30 June 2023 and checked to the Scheme’s cash balances, as recorded in the general ledger.</p>
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Other Information

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in the respective Scheme’s annual reporting which is provided in addition to the Financial Reports and the Auditor’s Report. The Directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinions on the Financial Reports do not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audits of the Financial Reports, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Reports or our knowledge obtained in the audits, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material

misstatement of this Other Information, and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor’s Report we have nothing to report.

Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Reports

The Directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for:

- preparing the Financial Reports that give a true and fair view in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Act 2001*;
- implementing necessary internal controls to enable the preparation of a Financial Report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- assessing the Scheme’s ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the respective Scheme or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor’s responsibilities for the audits of the Financial Reports

Our objective is:

- to obtain reasonable assurance about whether each of the Financial Reports as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- to issue an Auditor’s Report that includes our opinions.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.



Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the Financial Reports.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audits of the Financial Reports is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar2_2020.pdf. This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.


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Nicholas Buchanan

Partner

Sydney

22 September 2023