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#### Directors' report

The directors of Melbourne Securities Corporation Limited (ACN 160 326 545, AFSL 428 289), (the "Responsible Entity") of abrdn International Equity Fund (the "Scheme"), present their report together with the financial statements of the Scheme for the year ended 30 June 2025 and the auditor's report thereon.

#### **Responsible Entity**

The registered office and principal place of business of the Responsible Entity and the Scheme is Level 2, 395 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000.

The directors of Melbourne Securities Corporation Limited during the period 1 July 2024 to date of this report were as follows:

Michael Fleming Matthew Fletcher Steven O'Connell Ruth McClelland Shelley Brown

#### **Principal activities**

The Scheme is a registered managed investment scheme domiciled in Australia.

The Scheme continued to invest and trade in international equity securities, in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme's Constitution.

The overall investment objective of the Scheme is to provide investors with high capital growth over the medium to long term by seeking exposure to companies listed on securities exchanges around the world. The Scheme aims to outperform the MSCI All Countries World Accumulation Index (ex Australia) unhedged in 5 years or more.

The Scheme did not have any employees during the year.

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

#### Review and results of operations

#### Results

The performance of the Scheme, as represented by the results of its operations, was as follows:

	Year e	Year ended	
	30 June	30 June	
	2025	2024	
Operating profit/(loss) (\$'000)	1,842	3,800	
Distributions			
Distributions paid/payable(\$'000) Distributions (cents per unit)	<u>5,748</u> 9.08	5,090 7.87	

#### Interest of the Responsible entity

The following fees were paid and payable to the Responsible Entity from the Scheme during the financial year:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
Management fees for the year incurred by the Scheme	345	357
Valuation of assets		
	As	at
	30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
Value of total Scheme assets as at 30 June	33,759	37,824

The basis for valuation of the Scheme's assets is disclosed in Note 2, Note 3 and Note 4 to the financial statements.

#### Significant changes in the state of affairs

In the opinion of the Responsible Entity, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Scheme that occurred during the financial year.

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

As the investments are measured at their 30 June 2025 fair values in the financial report, any change in values subsequent to the end of the reporting year is not reflected in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income or the Statement of Financial Position. There has been no change to the implementation of the investment strategy as set out in the Fund's product disclosure statement since of the end of the period.

The directors of Melbourne Securities Corporation Limited resolved to terminate the Scheme effective 30 September 2025. Assets will be realised and the Scheme will pay the final redemption proceeds effective 30 September 2025 with final balances settled on 10 October 2025 completing the termination of the Scheme.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

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

#### Likely developments and expected results of operations

The Scheme will continue to pursue its policy of increasing returns through active investment selection.

The results of the Scheme's operations may be affected by a number of factors, including the performance of investment markets in which the Scheme invests. 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.

#### Indemnity and insurance premiums of officers and auditors

#### Indemnity

Since the end of the previous financial year the Scheme has not been indemnified or made a relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability, any person who is or has been an officer of the Responsible Entity or an auditor of the Scheme.

#### Insurance Premiums

During the financial year, the Responsible Entity paid a premium under a contract insuring each director of the Scheme against liability incurred in their respective capacities. Disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium is prohibited by the confidentiality clause as stated in the insurance contract. The Responsible Entity has not provided any insurance to a related corporate body or to an auditor of the Scheme.

#### **Environmental regulation**

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

#### **Directors' report (continued)**

#### Auditor's independence declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 6 and forms part of the director's report for the year ended 30 June 2025.

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

Shelley Brown Director

24 September 2025



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

To the Directors of Melbourne Securities Corporation Limited, the Responsible Entity of abrdn International Equity Fund

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of abrdn International Equity Fund for the financial year ended 30 June 2025 there have been:

- 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.

**KPMG** 

Nic Buchanan

Partner

Sydney

24 September 2025

#### Statement of comprehensive income

		Year ended		
		30 June	30 June	
		2025	2024	
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	
Investment income				
Interest income		26	35	
Distribution and dividend income		450	653	
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	6	1,909	4,108	
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)		(21)	. 1	
Other operating income		` 1	54	
Total net investment income	_	2,365	4,851	
	_		,	
Expenses				
Management fees	15	345	357	
Transaction costs		39	22	
Other receivables written off	5	_	603	
Withholding tax expense	· ·	139	69	
Total operating expenses	_	<del></del>	1,051	
Total operating expenses	_		1,001	
Profit/(loss) from operating activities		1,842	3,800	
Tons (1000) from operating activities	_	1,042	0,000	
Finance costs				
Distributions to unitholders	9	(5,748)	(5,090)	
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders	8	3,906	1,290	
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Profit/(loss)		_		
1 10114 (1000)	_	<del>_</del> _	<u></u>	
Other comprehensive income		_		
·	_	<u> </u>		
Total comprehensive income	_		<del>_</del>	

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

#### Statement of financial position

		at	
	Notes	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
Annata	notes	\$'000	\$'000
Assets Cash and cash equivalents	10	222 36	434 125
Receivables Applications receivable	13	1	123
Balances due from brokers		1	_
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7 _	33,499	37,255
Total assets	_	33,759	37,824
Liabilities			
Payables	14	55	92
Redemptions payable		113	135
Distributions payable	9	3,075	2,881
Balances due to brokers	_	1	_
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)	_	3,244	3,108
Net assets attributable to unitholders - liability	8 _	30,515	34,716

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

#### Statement of changes in equity

The Scheme's net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as a liability under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation.* As such, the Scheme has no equity and no changes in equity have been presented for the current or comparative year.

#### Statement of cash flows

	Year ended		
		30 June	30 June
		2025	2024
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments		21,453	11,197
Payments for purchase of financial instruments		(15,808)	(8,214)
Distributions and dividends received		461	645
Other income received		83	18
Interest received		26	35
GST received		28	27
Management fees paid		(414)	(352)
Withholding tax paid		(139)	(69)
Transaction costs paid		(39)	(22)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	11(a) _	5,651	3,265
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Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from applications by unitholders		1,859	2,828
Payments for redemptions by unitholders		(4,840)	(4,917)
Distributions paid		(2,882)	(2,175)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	_	(5,863)	(4,264)
,	_		
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(212)	(999)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		434	1,435
Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		_	(2)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	10	222	434
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The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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#### 1 General information

This annual financial report covers abrdn International Equity Fund (the "Scheme") as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of the Scheme is MSC Australia Limited (ABN 59 002 123 364) ("the Responsible Entity"). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 2, 395 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000. These financial statements are presented in Australian currency.

The Scheme is a registered managed investment scheme under the *Corporations Act 2001*. In accordance with the Scheme's Constitution, it commenced on 30 October 2003 and will terminate on the day immediately preceding the 80th anniversary of its commencement date, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme's Constitution (as amended).

The Scheme continued to invest and trade in international equity securities in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme's Constitution.

The overall investment objective of the Scheme is to provide investors with high capital growth over the medium to long term by seeking exposure to companies listed on securities exchange around the world. The Scheme aims to outperform the MSCI All Countries World Accumulation Index (ex Australia) unhedged.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 23 September 2025. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

#### 2 Summary of material accounting policies

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

#### (a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia. The abrdn International Equity Fund is a for-profit Scheme for the purpose of preparing the financial report.

As the Scheme will be terminated on 30 September 2025, the going concern basis of preparation is no longer appropriate and the financial report has been prepared on a basis other than going concern.

The change in basis of preparation has resulted in no impact on the classification and measurement of the assets and liabilities of the Scheme. No additional provisions have been recognised in relation to the costs expected to be incurred in winding up the Scheme as at 30 June 2025.

The statement of financial position is 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.

The Scheme manages financial assets based on the economic circumstances at any given point in time, as well as to meet any liquidity requirements. As such, it is expected that a portion of the portfolio will be realised within 12 months, however, an estimate of that amount cannot be determined as at reporting date.

In the case of net assets attributable to unitholders, the units are redeemable on demand at the unitholder's option. However, holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term. As such, the amount expected to be settled within 12 months cannot be reliably determined.

(i) Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

The financial report of the Scheme complies with IFRS and interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

(ii) New Standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 July 2025 and have not been early adopted

A number of new accounting standards, amendments and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2025 reporting period and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements.

#### (a) Basis of preparation (continued)

(ii) New Standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 July 2025 and have not been early adopted (continued)

Most of these are not expected to have a material impact on the financial statement of the fund. However, management is still in the process of assessing the impact of the new standard AASB 18 which was issued in June 2024 and replaces AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*.

#### (b) Financial instruments

- (i) Classification
- · Financial assets

The Scheme classifies its investments based on its business model for managing those financial assets and their contractual cash flow characteristics. The Scheme's portfolio of financial assets is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Scheme's documented investment strategy, together with other related financial information.

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

For equity securities, the contractual cash flows of these instruments do not represent solely payments of principal and interest. Consequently, these investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

For cash and cash equivalents, due from brokers and receivables, these assets are held in order to collect the contractual cash flows and the contractual terms of these assets give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Consequently, these are measured at amortised cost.

- · Financial liabilities
- Derivative contracts that have a negative fair value are presented as liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

For financial liabilities that are not classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss, these are classified as financial liabilities at amortised cost (distributions payable, due to brokers, management fees payable and other payables).

#### (ii) Recognition and derecognition

The Scheme recognises financial assets and financial liabilities on the date it becomes party to the contractual agreement (trade date) and recognises changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities from this date.

Investments are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Scheme has transferred substantially all risk and rewards of ownership.

#### (iii) Measurement

At initial recognition, the Scheme measures financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. Transaction costs on financial assets and financial liabilities carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income.

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

Further details on how the fair value of financial instruments is determined are disclosed in Note 4 to the financial statements.

#### (iv) Offsetting financial instruments

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

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under AASBs, e.g. for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions, such as gains and losses from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

#### (c) 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 are classified as financial liabilities as the Scheme is required to distribute its distributable income. The units can be put back to the Scheme at any time for cash based on the redemption price. The carrying value of redeemable units is measured as the redemption amount that is payable (based on the redemption unit price) at the end of the reporting period if unitholders exercised their right to put the units back to the Scheme.

Under AASB 132 *Financial instruments: Presentation*, puttable financial instruments are classified as equity where certain strict criteria are met. The units issued by the Scheme did not meet the criteria as they have contractual obligations to distribute and they do not have identical features and therefore have been classified as a liability.

#### (d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises current deposits with banks. Cash equivalents are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investment or other purposes. Cash equivalents are interest bearing accounts and interest received is distributed.

Securities purchased under agreements to resell (reverse repurchase agreements) are reported not as purchases of the securities, but as receivables and are carried in the statement of financial position at amortised cost.

#### (e) Interest income

Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost is recognised on a time-proportionate basis using the effective interest method and includes interest from cash and cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are interest bearing accounts and interest received is distributed.

#### (f) Distribution and dividend income

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

Trust distributions are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as distribution income when declared.

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

#### (g) Expenses

All expenses, including management fees are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on an accrual basis.

#### (h) Foreign exchange gains and losses

Foreign exchange gains and losses on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss are recognised together with other changes in the fair value. Included in the statement of comprehensive income line item, net changes in financial instruments at fair value through profit and loss are net foreign exchange gains and losses on monetary financial assets and financial liabilities.

#### (i) Income tax

Under current legislation, the Scheme is not subject to income tax provided the taxable income of the Scheme is fully distributed either by way of cash or reinvestment (i.e. unitholders are presently entitled to the income of the Scheme).

Financial instruments at fair value may include unrealised capital gains. Should such a gain be realised, that portion of the gain that is subject to capital gains tax will be distributed so that the Scheme is not subject to capital gains tax.

#### (j) Distributions

In accordance with the Scheme's Constitution, the Scheme fully distributes its distributable (taxable) income, and any other amounts determined by the Responsible Entity, to unitholders by cash or reinvestment. The distributions are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as finance costs attributable to unitholders. Distributions paid are included in cash flows from financing activities in the statement of cash flows.

#### (k) Change in net assets attributable to unitholders

Income not distributed is included in the statement of comprehensive income as change in net assets attributable to unitholders.

#### (I) Foreign currency translation

#### (i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the Scheme's 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 Scheme competes for funds and is regulated. The Australian dollar is also the Scheme's 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. Material foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translations at year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

The Scheme does not isolate that portion of gains or losses on securities that are measured at fair value through profit or loss, and which is due to changes in foreign exchange rates from that which is due to changes in the market price of securities. Such fluctuations are included with the net gains or losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

#### (m) Balances due from/to brokers

These amounts represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted but not yet delivered by the end of the reporting period. Trades are recorded on trade date, and normally settled within three business days. A provision for impairment is established when it is expected that the Scheme will not be able to collect all amounts in full. The due from brokers balances is held for collection and consequently measured at amortised cost which is described in Note 2(n) receivables.

#### (n) Receivables

Receivables may include amounts for interest, dividends and trust distributions. Dividends and trust distributions are accrued when the right to receive payment is established. Where applicable, interest is accrued on a daily basis. Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recorded as receivables.

#### (o) Payables

Payables include liabilities and accrued expenses owing by the Scheme which are unpaid as at the end of the reporting period.

The distribution amount payable to unitholders as at the end of each reporting period is recognised separately on the statement of financial position when unitholders are presently entitled to the distributable income as declared under the Scheme's Constitution.

#### (p) Applications and redemptions

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

#### (q) Goods and services tax (GST)

The GST incurred on the costs of various services provided to the Scheme by third parties such as investment management fees have been passed on to the Scheme. The Scheme qualifies for Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC) hence investment management fees and other expenses have been recognised in the statement of comprehensive income net of the amount of GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO is included in receivables in the statement of financial position. Cash flows relating to GST are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis.

#### (r) Use of estimates

The Scheme makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. Estimates 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.

For the majority of the Scheme's financial instruments, quoted market prices are readily available.

Other financial instruments, including amounts receivable/payable for securities sold and purchased, accounts payable and accrued expenses, the carrying amounts approximate fair value due to the immediate or short-term nature of these financial instruments. Further details on how the fair values of financial instruments are measured are disclosed in Note 4.

Expected credit loss did not have a material impact on the Scheme. Please see Note 3 for more information on credit risk.

#### (s) Rounding of amounts

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

#### 3 Financial risk management

The Scheme's activities expose it to a variety of risks: market risk (including price risk, currency risk and interest rate risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and operational risk.

The Scheme's overall risk management program focuses on ensuring compliance with the Scheme's Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) and seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Scheme is exposed. Compliance with the Scheme's PDS requirements are monitored, and results are reported periodically to senior management and the Scheme's Compliance Committee.

The Scheme uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods include sensitivity analysis in the case of price risk and currency risks.

While geopolitical events have caused uncertainty and market volatility during the period, the Responsible Entity has continued to follow its established policies and process in managing risk and determining the fair value of the financial assets and liabilities as at reporting date. No changes were required to the principles used in applying the fair value measurement hierarchy to financial assets and liabilities held. Financial assets and liabilities continue to be classified in a manner which reflects the significance and observability of the inputs used in their valuation.

#### (a) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that losses may result from adverse movements in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, equity prices, commodity prices and other market metrics. The Scheme's level of market risk is predominantly defined by potential changes in the values of financial instruments in response to movements in the markets. A typical transaction may be exposed to a number of different market risks.

#### (i) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will change because of movements in market prices. The Scheme's investments are in international equity securities with the result that the Scheme is exposed to direct price risk from market movements that may result in changes in the Scheme's investments.

The Investment Manager aims to mitigate price risk through diversification and a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within specified limits. Between 90% and 100% of the net assets attributable to unitholders are invested in international equity securities.

The table in Note 3(b) summarises the impact of an increase/decrease of the MSCI All Countries World Accumulation Index (ex Australia) on the Scheme's net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024. The analysis is based on the assumptions that the index increased/decreased by 15% (2023: 15%) with all other variables held constant and that the fair value of the Scheme's portfolio of equity securities and derivatives moved according to the historical correlation with the index. The impact mainly arises from the possible change in the fair value of listed equities.

#### (ii) Currency risk

Currency risk is the change to the value of Australian dollar, relative to other currencies. Primarily the Scheme's investments are all in listed international shares denominated in local currencies. As a result, the Scheme is directly exposed to movements in foreign exchange rates as well as indirectly exposed to movements in the individual currencies of the underlying investments.

Currency hedging of the Schemes may vary between 0-50%.

#### 3 Financial risk management (continued)

#### (a) Market risk (continued)

#### (ii) Currency risk (continued)

The table below summarises the Scheme's main assets and liabilities that are denominated in a currency other than the Australian dollar.

	30 June 2025			
	US	Swiss		British
	Dollars	Franc	Euro	Pounds
	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000
Cash and cash equivalents	2	_	_	_
Receivables	1	_	9	_
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	20,244	_	5,256	2,107
Balances due to brokers	(1)	_	· -	· -
	20,246		5,265	2,107
		30 June 20	24	
	US	Swiss		British
	Dollars	Franc	Euro	Pounds
	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000	A\$'000
Cook and cook assistants	1			
Cash and cash equivalents	4 10	- 87	_ 12	_
Receivables	· ·	- ·	•=	
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	17,218	2,195	7,440	2,032
Balances due to brokers		<del></del>		
	17,232	2,282	7,452	2,032

The Scheme also holds investments to the value of \$5,909,970.15 in other currencies (30 June 2024: \$8,384,539). These currencies are individually less than 10% of the net assets attributable to unitholders (30 June 2024: 10%).

The table in Note 3(b) summarises the impact of an increase/decrease of movements in the foreign exchange rates by 10% on the Scheme's net assets attributable to unitholders and profit/(loss) from operating activities at 30 June 2025 (30 June 2024:10%).

#### (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. The Scheme invests mainly in listed international shares denominated in currencies other than Australian dollars which are non-interest bearing and as such the Scheme is not exposed to significant levels of interest rate risk.

The Scheme holds cash for liquidity and transactional purposes and this cash is held at floating interest rates. As a result, the Scheme is subject to a limited exposure to interest rate risks due to fluctuations in the levels of market interest rates.

There are no other significant interest risk exposures. Compliance with the relevant policies is monitored and reported to senior management and the Compliance Committee on a regular basis.

#### 3 Financial risk management (continued)

#### (b) Summarised sensitivity analysis

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Scheme's operating profit and net assets attributable to unitholders to price risk and currency risk. The Scheme has little to no sensitivities to interest rate risk. The reasonably possible movements in the risk variables have been determined based on management's best estimate, having regard to a number of factors, including historical levels of changes in price and foreign exchange rates, historical correlation of the Scheme's investments with the relevant benchmark and market volatility. However, actual movements in the risk variables may be greater or less than anticipated due to a number of factors, including unusually large market shocks resulting from changes in the performance of the economies, markets and securities in which the Scheme invests. As a result, historic variations in risk variables are not a definitive indicator of future variations in the risk variables.

			Price Risk					
			Impact of	on operating p	rofit/Net asse	ets attributabl	e to unithold	ers
			-	-15%			+15%	
			(MSCI All Countries Asia Accumulation Index (ex Australia))					)
			•	\$'000			\$'000	-
30 June 2025				5,025			(5,025)	
30 June 2024				5,588			(5,588)	
		lmnac	t on operating	Currenc profit/Net as	,	blo to unithol	dore	
	10%	-10%	10%	-10%	10%	-10%	10%	-10%
	British	British	US	US	Swiss	Swiss	10 /0	-1070
	Pounds	Pounds	Dollars	Dollars	Franc	Franc	Euro	Euro
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
30 June 2025	(192)	234	(1,841)	2,250	-	-	(479)	585
30 June 2024	(185)	226	(1,567)	1,915	(207)	254	(677)	828

#### (c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the possibility of loss being incurred as the result of a borrower or counterparty failing to meet its financial obligations. In the event of a default, an investor generally incurs a loss equal to the amount owed by the debtor, less any recoveries resulting from foreclosure, liquidation of the collateral or restructuring of the obligation.

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts when they fall due. The Scheme is exposed to counterparty credit risk on cash and cash equivalents and receivables for securities sold. None of these assets are impaired nor past due but not impaired. The exposure to credit risk for cash and cash equivalents and call deposits is low as all counterparties engaged with are investment grade or higher. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Scheme.

The maximum exposure to credit risk for assets other than fair value through profit or loss at the end of the reporting period is the carrying amount of the financial assets. There are no other significant credit risk exposures. Compliance with the relevant policies are monitored and reported to senior management and the Compliance Committee on a regular basis.

#### (d) Liquidity risk

The Scheme is exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. Therefore, it primarily holds equity securities that can be traded in an active market and can be readily disposed. It invests only a limited proportion of its assets in investments not actively traded on major international stock exchanges. To support this activity, the Scheme may, from time to time, invest in exchange traded derivative contracts.

As a result, the Scheme is normally able to quickly liquidate its investments in these instruments at an amount close to their fair value to meet its liquidity requirements or to respond to specific events such as a deterioration in the creditworthiness of any particular issuer.

#### 3 Financial risk management (continued)

#### (d) Liquidity risk (continued)

The relevant policies are to hold up to 10% of the net assets attributable to unitholders in cash. Compliance with the relevant policies is monitored and reported to senior management and the Compliance Committee on a regular basis.

The table below analyses the Scheme's financial liabilities into relevant maturity buckets based on the remaining period to the earliest possible contractual maturity date at the end of the reporting period. The amounts in the table are contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-6 months \$'000	6-12 months \$'000	Over 12 months \$'000	No stated maturity \$'000
As at 30 June 2025					
Payables	55	_	_	_	_
Balances due to brokers	1	_	_	_	_
Redemptions payable	113	_	_	_	_
Distributions payable	3,075	_	_	_	_
Net assets attributable to unitholders	30,515	_	_	_	_
Total liabilities	33,759				
As at 30 June 2024					
Payables	92	_	_	_	_
Redemptions payable	135	_	_	_	_
Distributions payable	2,881	_	_	_	_
Net assets attributable to unitholders	34,716	_	_	_	_
Total liabilities	37,824				

#### (e) Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the Responsible Entity's processes, personnel, technology and infrastructure, and from external factors other than credit, market and liquidity risks such as those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of corporate behaviour. Operational risks arise from all of the Scheme's operations.

The objective of the Responsible Entity of the Scheme is to manage operational risk so as to balance the avoidance of financial losses and damage to its reputation with overall cost effectiveness and to avoid control procedures that restrict initiative and creativity.

#### 4 Fair value measurement

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

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (see Note 7)

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

AASB 13 requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value 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).

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

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. For the majority of its investments, the Scheme relies on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of its investments.

The quoted market price used for financial assets and liabilities 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.

An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

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

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

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

The fair value of derivatives that are not exchange traded is estimated as the amount that the Scheme would receive or pay to terminate the contract at the end of the reporting period taking into account the current market conditions (volatility and appropriate yield curve) and the current creditworthiness of the counterparties. The fair value of a forward contract is determined as a net present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at appropriate market rates as at the valuation date.

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

#### 4 Fair value measurement (continued)

#### Recognised fair value measurement

The table below presents the Scheme's financial assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value as at 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024.

As at 30 June 2025	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Listed equity securities Total	33,499 33,499	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	33,499 33,499
As at 30 June 2024	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Listed equity securities Total	37,255 37,256		<u>-</u>	37,255 37,256

#### (i) Transfer between levels

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

There were no transfers between the levels for the year ended 30 June 2025 and year ended 30 June 2024. There were also no changes made to any of the valuation techniques applied as of 30 June 2025.

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

The Scheme did not hold any financial instruments with fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs during the year ended 30 June 2025 or year ended 30 June 2024.

#### (iii) 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.

There were no investments classified as level 3 within the Scheme for the year ended 30 June 2025 and year ended 30 June 2024.

#### (iv) Financial instruments not measured at fair value

The carrying value less impairment provision of other receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values due to their short term nature.

#### 5 Other receivables written off

In 2024, a decision was made to write-off withholding tax receivables of \$603,497. This was due to the aged nature of the individual claims.

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#### 6 Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

Net gains/(losses) recognised in relation to financial instruments at fair value through profit and loss:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
Financial assets	\$'000	\$'000
Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,909	4,108
Total net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	1,909	4,108
7 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
	As	at
	30 June	30 June
	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000

An overview of the risk exposures relating to financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss is included in Note 3.

#### 8 Net assets attributable to unitholders

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

As stipulated within the Scheme's Constitution, each unit represents a right to an individual share in the Scheme and does not extend to a right to the underlying assets of the Scheme.

The Scheme classifies the net assets attributable to unitholders as financial liability as the puttable financial instruments do not satisfy all the criteria set out under AASB 132 (refer to Note 2(c)).

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

	Year ended			
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	No. '000	No. '000	\$'000	\$'000
Opening balance	69,095	68,451	34,716	35,942
Applications	3,555	5,374	1,850	2,811
Redemptions	(9,328)	(9,127)	(4,818)	(4,956)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	6,079	4,397	2,673	2,209
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders			(3,906)	(1,290)
Closing balance	69,401	69,095	30,515	34,716

#### Capital risk management

Listed equity securities

The Scheme considers its net assets attributable to unitholders as capital, notwithstanding net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as a financial liability. The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Scheme is subject to daily applications and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders.

Daily applications and redemptions are reviewed relative to the liquidity of the Scheme's underlying assets on a daily basis by the Responsible Entity. Under the terms of the Scheme Constitution, 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.

#### 9 Distributions to unitholders

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

	Year ended			
	30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2025 CPU	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2024 CPU
Distributions reinvested (30 June)	2,673	9.08	2.209	5.72
Distributions payable (30 June) Total distributions	3,075 5,748	9.08	2,881 5,090	5.72

#### 10 Cash and cash equivalents

	AS at	
	30 June	30 June
	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash and cash equivalents	222	434
·	222	434

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

	Year ended	
	30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
(a) Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities Profit/(loss) from operating activities Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss Net foreign exchange (gains)/losses Net change in receivables Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	1,842 21,453 (15,808) (1,909) 21 89 (37) 5,651	3,800 11,197 (8,214) (4,108) (1) 559 32 3,265
(b) Non-cash financing activities  During the year, the following distribution payments were satisfied by the issue of units under the distribution reinvestment plan	2,673 2,673	2,209 2,209

#### 12 Remuneration of the auditors

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditors of the Scheme:

	Year ended	
	30 June	30 June
	2025	2024
Audit and non audit comices I/DMC	\$	\$
Audit and non audit services - KPMG		
Audit services		
Audit of financial report	11,929	16,689
Total remuneration - KPMG	11,929	16,689
Audit and non audit services - Moore Australia		
Audit services		
Audit of compliance plan	3,150	3,000
Total remuneration - Moore Australia	3,150	3,000

Auditors' remuneration for the Scheme is paid by the Responsible Entity, and has not been re-charged to the Scheme.

#### 13 Receivables

	As at	
	30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
Distributions and dividends receivable GST receivables Other receivables	13 10 13 36	24 6 95 125

#### 14 Payables

	As a	As at	
	30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	
Management fees payable	<u>55</u> 55	92 92	

#### 15 Related party transactions

#### **Responsible Entity**

The Responsible Entity of the Scheme is MSC Australia Limited (ABN 59 002 123 364).

The directors of Melbourne Securities Corporation Limited during the year and up to the date of this report are as follows:

Michael Fleming Matthew Fletcher Steven O'Connell Ruth McClelland Shelley Brown

#### Other key management personnel

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

#### Key management personnel unitholdings

At 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024 no key management personnel held units in the Scheme.

#### Key management personnel compensation

The Scheme does not employ personnel in its own right. However, it is required to have an incorporated Responsible Entity to manage the activities of the Scheme and this is considered the Key Management Personnel (the "KMP"). The directors of the Responsible Entity are KMP of that company and have been disclosed above.

The Responsible Entity is entitled to a management fee which is calculated as a proportion of net assets attributable to unitholders.

No compensation is paid to directors or directly by the Scheme to any KMP of the Responsible Entity.

#### Key management personnel loan disclosures

The Scheme has not made, guaranteed or secured, directly or indirectly, any loans to the key management personnel or their personally related entities at any time during the reporting period.

#### 15 Related party transactions (continued)

#### Other transactions within the Scheme

From time to time directors of the Responsible Entity, or their related entities, may invest in or withdraw from the Scheme. These investments or withdrawals are on the same terms and conditions as those entered into by other Scheme investors.

Apart from those details disclosed in this note, no directors have entered into a material contract with the Scheme since the end of the previous financial year and there were no material contracts involving directors' interests existing at year end.

#### Responsible Entity's/ Investment Manager's fees and other transactions

Under the terms of the Scheme's Constitution and the current Product Disclosure Statement for the Scheme, the Responsible Entity is entitled to receive management fees monthly of up to 0.9800% per annum (2024: 0.9800%) of the net asset value of the Scheme.

All related party transactions are conducted on normal commercial terms and conditions. The transactions during the year and amounts payable at year end between the Scheme and the Responsible Entity were as follows:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
Management fees for the year incurred by the Scheme	\$ 345,168	\$ 357,042
Management fees for the year payable by the Scheme	55,133	91,692

#### Related party unitholdings

Parties related to the Scheme (including the Responsible Entity, its related parties and other schemes managed by the Responsible Entity), did not hold any units in the Scheme in 2025 and 2024.

Investments

The Scheme did not hold any investments in the Responsible Entity or its related parties during the year (2024: Nil).

#### 16 Events occurring after the reporting period

As the investments are measured at their 30 June 2025 fair values in the financial report, any change in values subsequent to the end of the reporting year is not reflected in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income or the Statement of Financial Position. There has been no change to the implementation of the investment strategy as set out in the Fund's product disclosure statement since of the end of the period.

The directors of Melbourne Securities Corporation Limited resolved to terminate the Scheme effective 30 September 2025. Assets will be realised and the Scheme will pay the final redemption proceeds effective 30 September 2025 with final balances settled on 10 October 2025 completing the termination of the Scheme.

No other significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period which would impact the financial position of the Scheme disclosed in the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025 or on the results and cash flows of the Scheme for the year ended on that date.

#### 17 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024.

#### Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of Melbourne Securities Corporation Limited, the Responsible Entity of abrdn International Equity Fund (the "Scheme"):

- (a) The financial statements and notes set out on pages 7 to 27 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - giving a true and fair view of the Scheme's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance, for the financial year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Regulation 2001; and
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Scheme will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The directors draw attention to Note 2(a) to the financial statements, which includes a statement of compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors of Melbourne Securities Corporation Limited:

Shelley Brown Director

24 September 2025



# Independent Auditor's Report

#### To the unitholders of abrdn International Equity Fund

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the *Financial Report* of abrdn International Equity Fund (the Scheme).

In our opinion, the accompanying *Financial Report* of abrdn International Equity Fund (the Scheme) gives a true and fair view, including of the Scheme's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, in compliance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

The *Financial Report* comprises the:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025
- Statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended, Statement of changes in equity, and Statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- Notes, including material accounting policies
- Directors' Declaration made by the Directors of Melbourne Securities Corporation Limited (the Responsible Entity).

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit 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 opinion.

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

We are independent of the Scheme and Melbourne Securities Corporation Limited (the Responsible Entity) in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and the relevant ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code). We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

We draw attention to note 2(a) of the Financial Report, which indicates that the Financial Report has been prepared on a basis other than going concern. The Financial Report is prepared on a basis other than going concern following a resolution to terminate the Scheme made by the Board of Directors of the Responsible Entity. The Scheme will be terminated on 30 September 2025. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



#### **Other Information**

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in abrdn International Equity Fund 's annual report which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. The Directors of Melbourne Securities Corporation Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the Financial Report does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

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 Report

The Directors of Melbourne Securities Corporation Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for:

- Preparing the Financial Report in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including giving a true
  and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Scheme, and in compliance with
  Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001
- Implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report in
  accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including giving a true and fair view of the financial
  position and performance of the Scheme, and that is free from material misstatement, whether
  due to fraud or error
- 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 Scheme or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objective is:

- to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with *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 this Financial Report.



A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report is located at the *Auditing and Assurance Standards Board* website at:

https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

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Nic Buchanan

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Partner Sydney

24 September 2025

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