

Macquarie Asset Management - Feeder Funds Booklet - Equities 3

Annual financial report - 30 June 2024

Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)

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Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund

ARSN 091 486 912

Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund

ARSN 119 853 566

Macquarie Master Balanced Fund

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This financial report covers Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged), Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund, Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund and Macquarie Master Balanced Fund as individual entities.

The Responsible Entity of Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged), Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund, Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund and Macquarie Master Balanced Fund is Macquarie Investment Management Australia Limited (ABN 55 092 552 611). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 1, 1 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

Directors' Report

30 June 2024

The directors of Macquarie Investment Management Australia Limited ("MIMAL" or the "Responsible Entity"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Macquarie Group Limited and the Responsible Entity of Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged), Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund, Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund and Macquarie Master Balanced Fund (individually the "Trust", collectively the "Trusts"), present their report together with the financial report of the Trusts for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Trusts is to invest in unlisted unit trusts in accordance with their respective Constitution.

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

Directors

The following persons held office as directors of MIMAL during the year ended 30 June 2024 or since the end of the financial year and up to the date of this report:

M Aubrey (resigned 01/10/2023)

C Berger

K Gray (appointed 01/10/2023)

V Malley (appointed 23/10/2023)

G Stephens

B Terry

Review and results of operations

During the year, the Trusts were managed in accordance with the investment objective and strategy set out in the respective Trust's offer document and in accordance with their respective Constitution.

The performance of the Trusts, as represented by the results of their operations, was as follows:

	Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)		Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund		Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund		Macquarie Master Balanced Fund	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Profit/(loss) for the year attributable to unitholders (\$'000)	445,924	208,572	26,306	35,863	47,861	22,586	6,338	6,099
Distributions paid or payable (\$'000)	101,670	71,520	10,889	16,178	10,910	10,060	7,833	465
Distribution per unit (in cents)	5.38	4.80	5.46	6.47	9.18	10.84	18.41	0.84

Significant changes in state of affairs

In the opinion of the directors, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Trusts that occurred during the financial year under review.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

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

Directors' Report

30 June 2024

Likely developments and expected results of operations

The Trusts will continue to be managed in accordance with the investment objective and strategy set out in the respective Trust's offer document and in accordance with their respective Constitution.

The results of the Trusts' operations will be affected by a number of factors, including the performance of investment markets in which the Trusts 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.

Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors

No insurance premiums are paid for out of the assets of the Trusts in regards to insurance cover provided to either the officers of the Responsible Entity or the auditor of the Trusts. Under the respective Trust's Constitution, the Responsible Entity of the Trusts is entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Trusts for any liability incurred by it in properly performing its duties or exercising any of its powers in relation to the Trusts.

Fees paid to and units held in the Trusts by the Responsible Entity or its associates

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its associates out of the Trusts' property during the year are disclosed in Note 7 of the financial statements.

No fees were paid out of the Trusts' property to the directors of the Responsible Entity during the year (2023: Nil).

The number of units in the Trusts held by the Responsible Entity, its directors or its associates as at the end of the year are disclosed in Note 7 of the financial statements.

Units in the Trusts

The movement in units of the Trusts during the year is disclosed in Note 4 of the financial statements.

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

Environmental regulations

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

Rounding of amounts

In accordance with *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Corporations (Rounding in Financial/ Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*, amounts in the directors' report and the financial report have been rounded to the nearest thousand Australian dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

Multi-fund booklet

The relief available in *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Corporations (Related Scheme Reports) Instrument 2015/839* has been applied in the directors' report and the financial report, combining information related to multiple Trusts. In accordance with that, information related to each included Trust has been readily identified and amounts for each included Trust are presented in the adjacent columns in this report.

Directors' Report

30 June 2024

Auditor's independence declaration

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

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

Director: 

B Terry

Sydney

18 September 2024

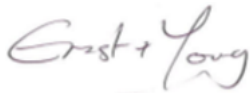
Auditor's independence declaration to the directors of Macquarie Investment Management Australia Limited as Responsible Entity of

- Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)
- Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund
- Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund
- Macquarie Master Balanced Fund

referred to collectively as the Trusts.

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of the Trusts for the financial year ended 30 June 2024, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit;
- b. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit; and
- c. No non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Ernst & Young



Darren J Handley-Greaves
Partner
18 September 2024

Statements of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

		Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)		Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund		Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund		Macquarie Master Balanced Fund	
		2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Income/(loss)									
Interest income		96	—	1	—	29	—	2	—
Distribution income	7	144,147	88,104	14,491	15,843	9,058	9,893	7,528	1,073
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss		327,207	137,157	11,541	19,952	37,653	12,369	(1,014)	5,229
Fee rebates	7	—	—	1,249	1,179	3,354	2,524	472	537
Total income/(loss)		471,450	225,261	27,282	36,974	50,094	24,786	6,988	6,839
Expenses									
Management fees	7	(25,526)	(16,689)	(976)	(1,111)	(2,233)	(1,681)	(650)	(740)
Performance fees	7	—	—	—	—	—	(519)	—	—
Total expenses		(25,526)	(16,689)	(976)	(1,111)	(2,233)	(2,200)	(650)	(740)
Profit/(loss) for the year attributable to unitholders	4	445,924	208,572	26,306	35,863	47,861	22,586	6,338	6,099
Other comprehensive income for the year		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to unitholders		445,924	208,572	26,306	35,863	47,861	22,586	6,338	6,099

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

Statements of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2024

		Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)		Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund		Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund		Macquarie Master Balanced Fund	
		2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets									
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,226	1,467	12	15	762	529	73	51
Applications receivable		1,294	543	—	—	648	344	1	—
Due from underlying unit trusts	7	46,041	42,686	639	630	3,328	2,886	7,542	2,136
Fee rebates receivable	7	—	—	290	305	940	717	114	126
Other receivables		352	441	—	—	—	—	13	4
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	6	2,420,457	1,617,742	176,997	218,936	427,196	314,224	59,482	71,228
Total assets		2,469,370	1,662,879	177,938	219,886	432,874	318,700	67,225	73,545
Liabilities									
Redemptions payable		15,255	9,143	285	84	752	407	318	28
Distributions payable		53,092	33,872	379	496	4,296	3,267	6,585	—
Management fees payable	7	5,144	3,422	226	265	628	478	158	174
Withholding tax payable		2	2	—	—	1	1	—	—
Other payables		—	—	6	2	21	9	—	—
Total liabilities		73,493	46,439	896	847	5,698	4,162	7,061	202
Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity	4	2,395,877	1,616,440	177,042	219,039	427,176	314,538	60,164	73,343

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

Statements of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)		Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund		Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund		Macquarie Master Balanced Fund	
		2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the year		1,616,440	979,649	219,039	228,900	314,538	200,300	73,343	84,743
Comprehensive income/(loss) for the year									
Profit/(loss) for the year attributable to unitholders	4	445,924	208,572	26,306	35,863	47,861	22,586	6,338	6,099
Other comprehensive income		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		445,924	208,572	26,306	35,863	47,861	22,586	6,338	6,099
Transactions with unitholders in their capacity as owners									
Applications	4	687,975	671,523	2,039	1,166	161,327	155,138	548	1,206
Redemptions	4	(297,635)	(201,489)	(69,732)	(46,052)	(87,655)	(55,419)	(12,860)	(18,284)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	4	44,843	29,705	10,279	15,340	2,015	1,993	628	44
Distributions	4	(101,670)	(71,520)	(10,889)	(16,178)	(10,910)	(10,060)	(7,833)	(465)
Total transactions with unitholders in their capacity as owners		333,513	428,219	(68,303)	(45,724)	64,777	91,652	(19,517)	(17,499)
Total equity at the end of the year	4	2,395,877	1,616,440	177,042	219,039	427,176	314,538	60,164	73,343

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

Statements of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)		Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund		Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund		Macquarie Master Balanced Fund	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities:								
Proceeds related to financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	121,238	101,490	70,554	47,929	43,989	19,456	15,808	21,454
Payments related to financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	(455,954)	(533,107)	(2,592)	(1,546)	(110,692)	(111,621)	(2,963)	(3,697)
Interest received	96	–	1	–	29	–	2	–
Fee rebates received	–	–	1,268	1,159	3,143	2,335	484	562
Management fees paid	(23,715)	(14,543)	(1,015)	(1,134)	(2,083)	(1,528)	(666)	(773)
Performance fees paid	–	–	–	–	–	(641)	–	–
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	9(a) (358,335)	(446,160)	68,216	46,408	(65,614)	(91,999)	12,665	17,546
Cash flows from financing activities:								
Proceeds from applications by unitholders	687,224	670,980	2,039	1,166	161,023	154,794	547	1,206
Payments for redemptions made to unitholders	(291,523)	(194,633)	(69,531)	(45,981)	(87,310)	(55,307)	(12,570)	(18,461)
Distributions paid to unitholders	(37,605)	(31,156)	(727)	(1,601)	(7,864)	(7,286)	(620)	(480)
Withholding tax paid	(2)	–	–	–	(2)	(1)	–	–
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	358,094	445,191	(68,219)	(46,416)	65,847	92,200	(12,643)	(17,735)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(241)	(969)	(3)	(8)	233	201	22	(189)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,467	2,436	15	23	529	328	51	240
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	5 1,226	1,467	12	15	762	529	73	51
Non-cash financing activities	9(b) 44,843	29,705	10,279	15,340	2,015	1,993	628	44

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

1 General information

This financial report covers Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged), Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund, Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund and Macquarie Master Balanced Fund (individually the "Trust", collectively the "Trusts") as individual entities. The Trusts are registered managed investment schemes domiciled in Australia. The Trusts did not have any employees during the years ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023. The financial report of the Trusts is presented in Australian dollars, which is also the functional currency of the Trusts. The respective Trust's Constitution dates are as follows:

- Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged) - 6 January 1995
- Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund - 15 February 1988
- Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund - 22 May 2006
- Macquarie Master Balanced Fund - 6 January 1995

The Responsible Entity of the Trusts is Macquarie Investment Management Australia Limited ("MIMAL" or the "Responsible Entity"). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 1, 1 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

The Investment Manager of the Trusts is Macquarie Investment Management Global Limited ("MIMGL" or the "Investment Manager").

The respective Trust's Constitution allows the Attribution Managed Investment Trust ("AMIT") tax regime to apply to the Trust. The Trusts met the AMIT eligibility criteria for the tax years ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023. Consequently, the Responsible Entity is not contractually obligated to pay distributions to the unitholders and the units in the Trusts are classified as equity (see Note 2(d), Note 2(l) and Note 4).

In addition, disclosures applicable to certain Trusts are as below:

- **Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)**

The Trust is classified as an investment entity as it meets the definition of an investment entity and has the typical characteristics of an investment entity. Hence, there is no requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements for the Trust, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards Board ("AASB") framework. These financial statements are the only financial statements prepared for the Trust (see Note 2(e) and Note 7(b)).

- **Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund**

The parent and the ultimate parent of the Trust is Macquarie Balanced Growth Fund.

The Trust is classified as an investment entity as it meets the definition of an investment entity and has the typical characteristics of an investment entity. Hence, there is no requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements for the Trust, in accordance with the AASB framework. These financial statements are the only financial statements prepared for the Trust (see Note 2(e) and Note 7(b)).

- **Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund**

The Trust is classified as an investment entity as it meets the definition of an investment entity and has the typical characteristics of an investment entity. Hence, there is no requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements for the Trust, in accordance with the AASB framework. These financial statements are the only financial statements prepared for the Trust (see Note 2(e) and Note 7(b)).

The Trusts will continue to be managed in accordance with the investment objective and strategy set out in the respective Trust's offer document and in accordance with their respective Constitution.

The financial statements of the Trusts were authorised for issue by the directors on 18 September 2024. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

2 Summary of material 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 financial years presented, unless otherwise stated in this note.

(a) Basis of preparation

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia. The Trusts are for-profit trusts for the purpose of preparing financial statements.

The financial report is prepared on the basis of 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 do not distinguish between current and non-current items. All of the Trusts' assets and liabilities are either held for trading or are expected to be realised within twelve months.

The Trusts' financial assets and financial liabilities are held at fair value through profit or loss and are managed 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 respective Trust's portfolio will be realised within twelve months, however, an estimate of that amount cannot be reliably determined as at the reporting date.

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified to be consistent with current period disclosures.

Critical accounting estimates and significant judgements

The Responsible Entity makes estimates and assumptions, and uses judgements, to ensure that the reported amounts of assets and liabilities are in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards for the financial report. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

For the exchange traded financial instruments quoted market prices are readily available. However, certain financial instruments, for example, over-the-counter derivatives and unquoted securities are fair valued using valuation techniques. Where valuation techniques (for example, pricing models) are used to determine fair values, they are validated and periodically reviewed by experienced personnel of the Responsible Entity, independent of the area that created them. Models are calibrated by back-testing to actual transactions to ensure that outputs are reliable.

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

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

Changes to accounting standards and interpretations

There are no new accounting standards, amendments or interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on 1 July 2023 that have a material impact on the financial statements of the Trusts. In addition, there are no other standards, amendments or interpretations issued but not yet effective that are expected to have a material impact on the Trusts' financial statements.

Other developments

The International Sustainability Standards Board published the following sustainability reporting standards which are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024 with earlier application permitted as long as both standards are applied.

- IFRS S1 *General Requirements of Sustainability-related Financial Information*, which sets out the overall requirements for sustainability-related financial disclosures, and
- IFRS S2 *Climate-related disclosures*, which will require the disclosure of information that enables the unitholders to understand the Trusts' governance, strategy, risk management, and targets in relation to climate-related risk and opportunities.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

Other developments (continued)

In Australia, the proposed sustainability standards and related legislation have been issued during the year for exposure and comment. The Responsible Entity acknowledges the growing importance of sustainability-related disclosures and will continue to assess the reporting obligations arising from these standards.

Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards

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

(b) Financial instruments

(i) Classification

The Trusts manage their investments on a fair value basis. All other assets and liabilities are carried at amortised cost. These are classified as below:

- *Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")*

The Trusts classify their investments based on both their respective business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Trusts are primarily focussed on fair value information, and use that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions in accordance with the Trusts' documented investment strategy.

The Trusts' investments in equity securities and unlisted unit trusts are measured at fair value through profit or loss. For any investment in debt securities, the contractual cash flows are solely principal and interest, however they are neither held for collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Trusts' business models' objective. Consequently, the debt securities are also measured at fair value through profit or loss.

In addition, the derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Derivative financial instruments are recognised as assets when their fair value is positive and as liabilities when their fair value is negative. The Trusts do not designate any securities as hedges in a hedging relationship.

- *Financial assets held at amortised cost*

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost, if it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold to collect contractual cash flows and the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that represent solely payment of principal and interest.

The Trusts may hold short-term receivables at amortised cost.

- *Financial liabilities*

A financial liability is measured at FVTPL if it meets the definition of held for trading. Derivative contracts that have a negative fair value are also included in this category.

Financial liabilities, other than those measured at FVTPL, are measured at amortised cost. These may include short-term payables.

(ii) Recognition/derecognition

The Trusts recognise financial assets and financial liabilities on the date they become party to the contractual agreement (trade date).

Financial assets are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the investments has expired or when the Trusts have disposed the investments and transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liabilities is discharged, cancelled or has expired.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial instruments (continued)

(iii) Measurement

- *Financial instruments held at FVTPL*

Financial assets and financial liabilities held at FVTPL are measured initially at fair value excluding any transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability. Transaction costs on financial instruments held at FVTPL are expensed immediately in the statements of comprehensive income.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial instruments held at FVTPL are measured at fair value, with changes in their fair value recognised as net gains or losses on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss in the statements of comprehensive income.

Fair value in an active market

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on their quoted market prices as at the reporting date without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. Financial assets are priced at current bid prices, while financial liabilities are priced at current ask prices.

Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market

The fair value of financial instruments 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 reasonable estimate of the market prices.

Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on the Responsible Entity's best estimates and discount rate at the reporting date applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions.

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

The fair value of derivative financial instruments that are not exchange traded is estimated at the amount that the Trusts would receive or pay to terminate the contract as at the reporting date taking into account current market conditions (volatility and appropriate yield curve) and the current creditworthiness of the counterparties.

Investments in unlisted unit trusts are recorded at the redemption value per unit as reported by the managers of such trusts.

Details on how the fair value of financial instruments is determined are disclosed in Note 8(e).

- *Financial instruments held at amortised cost*

Financial assets and liabilities, other than those classified as FVTPL, are initially measured at fair value adjusted by transaction costs and subsequently amortised using the effective interest rate ("EIR") method.

The EIR is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or a financial liability and of allocating and recognising the interest income or interest expense in the statements of comprehensive income over the life of a financial asset or a financial liability. The EIR is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts throughout the expected life of the financial instrument, or a shorter period where applicable, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or liability.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial instruments (continued)

(iii) Measurement (continued)

- *Impairment*

The Expected Credit Loss ("ECL") requirements for the Trusts apply to financial assets measured at amortised cost. The Trusts apply a three-stage approach (Stage I - 12 month ECL, Stage II - Lifetime ECL not credit impaired and Stage III - Lifetime ECL credit impaired) to measure ECL based on changes in the financial asset's underlying credit risk and includes forward-looking and macro-economic information. The 12 month ECL is the portion of lifetime ECL that results from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date. ECL is modelled as the product of the probability of default, the loss given default and the exposure at default.

(iv) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statements of financial position if, and only if, 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 financial asset and settle the financial liability simultaneously.

(c) Repurchase agreements

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase at a specified future date are not derecognised from the statements of financial position as the Trusts retain substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

Under repurchase agreements, the Trusts sell securities that they hold with an agreement to repurchase the same security at an agreed upon price and date. Amounts received from sold securities under repurchase agreements are reflected as a financial liability. Interest payments are recorded as a component of interest expense. The Trusts may receive a fee for the use of the security by the counterparty, which may result in interest income to the Trusts.

A repurchase agreement involves the risk that the market value of the security sold by the Trusts may decline below the repurchase price of the security. The Trusts segregate assets determined to be liquid or otherwise to cover their obligations under repurchase agreements.

(d) Net assets attributable to unitholders

Units are redeemable at the unitholders' option based on the redemption price, however, applications and redemptions may be suspended by the Responsible Entity if it is in the best interests of the unitholders. The value of redeemable units is measured at the redemption amount that is payable (based on the redemption unit price) as at the reporting date if unitholders exercised their right to redeem their units.

Under AASB 132 *Financial instruments: Presentation*, puttable financial instruments are classified as equity where certain criteria are met. The Trusts classify the net assets attributable to unitholders as equity as they satisfy all of the following criteria:

- (i) the puttable financial instrument entitles the holder to a pro-rata share of net assets in the event of the Trusts' liquidation;
- (ii) the puttable financial instrument is in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments and class features are identical;
- (iii) the puttable financial instrument does not include any contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset, or to exchange financial instruments with another entity under potentially unfavourable conditions to the Trusts, and it is not a contract settled in the Trusts' own equity instruments; and
- (iv) the total expected cash flows attributable to the puttable financial instrument over the life are based substantially on the profit or loss of the Trusts over the life of the instrument.

(e) Investment entity and subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all those entities over which the Trusts have control evidenced by the power to direct the relevant activities of the entity, exposure or rights to significant variable returns and the ability to utilise power to affect the Trusts' own returns. The determination of control is based on current facts and circumstances and is continuously assessed.

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2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(e) Investment entity and subsidiaries (continued)

The Trusts have power over an entity when they have existing substantive rights that give it the current ability to direct the entity's relevant activities. Relevant activities are those activities that significantly affect the entity's returns. The Trusts evaluate whether they have the power to direct the relevant activities. The Trusts also consider the entity's purpose and design. If the Trusts determine that they have power over an entity, the Trusts then evaluate whether they have exposure or rights to variable returns that, in aggregate, are significant. All variable returns are considered including, but not limited to, debt or equity investments, guarantees, liquidity arrangements, variable fees and certain derivative contracts.

The Trust may hold investment in an unlisted unit trust which is classified as an investment in a subsidiary. The Responsible Entity has determined that the Trust qualifies as an investment entity due to following factors:

- The Trust obtain and manage funds for the purpose of providing investors of the Trust with investment management services;
- The Trust's business purpose is to gain from appreciation in the value of its investments; and
- The Trust's investments are managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis.

The Trusts also meet all the other typical characteristics of an investment entity. Hence, there is no requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements for the Trusts, in accordance with the AASB framework. These financial statements are the only financial statements prepared for the Trusts (see Note 7(b)).

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at fair value through profit or loss in the financial statements of the Trusts.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the statements of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and deposits held at call with financial institutions. Cash equivalents include 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, which 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. Bank overdrafts, if any, are considered as cash and cash equivalents. However, these are disclosed under liabilities on the statements of financial position.

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 Trusts' main income generating activity.

(g) Cash collateral receivable/payable

Cash collateral receivable/payable comprises cash paid/received as collateral for over-the-counter derivative transactions and is receivable from/payable to the counterparty.

(h) Margin accounts

Margin accounts comprise cash held with brokers for derivative transactions. The cash is only available to meet margin calls.

(i) Income

The Trusts may have the following income which are recognised as below:

- Interest income is recognised in the statements of comprehensive income using the EIR method for all financial instruments that are not held at fair value through profit or loss. Interest income on assets held at FVTPL is included in the net gains or losses on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss.
- Distribution income is received from the underlying unit trusts. This is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.
- Dividend income is recognised on the ex-dividend date, when the right to receive payment is established, with any related withholding tax recorded separately as an expense in the statements of comprehensive income. Any portion of withholding tax, which is reclaimable, is disclosed net of withholding tax expense in the statements of comprehensive income and recognised under other receivables in the statements of financial position.

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2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(i) Income (continued)

- Fee rebates from the Responsible Entity are recognised in the statements of comprehensive income on an accruals basis.
- Gains or losses arising from changes in fair value of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in accordance with the policies described in Note 2(b).

(j) Expenses

All expenses, including management fees and performance fees, as applicable, are recognised in the statements of comprehensive income on an accruals basis.

(k) Income tax

Under current legislation, the Trusts are not subject to income tax as income of the Trusts is attributed to the unitholders.

Financial instruments held at FVTPL 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 attributed to unitholders so that the Trusts are not subject to capital gains tax.

Realised capital losses are not attributed to unitholders but are retained in the Trusts to be offset against any realised capital gains. If realised capital gains exceed realised capital losses, the excess is distributed to unitholders.

The Trusts may incur withholding tax imposed by certain countries on investment income. Such income is recorded gross of withholding tax, and withholding tax is recognised as an expense in the statements of comprehensive income.

The benefits of imputation credits and tax paid are generally passed on to unitholders.

(l) Distributions to unitholders

In accordance with the respective Trust's Constitution, distributions to unitholders are determined by the Responsible Entity of the Trusts. The Responsible Entity attributes the Trusts' income to unitholders on a fair and reasonable basis, however, the Responsible Entity does not have a requirement under the respective Trust's Constitution to distribute the Trusts' income to unitholders. Distributions to unitholders in the form of cash or reinvestments, are recognised in the statements of changes in equity.

(m) Foreign currency translation

(i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the Trusts' 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 Trusts compete for funds and are regulated. The Australian dollar is also the Trusts' 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 as at the reporting date exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statements of comprehensive income.

The Trusts do not isolate that portion of gains or losses on securities and derivative financial instruments that are measured at FVTPL 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 held at FVTPL.

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2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(n) Due from/to underlying unit trusts

Amounts due from/to underlying unit trusts may include outstanding redemption proceeds receivable from and application money payable to the underlying unit trusts. The amounts are recognised as receivable/payable once the redemption/application notice has been made by the Trusts to the underlying unit trusts and is recognised at the fair value of the underlying unit trusts at the date of redemption/application.

(o) Due from/to brokers

Amounts due from/to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not delivered as at the reporting date.

(p) Receivables

Receivables include assets and accrued income owing to the Trusts which have not been received as at the reporting date. Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recorded as receivables.

- Interest is accrued at the reporting date from the time of last payment in accordance with the policy set out in Note 2(i). Interest receivable on assets held at FVTPL is included as part of the financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss in the statements of financial position.
- Distribution income and dividend income are accrued when the right to receive payment is established.
- Fee rebates receivable from the Responsible Entity is recognised in the statements of financial position on an accruals basis.

(q) Payables

Payables may include liabilities and accrued expenses owing by the Trusts which are unpaid as at the reporting date.

The amount payable to unitholders towards redemption of units and distributions as at the reporting date is recognised separately in the statements of financial position.

The withholding tax payable as at the reporting date is recognised separately in the statements of financial position as under certain circumstances tax is withheld from distributions to unitholders in accordance with applicable legislation.

(r) Applications and redemptions

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

(s) Goods and Services Tax ("GST")

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST to the extent that GST is payable to or recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office ("ATO"). The Trust is eligible to claim Reduced Input Tax Credit ("RITC") in relation to certain expenses. Where GST is not recoverable, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable.

Receivables and payables are recognised inclusive of GST. GST recoverable from or payable to the ATO is recorded as receivables or payables in the statements of financial position.

Cash flows relating to GST, recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are included as cash flows from operating activities and are disclosed in the statements of cash flows on a gross basis.

(t) Rounding of amounts

In accordance with *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Corporations (Rounding in Financial/ Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*, amounts in the directors' report and the financial report have been rounded to the nearest thousand Australian dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

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2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(u) Multi-fund booklet

The relief available in *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Corporations (Related Scheme Reports) Instrument 2015/839* has been applied in the directors' report and the financial report, combining information related to multiple Trusts. In accordance with that, information related to each included Trust has been readily identified and amounts for each included Trust are presented in the adjacent columns in this report.

3 Auditor's remuneration

During the year, the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by Ernst & Young, the auditor of the Trusts:

	Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)		Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund		Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund		Macquarie Master Balanced Fund	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Audit services								
Audit of financial reports	8,271	7,880	4,893	4,663	8,315	7,922	4,893	4,663
Other audit work under the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i>	1,014	965	1,014	965	1,014	965	1,014	965
Non-audit services								
Taxation compliance services	–	1,135	–	1,135	–	1,135	–	1,135
Total remuneration paid/payable	9,285	9,980	5,907	6,763	9,329	10,022	5,907	6,763

Audit fees are paid out of the Responsible Entity's own resources.

4 Net assets attributable to unitholders

As stipulated within the respective Trust's Constitution, each unit represents an undivided share in the beneficial interest in the Trust. There are no separate classes of units and each unit in the Trust has the same rights attaching to it as all other units in that Trust.

The Trusts meet the criteria set out under AASB 132, hence the net assets attributable to unitholders is classified as equity (see Note 2(d)).

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

	Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)				Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund			
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	No. '000	No. '000	\$'000	\$'000	No. '000	No. '000	\$'000	\$'000
Opening balance	1,549,596	1,040,891	1,616,440	979,649	245,814	275,700	219,039	228,900
Applications	610,871	681,894	687,975	671,523	2,207	1,344	2,039	1,166
Redemptions	(265,579)	(202,051)	(297,635)	(201,489)	(73,487)	(48,423)	(69,732)	(46,052)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	36,362	28,862	44,843	29,705	10,871	17,193	10,279	15,340
Distributions to unitholders	–	–	(101,670)	(71,520)	–	–	(10,889)	(16,178)
Profit/(loss) for the year attributable to unitholders	–	–	445,924	208,572	–	–	26,306	35,863
Closing balance	1,931,250	1,549,596	2,395,877	1,616,440	185,405	245,814	177,042	219,039

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4 Net assets attributable to unitholders (continued)

	Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund				Macquarie Master Balanced Fund			
	2024 No. '000	2023 No. '000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 No. '000	2023 No. '000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Opening balance	103,255	71,134	314,538	200,300	50,299	62,175	73,343	84,743
Applications	49,554	48,762	161,327	155,138	367	826	548	1,206
Redemptions	(27,512)	(17,293)	(87,655)	(55,419)	(8,466)	(12,734)	(12,860)	(18,284)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	603	652	2,015	1,993	441	32	628	44
Distributions to unitholders	–	–	(10,910)	(10,060)	–	–	(7,833)	(465)
Profit/(loss) for the year attributable to unitholders	–	–	47,861	22,586	–	–	6,338	6,099
Closing balance	125,900	103,255	427,176	314,538	42,641	50,299	60,164	73,343

Capital risk management

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

The Responsible Entity monitors the impact of applications and redemptions relative to the liquid assets in the Trusts.

5 Cash and cash equivalents

	Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)		Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund		Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund		Macquarie Master Balanced Fund	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Cash at bank	1,226	1,467	12	15	762	529	73	51
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,226	1,467	12	15	762	529	73	51

6 Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss

	Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)		Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund		Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund		Macquarie Master Balanced Fund	
	2024 Fair value \$'000	2023 Fair value \$'000	2024 Fair value \$'000	2023 Fair value \$'000	2024 Fair value \$'000	2023 Fair value \$'000	2024 Fair value \$'000	2023 Fair value \$'000
Unlisted unit trusts	2,420,457	1,617,742	176,997	218,936	427,196	314,224	59,482	71,228
Total financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	2,420,457	1,617,742	176,997	218,936	427,196	314,224	59,482	71,228

An overview of the risk exposures relating to financial assets held at FVTPL is included in Note 8.

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7 Related party disclosures

(a) Parent entity

- **Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund**

The parent and the ultimate parent of the Trust is Macquarie Balanced Growth Fund, which at 30 June 2024 owns 88.64% (2023: 90.48%) of the units of the Trust.

(b) Subsidiary

- **Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)**

The subsidiary of the Trust is Macquarie Global Equities Fund. As disclosed in Note 2(e), the Trust is an investment entity and measures its investment in subsidiary at FVTPL.

The proportion of ownership interest and investment in the subsidiary is disclosed in Note 7(j). The subsidiary is an Australian registered managed investment scheme domiciled in Australia, which invests in unlisted unit trusts and derivatives, having its principal place of business in Australia.

- **Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund**

The subsidiary of the Trust is Macquarie Wholesale Australian Equities Fund. As disclosed in Note 2(e), the Trust is an investment entity and measures its investment in subsidiary at FVTPL.

The proportion of ownership interest and investment in the subsidiary is disclosed in Note 7(j). The subsidiary is an Australian registered managed investment scheme domiciled in Australia, which invests in equity securities and derivatives, having its principal place of business in Australia.

- **Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund**

The subsidiary of the Trust is Macquarie Small Companies Fund. As disclosed in Note 2(e), the Trust is an investment entity and measures its investment in subsidiary at FVTPL.

The proportion of ownership interest and investment in the subsidiary is disclosed in Note 7(j). The subsidiary is an Australian registered managed investment scheme domiciled in Australia, which invests in equity securities and derivatives, having its principal place of business in Australia.

(c) Responsible Entity

The Responsible Entity of the Trusts is MIMAL, a wholly owned subsidiary of Macquarie Group Limited ("MGL").

(d) Investment Manager

The Investment Manager of the Trusts is MIMGL, a wholly owned subsidiary of MGL.

(e) Key management personnel

Key management personnel services are provided by MIMAL. The following individuals comprise the key management personnel of the Trusts and held office as directors of MIMAL during the years ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023, unless indicated otherwise:

M Aubrey (resigned 01/10/2023)

C Berger

K Gray (appointed 01/10/2023)

V Malley (appointed 23/10/2023)

C Marull (resigned 03/03/2023)

G Stephens

B Terry

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7 Related party disclosures (continued)

(e) Key management personnel (continued)

No amount is paid by the Trusts directly to the directors of the Responsible Entity. Consequently, no compensation as defined in AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures* is paid by the Trusts to the directors as key management personnel.

(f) Key management personnel unitholdings

No key management personnel held units in Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged), Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund and Macquarie Master Balanced Fund at any time during the year (2023: Nil).

Key management personnel and their close family members held units in Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund as follows:

• Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund

Unitholder	Number of units held opening (Units)		Number of units held closing (Units)		Interest held %		Number of units acquired (Units)		Number of units disposed (Units)		Distributions declared by the Trust \$	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
C Berger	–	9,195	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	9,195	–	58,246

(g) Key management personnel loan disclosures

The Trusts have 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 year (2023: Nil).

(h) Responsible Entity fees and other transactions

For the year ended 30 June 2024, in accordance with the respective Trust's Constitution, the Responsible Entity was entitled to receive a total fee detailed in below table, which is calculated as a percentage of net asset value (inclusive of GST, net of RITC available to the Trust).

Trust names	Management fees	
	2024 %	2023 %
Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)	1.28	1.28
Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund	0.46	0.46
Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund	0.60	0.60
Macquarie Master Balanced Fund	0.92	0.92

In addition, disclosures applicable to certain Trusts are as below:

• Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund

A performance fee is also charged at 15.00% (2023: 15.00%) of the cumulative outperformance of the Trust (after the management fee and expenses, inclusive of GST, net of RITC available to the Trust) above the return of the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index, subject to a 'high watermark', set out in the Trust's offer document.

The fee is calculated on the net asset value of the Trust and is accrued daily and payable quarterly.

The proportion of the GST on the fees that can be recovered by the Trust as RITCs or otherwise varies. The fee paid by the Trust will equal the rate disclosed in the respective Trust's offer document (inclusive of GST, net of RITCs) regardless of the rate of GST recovery in any period.

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7 Related party disclosures (continued)

(h) Responsible Entity fees and other transactions (continued)

All expenses in connection with the preparation of accounting records and the maintenance of the unit register have been fully borne by the Responsible Entity.

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

	Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)		Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund		Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund		Macquarie Master Balanced Fund	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Management fees charged to the Trusts by the Responsible Entity	(25,526,351)	(16,689,411)	(976,058)	(1,111,475)	(2,232,641)	(1,681,069)	(650,238)	(740,013)
Performance fees charged to the Trusts by the Responsible Entity	–	–	–	–	–	(519,063)	–	–
Fee rebates from the Responsible Entity*	–	–	1,248,984	1,179,254	3,353,930	2,524,274	471,926	536,604
Management fees payable by the Trusts to the Responsible Entity as at the reporting date	5,143,775	3,421,936	226,259	264,836	627,815	477,945	157,672	173,980
Fee rebates receivable from the Responsible Entity as at the reporting date*	–	–	290,084	304,875	940,458	716,696	114,071	126,250

*The Responsible Entity rebates management fees charged from other schemes managed by the Responsible Entity where the Trusts invest in those schemes.

(i) Related party unitholdings

Parties related to the Trusts (including MIMAL, its affiliates and other schemes managed by MIMAL or other wholly owned subsidiaries of MGL) held units in the respective Trust as follows:

• Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)

Unitholder	Number of units held opening (Units)		Number of units held closing (Units)		Interest held %		Number of units acquired (Units)		Number of units disposed (Units)		Distributions declared by the Trust \$	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Arrowstreet Global Equity No. 2 Fund (Hedged)	455,598,380	281,902,145	656,172,821	455,598,380	33.98	29.40	269,042,023	209,623,588	68,467,582	35,927,353	33,823,435	20,469,875

There are no distributions payable to the above party as at 30 June 2024 (2023: Nil).

The Trust has redemptions payable of \$13,630,513 to the above party as at 30 June 2024 (2023: \$8,293,300).

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7 Related party disclosures (continued)

(i) Related party unitholdings (continued)

• *Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund*

Unitholders	Number of units held opening (Units)		Number of units held closing (Units)		Interest held %		Number of units acquired (Units)		Number of units disposed (Units)		Distributions declared by the Trust \$	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Macquarie Balanced Growth Fund	222,413,255	248,488,914	164,346,543	222,413,255	88.64	90.48	11,351,106	17,683,230	69,417,818	43,758,889	9,728,030	14,645,559
Macquarie Capital Stable Fund	909,845	900,857	1,209,662	909,845	0.65	0.37	647,175	69,576	347,358	60,588	67,250	57,426
Macquarie Diversified Growth Fund	9,837,150	12,173,097	8,894,134	9,837,150	4.80	4.00	1,080,519	780,975	2,023,535	3,116,922	484,205	635,216

There are no distributions payable to the above parties as at 30 June 2024 (2023: Nil).

The Trust has redemptions payable of \$273,223 to the above parties as at 30 June 2024 (2023: \$84,293).

• *Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund*

Unitholder	Number of units held opening (Units)		Number of units held closing (Units)		Interest held %		Number of units acquired (Units)		Number of units disposed (Units)		Distributions declared by the Trust \$	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Macquarie Australian Small Companies No. 1 Fund (formerly Macquarie Vanilla Fund No. 61)	–	–	34	–	0.00	–	34	–	–	–	3	–

There are no distributions payable to the above party as at 30 June 2024 (2023: Nil).

There are no redemptions payable to the above party as at 30 June 2024 (2023: Nil).

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7 Related party disclosures (continued)

(j) Investments

The Trusts held investments in the following schemes which are managed by MIMAL or other wholly owned subsidiaries of MGL:

- **Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)**

	Fair value of investments		Interest held		Distribution income	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$	\$	%	%	\$	\$
Macquarie Global Equities Fund	2,420,457,050	1,617,742,156	99.97	100.00	144,147,467	88,104,371

There are no distributions receivable from the above party as at 30 June 2024 (2023: Nil).

The Trust has a receivable of \$46,040,869 from the above party with respect to the units redeemed as at 30 June 2024 (2023: \$42,685,672).

- **Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund**

	Fair value of investments		Interest held		Distribution income	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$	\$	%	%	\$	\$
Macquarie True Index Australian Shares Fund	1,966,940	15,865,260	0.08	0.93	125,996	1,902,943
Macquarie Wholesale Australian Equities Fund	175,030,354	203,070,539	79.06	83.12	14,365,040	13,940,461

There are no distributions receivable from the above parties as at 30 June 2024 (2023: Nil).

The Trust has a receivable of \$639,223 from Macquarie True Index Australian Shares Fund with respect to the units redeemed as at 30 June 2024 (2023: \$630,293).

- **Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund**

	Fair value of investments		Interest held		Distribution income	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$	\$	%	%	\$	\$
Macquarie Small Companies Fund	427,196,080	314,224,175	91.69	89.22	9,057,997	9,893,203

There are no distributions receivable from the above party as at 30 June 2024 (2023: Nil).

The Trust has a receivable of \$3,328,341 from the above party with respect to the units redeemed as at 30 June 2024 (2023: \$2,886,280).

- **Macquarie Master Balanced Fund**

	Fair value of investments		Interest held		Distribution income	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$	\$	%	%	\$	\$
Macquarie Balanced Growth Fund	59,481,915	71,227,680	9.47	9.67	7,527,566	1,072,873

There are no distributions receivable from the above party as at 30 June 2024 (2023: Nil).

The Trust has a receivable of \$7,542,237 from the above party with respect to the units redeemed as at 30 June 2024 (2023: \$2,135,911).

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7 Related party disclosures (continued)

(k) Other transactions within the Trusts

From time to time, the Trusts may purchase or sell securities from/to other schemes managed by the Responsible Entity or its affiliates at the prevailing market rates.

No directors of the Responsible Entity have entered into a material contract with the Trusts in the current or previous year and there were no material contracts involving directors' interests subsisting at 30 June 2024 or 30 June 2023.

During the previous year, the Trusts closed the bank accounts held with Macquarie Bank Limited ("MBL"), a wholly owned subsidiary of MGL. The Trusts may use MBL or other wholly owned subsidiaries of MGL for broking and clearing services. Fees and expenses are negotiated on an arm's length basis for all transactions with related parties.

8 Financial risk management

(a) Strategy in using financial instruments

The Trusts' activities expose them to a variety of financial risks: market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

The Responsible Entity's overall risk management programme focuses on ensuring compliance with the Trusts' investment guidelines and seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Trusts are exposed.

Financial risk management is monitored by the Responsible Entity's risk management department under policies approved by the Responsible Entity's senior managers or by the Board of Directors of the Responsible Entity.

The Responsible Entity reviews any identified high and medium severity exceptions to internal risk policies and procedures on a quarterly basis.

(b) Market risk

Market risk is the risk of changes in the value of the Trusts' financial instruments from changes in market prices or volatility arising from price risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk.

(i) Price risk

Price risk is the risk of changes in the value of the Trusts' financial instruments from changes in market prices.

All securities investments present a risk of loss of capital. The Investment Manager manages this risk through a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within specified limits. The Trusts' positions are monitored on a daily basis by the Responsible Entity.

The Trusts exposure to price risk arises from their investments such as unlisted unit trusts.

Price risk may be managed by ensuring the Trust is investing in permitted investments or fully invested in underlying unit trusts as per the Trust's offer document or stated objective.

The Trusts' unlisted unit trusts are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainties about future prices of the instruments.

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8 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk (continued)

(i) Price risk (continued)

The Trusts' market risk is affected by changes in market prices. The impact on profit/net assets attributable to unitholders owing to a 10% (2023: 10%) market price movement, with all other variables held constant, would amount to the following.

In practice, the actual results may differ from the below sensitivity analysis and the difference could be significant.

	2024		2023	
	Impact on profit/net assets attributable to unitholders			
	10% increase	10% decrease	10% increase	10% decrease
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)	242,046	(242,046)	161,774	(161,774)
Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund	17,700	(17,700)	21,894	(21,894)
Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund	42,720	(42,720)	31,422	(31,422)
Macquarie Master Balanced Fund	5,948	(5,948)	7,123	(7,123)

(ii) Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk arises as the value of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. The foreign exchange risk relating to non-monetary assets and liabilities is a component of price risk, not foreign exchange risk.

The Trusts are exposed to currencies other than the Australian dollar except for Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund and Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund as specified below:

- Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged) - Non-monetary assets and liabilities indirectly through investments held in its underlying unit trust.
The Trust is not exposed to foreign exchange risk on monetary assets and liabilities as all of the Trust's monetary assets and liabilities are denominated in Australian dollars.
- Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund
The Trust is not exposed to foreign exchange risk on monetary assets and liabilities as all of the Trust's monetary assets and liabilities are denominated in Australian dollars.
- Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund
The Trust is not exposed to foreign exchange risk on monetary assets and liabilities as all of the Trust's monetary assets and liabilities are denominated in Australian dollars.
- Macquarie Master Balanced Fund - Monetary and non-monetary assets and liabilities indirectly through investments held in its underlying unit trust.
The Trust is not directly exposed to foreign exchange risk on monetary assets and liabilities as all of the Trust's monetary assets and liabilities are denominated in Australian dollars.

(iii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of changes in the value of the Trusts' financial instruments from changes in market interest rates.

The Trusts are not exposed to significant amounts of interest rate risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates except for Macquarie Master Balanced Fund, where it is exposed indirectly through investments held in its underlying unit trust. The interest rate risk relating to these indirectly held investments is a component of price risk. Any excess cash and cash equivalents are invested at short-term market interest rates.

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8 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of a counterparty failing to complete its contractual obligations when they fall due, causing a financial loss to the Trusts.

The Trusts exposure to credit risk arises from their investments in cash and cash equivalents, deposits with banks and other financial institutions, and amounts due from underlying unit trusts. Application of the ECL has not resulted in any adjustment to the carrying value of these assets/recognition of the ECL allowance, as these assets are short-term in nature or of high quality, with no significant historical loss experience.

Credit risk may be managed by managing the Trust's exposures to issuers, deposit taking institutions, brokers and other counterparties.

The maximum exposure to credit risk as at the reporting date is the carrying amount of financial assets.

The counterparties for cash and cash equivalents, and deposits with banks and other financial institutions have an investment grade credit rating (2023: investment grade credit rating) as determined by Standard and Poor's or equivalent ratings from other credit rating agencies.

In accordance with the Trusts' policy, the Responsible Entity's risk management department monitors the Trusts' credit exposure on a daily basis.

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Trusts may encounter difficulty in meeting their obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous.

The Trusts are exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. They therefore invest the majority of their assets in investments that can generally be liquidated within a short period of time.

The investments of the Trusts may become illiquid. As a result, the Trusts may not be able to liquidate quickly their investments in these instruments at an amount close to their fair value, or at all, to meet their liquidity requirements. No such investments were held as at the reporting dates.

In order to manage the Trusts' overall liquidity, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to defer or adjust the redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unitholders.

Liquidity risk may be managed by:

- restricting the use of borrowing in order to ensure the Trust has no debt obligations which may compromise solvency; and
- investing in unlisted unit trusts that have daily pricing and can ordinarily be readily disposed of.

Maturity analysis for financial liabilities

Financial liabilities of the Trusts comprise non-derivative financial liabilities.

All liabilities are payable within 30 days (2023: 30 days).

(e) Fair value estimation

The Responsible Entity classifies fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the subjectivity of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- 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 (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

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8 Financial risk management (continued)

(e) Fair value estimation (continued)

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the Responsible Entity. The Responsible Entity considers observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The following tables present those of the Trusts' financial assets (by class) which are measured at fair value.

• *Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)*

	30 June 2024				30 June 2023			
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets								
- Unlisted unit trusts	–	2,420,457	–	2,420,457	–	1,617,742	–	1,617,742
Total financial assets	–	2,420,457	–	2,420,457	–	1,617,742	–	1,617,742

During the year, there were no transfers between level 1 and 2 or into/out of level 3 (2023: Nil).

• *Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund*

	30 June 2024				30 June 2023			
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets								
- Unlisted unit trusts	–	176,997	–	176,997	–	218,936	–	218,936
Total financial assets	–	176,997	–	176,997	–	218,936	–	218,936

During the year, there were no transfers between level 1 and 2 or into/out of level 3 (2023: Nil).

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

8 Financial risk management (continued)

(e) Fair value estimation (continued)

• *Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund*

	30 June 2024				30 June 2023			
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets								
- Unlisted unit trusts	–	427,196	–	427,196	–	314,224	–	314,224
Total financial assets	–	427,196	–	427,196	–	314,224	–	314,224

During the year, there were no transfers between level 1 and 2 or into/out of level 3 (2023: Nil).

• *Macquarie Master Balanced Fund*

	30 June 2024				30 June 2023			
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets								
- Unlisted unit trusts	–	59,482	–	59,482	–	71,228	–	71,228
Total financial assets	–	59,482	–	59,482	–	71,228	–	71,228

During the year, there were no transfers between level 1 and 2 or into/out of level 3 (2023: Nil).

The carrying amounts of the Trusts' financial assets and financial liabilities, which are not fair valued, approximated their fair values as at the reporting date. These include short-term receivables and payables, and are not presented in the tables above.

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within level 2. These include unlisted unit trusts valued at the redemption value per unit, as reported by the managers of such trusts.

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9 Reconciliation of profit/(loss) for the year to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

(a) Reconciliation of profit/(loss) for the year to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)		Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund		Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund		Macquarie Master Balanced Fund	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Profit/(loss) for the year attributable to unitholders	445,924	208,572	26,306	35,863	47,861	22,586	6,338	6,099
Distribution income reinvested	(144,147)	(88,104)	(14,491)	(15,843)	(9,058)	(9,893)	(7,528)	(1,073)
Movement in amounts due from underlying unit trusts	(3,355)	(8,750)	(9)	574	(442)	(683)	(5,406)	483
Movement in fee rebates receivable	–	–	15	(22)	(223)	(198)	12	25
Movement in other receivables	89	(202)	–	–	–	21	(9)	1
Movement in management fees payable	1,722	2,348	(39)	(23)	150	132	(16)	(34)
Movement in performance fees payable	–	–	–	–	–	(122)	–	–
Movement in other payables	–	–	4	2	12	9	–	–
Movement in financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	(658,568)	(560,024)	56,430	25,857	(103,914)	(103,851)	19,274	12,045
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(358,335)	(446,160)	68,216	46,408	(65,614)	(91,999)	12,665	17,546

(b) Non-cash financing activities

	Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)		Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund		Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund		Macquarie Master Balanced Fund	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Reinvestment of unitholder distributions	44,843	29,705	10,279	15,340	2,015	1,993	628	44

10 Events occurring after the reporting date

No significant events have occurred since the reporting date which would impact on the financial position of the Trusts disclosed in the statements of financial position as at 30 June 2024 or on the results and cash flows of the Trusts for the financial year ended on that date.

11 Contingent assets, contingent liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets, contingent liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

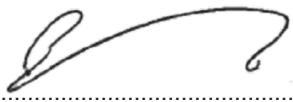
Directors' Declaration

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

- (a) the financial statements and notes as set out on pages 5 to 29 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Trusts' financial position as at 30 June 2024 and their performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trusts will be able to pay their debts as and when they become due and payable.

The directors declare that the notes to the financial statements include an explicit and unreserved statement of compliance with the International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (see Note 2(a)).

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

Director: 

B Terry

Sydney

18 September 2024

Independent auditor's report

To the unitholders of:

- Arrowstreet Global Equity Fund (Hedged)
- Macquarie Active Plus Equities Fund
- Macquarie Australian Small Companies Fund
- Macquarie Master Balanced Fund

referred to collectively as the Trusts.

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of the Trusts, which comprises the statements of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Trusts is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the Trusts' financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of their financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for opinion

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

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report thereon

The directors of Macquarie Investment Management Australia Limited ("the Responsible Entity") are responsible for the other information. The other information is the directors' report accompanying the financial report.

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 and, in doing so, 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.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial report

The directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Trusts' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Trusts or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

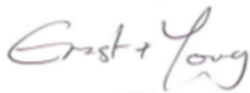
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ▶ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- ▶ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trusts' internal control.
- ▶ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

- ▶ Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trusts' ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trusts to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ▶ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Ernst & Young



Darren J Handley-Greaves
Partner
Sydney
18 September 2024