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This annual report covers Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund) as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund) is Perennial Investment Management Limited (ABN 13 108 747 637) (AFSL 275101).

The Responsible Entity's registered office is:
Level 27, 88 Phillip Street
Sydney, NSW 2000

Directors' report

The Directors of Perennial Investment Management Limited, the Responsible Entity of Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund) (the "Fund"), present their report together with the financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2024.

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

Responsible Entity

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Principal activities

The Fund was constituted on 27 September 2018, registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 16 October 2018 and commenced operations on 22 May 2019. The Fund's units commenced trading on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: IMPQ) on 23 May 2019.

The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of quality Australian and New Zealand listed mid and smaller companies that conduct business taking into consideration Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria and/or may conduct business in industries which have favourable characteristics having regard to ESG criteria in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund did not have any employees during the year.

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

Directors

The following persons held office as Directors of Perennial Investment Management Limited during the year or since the end of the year and up to the date of this report:

A Patterson
C Love
M Bennett

Review and results of operations

During the year, the Fund continued investing its funds in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

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

	Year ended 30 June 2024	Year ended 30 June 2023
Operating (loss)/profit for the year (\$'000)	<u>(453)</u>	4,418
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	671	355
Distributions (cents per unit ("CPU"))	7.19	4.18

Significant changes in the state of affairs

Effective 26 August 2023 SS&C Solutions Pty Ltd replaced Link Market Services Limited as unit registry and HSBC Bank Australia Limited replaced NAB Asset Servicing as fund administrator and custodian.

In the opinion of the Directors, there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund that occurred during the financial year.

Directors' report (continued)

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

No matters or circumstances have arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may have a significant effect on:

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

Likely developments and expected results of operations

The Fund will continue to be managed in accordance with the investment objectives and guidelines as set out in the Product Disclosure Statement and the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

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

Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors

There is a Directors' and Officers' insurance policy which indemnifies the Directors and Officers of Perennial Investment Management Limited against liabilities to persons outside Perennial Investment Management Limited that arise out of the performance of their normal duties. The premiums have not been paid out of the assets of the Fund. The auditor of the Fund is in no way indemnified out of the assets of the Fund.

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

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its associates out of Fund property during the year are disclosed in Note 14 to the financial statements. No fees were paid out of Fund property to the Directors of the Responsible Entity during the year.

The number of interests in the Fund held by the Responsible Entity or its associates as at the end of the financial year are disclosed in Note 14 to the financial statements.

Interests in the Fund

The movement in units on issue in the Fund during the year is disclosed in Note 7 to the financial statements.

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

Environmental regulation

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

ESG risks, including climate change, are identified in accordance with the Responsible Entity's risk management framework.

Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars

The Fund is an entity of the kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission* 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 Instrument, unless otherwise indicated.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Perennial Investment Management Limited.

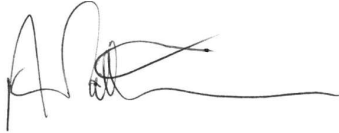
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Directors' report (continued)

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the lead auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 5 and forms part of the Directors' Report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Perennial Investment Management Limited.



Anthony Patterson
Director
Perennial Investment Management Limited

Sydney

23 September 2024

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

To the Directors of Perennial Investment Management Limited (the Responsible Entity) of Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund)

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund) for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 there have been:

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

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joshua Pearce', written over a faint, stylized KPMG logo.

Joshua Pearce

Partner

Melbourne

23 September 2024

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Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund)
Statement of comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Statement of comprehensive income

		Year ended 30 June 2024	Year ended 30 June 2023
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Investment income			
Interest income		135	78
Dividend and distribution income		1,009	961
Net (losses)/gains on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	5	<u>(1,126)</u>	<u>4,106</u>
Total investment income		<u>18</u>	<u>5,145</u>
Expenses			
Responsible Entity fees	14	388	341
Performance fees	14	-	306
Transaction costs		39	39
Other expenses		<u>44</u>	<u>41</u>
Total expenses		<u>471</u>	<u>727</u>
Operating (loss)/profit for the year		<u>(453)</u>	<u>4,418</u>
Other comprehensive income		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year		<u>(453)</u>	<u>4,418</u>

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

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Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund)
Statement of financial position
As at 30 June 2024

Statement of financial position

		As at 30 June 2024 \$'000	As at 30 June 2023 \$'000
	Notes		
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	3,993	3,174
Receivables	11	106	64
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	<u>41,696</u>	<u>39,507</u>
Total assets		<u>45,795</u>	<u>42,745</u>
Liabilities			
Payables	12	56	336
Distributions payable	8	<u>671</u>	<u>355</u>
Total liabilities		<u>727</u>	<u>691</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity	7	<u>45,068</u>	<u>42,054</u>

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

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Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund)
Statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Statement of changes in equity

		Year ended 30 June 2024	Year ended 30 June 2023
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year		42,054	32,320
Comprehensive (loss)/income for the year			
(Loss)/profit for the year		<u>(453)</u>	4,418
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year		<u>(453)</u>	4,418
Transactions with unitholders			
Applications	7	8,176	7,487
Redemptions		(4,075)	(1,816)
Reinvestment of distributions		37	-
Distributions to unitholders	8	<u>(671)</u>	<u>(355)</u>
Total transactions with unitholders		<u>3,467</u>	5,316
Total equity at the end of the financial year		<u>45,068</u>	42,054

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

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Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund)
Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Statement of cash flows

	Year ended 30 June 2024	Year ended 30 June 2023
Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	11,030	14,931
Payments for the purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(14,334)	(18,942)
Interest income received	135	78
Dividends and distributions received	1,022	978
Responsible Entity fees paid	(390)	(335)
Performance fees paid	(302)	(4)
Transaction costs paid	(39)	(39)
Other expenses paid	(40)	(42)
Net cash outflow from operating activities	10(a) <u>(2,918)</u>	<u>(3,375)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from applications by unitholders	8,123	7,487
Payments for redemptions by unitholders	(4,068)	(1,816)
Distributions to unitholders	(318)	(1,612)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	<u>3,737</u>	<u>4,059</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	819	684
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	3,174	2,490
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	9 <u>3,993</u>	<u>3,174</u>

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

1 General information

These financial statements cover Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund) (the "Fund") as an individual entity. The Fund was constituted on 27 September 2018, registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 16 October 2018, commenced operations on 22 May 2019 and will terminate on 27 September 2098. The Fund's units commenced trading on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: IMPQ) on 23 May 2019.

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The Responsible Entity is incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial statements are for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (the reporting period).

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Directors on the 23 September 2024 the Directors' declaration was signed. 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 these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to the years presented, unless otherwise stated in the following text.

(a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia.

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

The statement of financial position is presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and do not distinguish between current and non-current. All balances are expected to be recovered or settled within 12 months, except for investments in financial assets and liabilities and net assets attributable to unitholders.

The Fund manages financial assets at fair value through profit or loss 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.

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

The financial statements of the Fund also comply with IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

(ii) New and amended standards and interpretations adopted by the Fund

There are no standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2023 that have a material impact on the amounts recognised in the prior periods or will affect the current or future periods

(iii) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 July 2024 and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial instruments

(i) Classification

- Financial assets

The Fund classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured at fair value through profit or loss; and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The Fund's portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Fund's documented investment strategy. The Responsible Entity evaluates the information about these financial assets on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

For equity securities and derivatives, 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, cash equivalents 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 flow that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Consequently, these are measured at amortised cost

- Financial liabilities

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 (due to brokers, distributions payable and Responsible Entity fees payable).

(ii) Recognition and derecognition

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

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liabilities are discharged.

(iii) Measurement

- Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

At initial recognition, the Fund measures a financial asset at its fair value. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of 'financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss' category are presented in the statement of comprehensive income in the year in which they arise.

For further details on how the fair values of financial instruments are determined see Note 4 to the financial statements.

(iv) Impairment

AASB 9 requires the Fund to record an allowance for expected credit losses (ECL) for all financial assets not held at fair value through profit or loss.

At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on financial assets at amortised cost (cash, due from brokers and receivables) at an amount equal to the lifetime ECL if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month ECL. Significant financial difficulties of the counterparty, probability that the counterparty will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due. Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit impaired.

(v) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position when the Fund has 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.

As at the end of the reporting period, there are no financial assets or liabilities offset or with the right to offset in the statement of financial position.

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(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.

Units are classified as equity when they satisfy the following criteria under AASB 132 *Financial instruments: Presentation*:

- the puttable financial instrument entitles the holder to a pro-rata share of net assets in the event of the Fund's liquidation;
- the puttable financial instrument is in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments and class features are identical;
- 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 Fund, and it is not a contract settled in the Fund's own equity instruments; and
- the total expected cash flows attributable to the puttable financial instrument over the life are based substantially on the profit or loss.

The units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash based on the redemption price.

As at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023, net assets attributable to unitholders were classified as equity.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

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

Payments and receipts relating to the purchase and sale of investment securities are classified as cash flows from operating activities, as trading of these securities represent the Fund's main income generating activity.

(e) Investment income

(i) Interest income

Interest income on cash and cash equivalents is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on an accruals basis.

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)

(ii) Dividends and distributions

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

Trust distributions are recognised on an entitlement basis.

(f) Expenses

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

(g) Income tax

Under current legislation, the Fund is not subject to income tax provided it attributes the entirety of its taxable income to its unitholders.

(h) Distributions

The Fund may distribute its distributable income, in accordance with the Fund's Constitution, to unitholders by cash or reinvestment. The distributions are recognised in the statement of changes in equity.

(i) Increase/decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unitholders.

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2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(j) Functional and presentation currency

Balances included in the Fund'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 Fund competes for funds and is regulated. The Australian dollar is also the Fund's presentation currency.

(k) 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 yet delivered by the end of the year. The due from brokers balance is held for collection and is recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

(l) Receivables

Receivables may include amounts for interest, trust distributions and dividends. 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.

(m) Payables

Payables include liabilities and accrued expenses owed by the Fund as at the end of the reporting period.

A separate distribution payable is recognised in the statement of financial position.

Distributions declared effective 30 June in relation to unitholders who have previously elected to reinvest distributions are recognised as reinvested effective 1 July of the following financial year.

(n) Applications and redemptions

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

(o) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The GST incurred on the costs of various services provided to the Fund by third parties such as Responsible Entity fees, have been passed on to the Fund. The Fund qualifies for Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC) at a rate of at least 55%. Fees for these services and any other expenses have been recognised in the statement of comprehensive income net of the amount of GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Amounts payable are inclusive of GST. 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.

(p) Use of estimates

The Fund makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the current and next financial year. Estimates 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 majority of the Fund's financial instruments, quoted market prices are readily available. However, certain financial instruments, for example over-the-counter derivatives or unquoted securities, are fair valued using valuation techniques. Where valuation techniques are used to determine fair values, they are validated and periodically reviewed by experienced personnel of the Investment Manager.

Areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations, require management to make estimates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments.

For more information on how fair value is calculated please see Note 4 to the financial statements.

The ECL model has not materially impacted the Fund. Please see Note 3 for more information on credit risk.

(q) Rounding of amounts

The Fund is an entity of the kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191, relating to the 'rounding off' amounts in the financial statements. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

3 Financial risk management

The Fund's activities may expose it to a variety of financial risks including market risk (which incorporates price risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

The Responsible Entity overall risk management program focuses on ensuring compliance with the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement and the investment guidelines of the Fund. It also seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Fund is exposed and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Fund's financial performance. The Fund's investment guidelines allow it to use derivative financial instruments in managing its financial risks.

All investments present a risk of loss of capital. The maximum loss of capital on long equity and debt securities is limited to the fair value of those positions. The maximum loss of capital on long futures and forward currency contracts is limited to the notional contract values of those

The investments of the Fund, and associated risks, are managed by the Investment Manager, Perennial Value Management Limited under an Investment Management Agreement approved by the Responsible Entity. It contains the investment strategy and guidelines of the Fund, consistent with those stated in the Product Disclosure Statement.

The Responsible Entity uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods are explained below.

(a) Market risk

i. Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of equities will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or by factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

Price risk exposure arises from the Fund's investment portfolio. The investments are classified on the statement of financial position as at fair value through profit or loss. All securities investments present a risk of loss of capital. The maximum risk resulting from financial instruments is determined by the fair value of the financial instruments.

The Investment Manager mitigates this price risk through diversification and a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments within specified limits set by the Responsible Entity.

The Fund's overall market positions are monitored on a regular basis. This information and the compliance with the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement are reported to the relevant parties on a regular basis as deemed appropriate such as the compliance manager, other key management personnel, compliance committees and ultimately the Responsible Entity.

At 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023, if the equity prices had increased/decreased by the percentage indicated below, with all other variables held constant, the net assets attributable to unitholders (and profit/loss) attributable to unitholders would have changed by the following amounts, approximately:

	Impact on operating profit/net assets attributable to unitholders	
	Price risk	
	-5%	+5%
	\$'000	\$'000
As at 30 June 2024	(2,085)	2,085
As at 30 June 2023	(1,975)	1,975

ii. Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk management is undertaken by maintaining as close to a fully invested position as possible in financial assets other than cash and cash equivalents, thus limiting the exposure of the Fund to interest rate risk.

(b) Credit risk

The Fund is exposed to credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay its obligations in full when they fall due, causing a financial loss to the Fund.

The Fund does not have a significant concentration of credit risk that arises from an exposure to a single counterparty or group of counterparties having similar characteristics. The main concentration of credit risk, to which the Fund is exposed, arises from cash and cash equivalents, receivables and amounts due from brokers balances. None of these assets are impaired nor past their due date. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents and amounts due from brokers.

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Credit risk (continued)

The Fund determines credit risk and measures ECL for financial assets measured at amortised cost using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management consider both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any expected credit loss. At 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023, all receivables, amounts due from brokers, cash and short-term deposits are either callable on demand or due to be settled within 1 week. Management consider the probability of default to be close to zero as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month ECL as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

There was no significant credit risk in the Fund as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that a fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

Liquidity risk is managed by investing the majority of its assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed of. The Investment Manager continuously monitors the Fund's investments for liquidity, through its risk assessment system.

In order to manage the Fund's overall liquidity, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer or adjust redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unitholders. The Fund did not reject or withhold any redemptions during the year.

As disclosed above, the Fund predominantly invests in liquid assets that it expects to be able to liquidate within 7 days or less. Liquid assets include cash and cash equivalents and listed equities. As at 30 June 2024, these assets amounted to \$44,727,642 (2023: \$42,630,896).

Maturities of non-derivative financial liabilities

The table below analyses the Fund's non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at reporting date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than 1 month \$'000	1 to 6 months \$'000	6 to 12 months \$'000	Over 12 months \$'000	Total \$'000
As at 30 June 2024					
Payables	56	-	-	-	56
Distributions payable	671	-	-	-	671
Total financial liabilities	727	-	-	-	727
As at 30 June 2023					
Payables	336	-	-	-	336
Distributions payable	355	-	-	-	355
Total financial liabilities	691	-	-	-	691

4 Fair value measurement

The Fund measures and recognises financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss on a recurring basis.

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

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

4 Fair value measurement (continued)

The Fund values its investments in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2 to the financial statements. For the majority of its investments, the Fund relies on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of its investments.

(a) Fair value in an active market (level 1)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as listed equity, listed unit trusts and listed property trusts) 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.

The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Fund is the last traded market price; the quoted market price for financial liabilities is the last traded market price.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange.

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.

(b) Recognised fair value measurements

The table below presents the Fund's financial assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
As at 30 June 2024				
Financial assets				
Listed securities	37,340	962	-	38,302
Listed property trusts	<u>3,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,394</u>
Total financial assets	<u>40,734</u>	<u>962</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,696</u>
As at 30 June 2023				
Financial assets				
Listed securities	35,492	-	-	35,492
Listed property trusts	<u>3,565</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,565</u>
Total financial assets	<u>39,057</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,057</u>

(c) Transfer between levels

Management'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 levels in the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period.

(d) Financial instruments not carried at fair value

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, receivables and payables approximate their fair values.

Net assets attributable to unitholders' carrying value differ from its fair value (deemed to be redemption price for individual units). This difference is not material in the current year.

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

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

	Year ended 30 June 2024 \$'000	Year ended 30 June 2023 \$'000
Net (losses)/gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<u>(1,126)</u>	4,106
Total net (losses)/gains on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	<u>(1,126)</u>	4,106

6 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	As at 30 June 2024 \$'000	As at 30 June 2023 \$'000
Listed securities	38,302	35,942
Listed property trusts	<u>3,394</u>	<u>3,565</u>
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<u>41,696</u>	<u>39,507</u>

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

7 Net assets attributable to unitholders

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

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

	Year ended 30 June 2024 Units ('000)	Year ended 30 June 2024 \$'000	Year ended 30 June 2023 Units ('000)	Year ended 30 June 2023 \$'000
Opening balance	8,482	42,054	7,298	32,320
Applications	1,692	8,176	1,526	7,487
Redemptions	(847)	(4,075)	(384)	(1,816)
Reinvestment of distributions	7	37	-	-
Distributions to unitholders	-	(671)	41	(355)
(Loss)/profit for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>(453)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,418</u>
Closing balance	<u>9,334</u>	<u>45,068</u>	<u>8,482</u>	<u>42,054</u>

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

There are no separate classes of units and each unit has the same rights attaching to it as all other units of the Fund.

Units are redeemed on demand at the unitholder's option. However, holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term.

The Fund considers its net assets attributable to unitholders as capital.

Daily applications and redemptions are reviewed relative to the liquidity of the Fund's underlying assets by the Responsible Entity. Under the terms of the Fund's Constitution, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer or adjust redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unitholders.

8 Distributions to unitholders

	Year ended 30 June 2024 \$'000	Year ended 30 June 2024 CPU	Year ended 30 June 2023 \$'000	Year ended 30 June 2023 CPU
Distributions				
June 24(payable)	<u>671</u>	<u>7.19</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>4.18</u>
Total	<u>671</u>	<u>7.19</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>4.18</u>

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	As at 30 June 2024 \$'000	As at 30 June 2023 \$'000
Cash at bank	<u>3,993</u>	<u>3,174</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>3,993</u>	<u>3,174</u>

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

	Year ended 30 June 2024 \$'000	Year ended 30 June 2023 \$'000
(a) Reconciliation of (loss)/profit to net cash outflow from operating activities		
(Loss)/profit for the year	(453)	4,418
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	11,030	14,931
Payments for the purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(14,334)	(18,942)
Net losses/(gains) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	1,126	(4,106)
Net change in receivables	11	16
Net change in payables	<u>(298)</u>	<u>308</u>
Net cash outflow from operating activities	<u>(2,918)</u>	<u>(3,375)</u>

(b) Non-cash financing activities

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

<u>37</u>	<u>186</u>
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11 Receivables

	As at 30 June 2024 \$'000	As at 30 June 2023 \$'000
Dividends receivable	43	56
GST receivable	10	8
Amounts receivable on subscription of units	<u>53</u>	<u>-</u>
Total receivables	<u>106</u>	<u>64</u>

12 Payables

	As at 30 June 2024	As at 30 June 2023
Responsible Entity fees payable	34	34
Performance fees payable	-	302
Payable on purchase of investments	11	-
Payable on redemption of units	7	-
Other payables	4	-
Total payables	56	336

13 Remuneration of auditor

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the Fund:

	Year ended 30 June 2024 \$'000	Year ended 30 June 2023 \$'000
KPMG		
<i>Audit and other assurance services</i>		
Audit of financial statements	11,880	7,337
Other regulatory audit services	3,230	2,822
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	15,110	10,159
<i>Taxation services</i>		
Taxation compliance services	4,900	4,725
Total remuneration for taxation services	4,900	4,725
Total remuneration of KPMG	20,010	14,884

14 Related party transactions

The Responsible Entity of Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund) is Perennial Investment Management Limited (ABN 13 108 747 637) (AFSL 275101). Accordingly, transactions with entities related to Perennial Investment Management Limited are disclosed below.

The Responsible Entity has contracted services to Perennial Value Management Limited, to act as Investment Manager for the Fund. The contracts are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

(a) Key management personnel

(i) Directors

Key management personnel include persons who were Directors of Perennial Investment Management Limited at anytime during or since the end of the financial year and up to the date of this report.

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(ii) Other key management personnel

There were no other key management personnel with responsibility for planning, directing and controlling activities of the Fund, directly or indirectly during the financial year.

14 Related party transactions (continued)

(b) Transactions with key management personnel

The following transactions occurred with key management personnel during the year:

	Year ended 30 June 2024 \$'000	Year ended 30 June 2023 \$'000
Opening balance	52,549	50,110
Applications	-	-
Redemptions	-	-
Distributions to reinvested	443	2,439
Closing balance	52,992	52,549

(c) Key management personnel unit holdings

Key management personnel held 52,992 units in the Fund as at 30 June 2024 (2023: 52,549 units).

(d) Key management personnel compensation

Personnel are paid by Perennial Value Management Limited. Payments made from the Fund to Perennial Investment Management Limited do not include any amounts directly attributable to the compensation of key management personnel.

(e) Key management personnel loans

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

(f) Other transactions within the Fund

Apart from those details disclosed in this note, no key management personnel have entered into a material contract with the Fund during the financial year and there were no material contracts involving management personnel's interests existing at year end.

(g) Responsible Entity and Investment Manager's fees and other transactions

Under the terms of the Fund's Constitution and Product Disclosure Statement for the Fund, the Responsible Entity and the Investment Manager are entitled to receive Responsible Entity fees.

The Fund pays Management Costs of 0.99% (2023: 0.99%) per annum to the Responsible Entity for managing the assets of the Fund and overseeing the operations of the Fund.

Investment manager's fees is paid by the Responsible Entity to the Investment Manager to provide investment and other services for the Fund. It is paid from the Responsible Entity's fee and is not an additional cost to the Fund.

The Investment Manager is entitled to a Performance fee equal to 20% of any outperformance of the benchmark index.

The Responsible Entity is entitled to recover expenses which represent the operating expenses incurred in the operation of the Fund. The Fund's constitution allows all properly incurred expenses to be recovered from the Fund and does not place a limit on the amount or types of expenses that can be recovered.

The transactions during the year and amounts payable as at year end between the Fund, the Responsible Entity and the Investment Manager were as follows:

	Year ended 30 June 2024 \$'000	Year ended 30 June 2023 \$'000
Responsible Entity fees for the year	387,464	341,215
Performance fees for the year	-	305,778
Total fees payable to the Responsible Entity at year end	36,154	30,612
Expenses recovered for the year	22,036	38,339
Total fees payable to the Responsible Entity at year end	3,790	3,440

For information on how management fees, performance fees and recoverable expenses are calculated refer to the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement.

14 Related party transactions (continued)

(h) Related party unit holdings

Parties related to the Fund (including Perennial Investment Management Limited, its related parties and other funds managed by Perennial Investment Management Limited and the Investment Manager) held no units in the Fund as at 30 June 2024 (30 June 2023: Nil).

(i) Investments

The Fund did not hold investments in Perennial Investment Management Limited or its related parties during the year (2023: Nil).

15 Events occurring after the reporting period

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

16 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

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

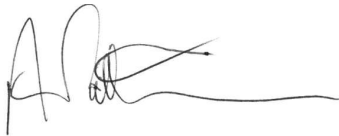
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Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of the Responsible Entity:

- (a) The financial statements and notes set out on pages 6 to 21 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date.
- (c) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (c) Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements also comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Perennial Investment Management Limited.



Anthony Patterson
Director
Perennial Investment Management Limited

Sydney
23 September 2024



Independent Auditor's Report

To the unitholders of Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund)

Opinion

We have audited the *Financial Report* of the Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund) (the Scheme).

In our opinion, the accompanying *Financial Report* of the Scheme gives a true and fair view, including of the Scheme's financial position as at 30 June 2024 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 2024;
- Statement of comprehensive income, Statement of changes in equity, and Statement of cash flows for the year then ended;
- Notes, including material accounting policies; and
- Directors' Declaration.

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 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.

Key Audit Matters

Key Audit Matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the Financial Report of the current period.

This matter was addressed in the context of our audit of the Financial Report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on this matter.

Valuation and existence of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (\$41.7 m)	
Refer to Note 4 (b) and Note 6 to the financial report	
The key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
The Scheme outsources certain processes and controls relevant to: - Recording and valuing financial assets to a fund administrator; and - Maintaining custody and underlying records of financial assets to a custodian. Valuation and existence of financial assets is a key audit matter due to the: - Size of the Scheme's portfolio of financial assets. These financial assets represent 91% of the Scheme's total assets at year end; and - Importance of the performance of these financial assets in driving the Scheme's investment income and capital performance, as reported in the Financial Report. As a result, this was the area with greatest effect on our overall audit strategy and allocation of resources in planning and performing our audit.	Our procedures included: - We assessed the appropriateness of the accounting policies applied by the Scheme, including those relevant to the fair value of financial assets, against the requirements of the accounting standards. - We obtained and read the GS007 (Guidance Statement 007 Audit Implications of the Use of Service Organisations for Investment Management Services) assurance reports to understand the processes and assess the controls relevant to the: - Fund administrator – to record and value the Scheme's financial assets; and - Custodian – to maintain custody and underlying records of the Scheme's financial assets. - We assessed the reputation, professional competence and independence of the auditors of the GS007 assurance report. For listed investments: - We checked the existence of a sample of financial assets being the ownership and quantity held to independent confirmations from the custodian as at 30 June 2024. - Working with our valuation experts, we checked the valuation of a sample of financial assets, as recorded in the general ledger, to externally quoted market prices as at 30 June 2024; For non-listed investments: - We checked the existence of a sample of financial assets being the ownership and quantity held to independent confirmations from the external companies in which the investments were held as at 30 June 2024. - We recalculated the unit price of the unlisted investment trust which the Schemes invests in. The valuation was performed using audited financial statements and compared to the valuation recorded in the general ledger as at 30 June 2024. - We evaluated the Scheme's disclosures of financial assets, using our understanding obtained from our testing, against the requirements of the accounting standards.

Other Information

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in the Scheme's annual report which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. The Directors of Perennial Investment Management Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for the Other Information.

The Other Information we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report was the Directors' 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. 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 Perennial Investment Management 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; and
- assessing the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the 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.aasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar2_2020.pdf. This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joshua Pearce', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Joshua Pearce

Partner

Melbourne

23 September 2024