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This interim report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, this interim report is to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024 and any public announcements made in respect of Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund) during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

This financial 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 interim financial report of the Fund for the half-year ended 31 December 2024.

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

Directors

The following persons held office as Directors of Perennial Investment Management Limited during the reporting period or since the end of the reporting period and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

A. Patterson

C. Love

M. Bennett

Review and results of operations

The Investment Manager continued to invest funds in accordance with target asset allocations as set out in the governing documents of the Funds and in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

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

	For the half-year ended	
	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year (\$'000)	<u>1,030</u>	<u>(796)</u>
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	-	-
Distributions (cents per unit - "CPU")	-	-

Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

Directors' report (continued)

Events occurring after the reporting period

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (i) the operations of the Scheme in future reporting periods;
- (ii) the results of those operations in future reporting periods; or
- (iii) the state of affairs of the Scheme in future reporting periods.

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.

Auditor's independence declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration, as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, is set out on page 4 and forms part of this Directors' report for the half-year ended 31 December 2024.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Perennial Investment Management Limited.



A. Patterson

Director

Perennial Investment Management Limited

Sydney

4 March 2025



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 review of Perennial Better
Future Fund (Managed Fund) for the half-year ended 31 December 2024 there have been:

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

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Luke Sullivan
Luke Sullivan
Partner

Melbourne
4 March 2025

Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund)
Statement of comprehensive income
For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of comprehensive income

	Notes	For the half-year ended	
		31 December 2024	31 December 2023
		\$'000	\$'000
Investment income			
Interest income		98	52
Dividend and distribution income		584	535
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		<u>609</u>	<u>(1,158)</u>
Total net investment income/(loss)		<u>1,291</u>	<u>(571)</u>
Expenses			
Responsible Entity fees		213	187
Transaction costs		24	17
Other expenses		<u>24</u>	<u>21</u>
Total operating expenses		<u>261</u>	<u>225</u>
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year		<u>1,030</u>	<u>(796)</u>

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

Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund)
Statement of financial position
As at 31 December 2024

Statement of financial position

		As at 31 December 2024 \$'000	As at 30 June 2024 \$'000
	Notes		
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		4,078	3,993
Receivables		84	106
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	3	<u>44,118</u>	<u>41,696</u>
Total assets		<u>48,280</u>	<u>45,795</u>
Liabilities			
Distributions payable		-	671
Payables		<u>129</u>	<u>56</u>
Total liabilities		<u>129</u>	<u>727</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity	2	<u>48,151</u>	<u>45,068</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 half-year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of changes in equity

		For the half-year ended	
		31 December 2024	31 December 2023
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the half-year		45,068	42,054
Comprehensive income for the half-year			
Profit/(Loss) for the half-year	2	1,030	(796)
Other comprehensive income for the half-year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year		<u>1,030</u>	<u>(796)</u>
Transactions with unitholders			
Applications	2	2,663	4,895
Redemptions	2	(682)	(933)
Reinvestment of distributions	2	<u>72</u>	<u>37</u>
Total transaction with unitholders		<u>2,053</u>	<u>3,999</u>
Total equity at the end of the half-year		<u>48,151</u>	<u>45,257</u>

Changes in net assets attributable to unitholders are disclosed in note 2 of the financial statements.

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 half-year ended 31 December 2024

Statement of cash flows

	For the half-year ended	
	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Notes	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Cash flows from operating activities</i>		
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	6,099	7,729
Payments for the purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(7,839)	(11,519)
Interest received	98	52
Dividends and distributions received	578	540
Reduced input tax credits received	16	-
Responsible Entity fees paid	(224)	(183)
Performance fees paid	-	(302)
Transaction costs paid	(24)	(17)
Other expenses paid	(24)	(21)
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(1,320)	(3,721)
<i>Cash flows from financing activities</i>		
Proceeds from applications by unitholders	2,692	4,895
Payments for redemptions by unitholders	(689)	(933)
Distributions paid	(598)	(318)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	1,405	3,644
<i>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</i>	85	(77)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year	3,993	3,174
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year	4,078	3,097

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

1 Basis of preparation of interim financial report

This interim financial report for the half-year ended 31 December 2024 has been prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting.

This interim financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in a set of annual financial statements. Accordingly, this report should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the reporting period ended 30 June 2024.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Directors on 4 March 2025. The Directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and the corresponding interim reporting period except for the adoption of any new and amended standards as set out below.

Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards

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

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

There are no new accounting standards, interpretations amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the period beginning 1 July 2024 that have a material impact on the amounts recognized in the prior periods or will affect the current or future periods.

(b) Impact of standards issued but not yet applied by the Fund

There are no new accounting standards, interpretations and authoritative pronouncements that are expected to have a material impact on the Fund.

2 Net assets attributable to unitholders

As stipulated within the Fund's Constitution, each unit represents a right to an individual share in the Fund and does not extend to a right to 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 unitholders' option. The holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term. As such, the amount expected to be settled within twelve months after the end of the reporting period cannot be reliably determined.

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

	For the half-year ended			
	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	No. '000	No. '000	\$'000	\$'000
Opening balance	9,334	8,482	45,068	42,054
Applications	536	1,023	2,663	4,895
Redemptions	(141)	(199)	(682)	(933)
Reinvestment of distributions	15	7	72	37
Profit/(Loss) for the half-year	-	-	1,030	(796)
Closing Balance	9,744	9,313	48,151	45,257

3 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	As at 31 December 2024 \$'000	As at 30 June 2024 \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Listed securities	39,930	38,302
Listed property trusts	<u>4,188</u>	<u>3,394</u>
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<u>44,118</u>	<u>41,696</u>

4 Fair value measurement

The Fund is required to classify 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:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: 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); quoted prices for similar securities in active and/or inactive markets; market-corroborated inputs; inputs that are developed based on available market data and reflect assumptions that markets would use when pricing similar securities.
- Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

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 that 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 table below sets out the Fund's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy at the reporting date.

All fair value measurements disclosed are recurring fair value measurements.

	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
As at 31 December 2024				
Financial assets				
Listed securities	39,164	766	-	39,930
Listed property trusts	<u>4,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,188</u>
Total financial assets	<u>43,352</u>	<u>766</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,118</u>
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>

The pricing for the majority of the Fund's investments is generally sourced from independent pricing sources, the relevant Investment Managers or reliable brokers' quotes.

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, e.g. recognised stock exchanges, and therefore classified within level 1, include active listed securities and exchange traded derivatives.

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. The observable inputs include prices and/or those derived from prices.

Level 2 investments could include those that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions (e.g. redemption restrictions). Valuations for these investments may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information. Typically, prices of units in unlisted managed investment trusts that are either published on the investment manager's website and/or circulated among market participants as executable quotes are categorised as level 2.

Level 3 instruments could include distressed debt instruments, certain private equity and real estate investments that are not based on market inputs or securities that are in an inactive/illiquid market and are valued using models and internal data. Level 3 investments may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or restrictions; however, the adjustments are not based on available market information. Level 3 instruments also include those that have stale price that is, where the pricing for a particular security has remained static for an extended period of time.

Level 3 valuations are reviewed regularly by the relevant management. The management considers the appropriateness of the valuation inputs, methods and techniques used in the valuations. The valuation inputs are generally sourced from independent third-party pricing sources without adjustment such as stock exchanges, pricing agencies and/or fund managers. Where the inputs are considered stale, unobservable, proprietary or from an inactive market, they are categorized as level 3.

Investments classified within level 3 have significant unobservable inputs, as they are infrequently traded. Level 3 instruments include certain unlisted unit trusts and corporate debt securities. As observable prices are not available for these securities, valuation techniques are used to derive fair value.

Where a valuation model technique is used, the Responsible Entity considers other liquidity, credit and market risk factors, and adjusts the model as deemed necessary.

There were no transfers between any levels during the year ended 31 December 2024 (30 June 2024: Nil).

5 Events occurring after the reporting period

No significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period which would impact on the financial position of the Fund disclosed in the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the half-year ended on that date.

6 Contingent assets, liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 31 December 2024 and 30 June 2024.

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of the Responsible Entity:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 5 to 11 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards as it relates to AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting, 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 31 December 2024 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows, for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- (c) the financial statements are in accordance with the Fund's Constitution.

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



A. Patterson

Director

Perennial Investment Management Limited

Sydney

4 March 2025

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Independent Auditor's Review Report

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

Conclusion

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

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the Interim Financial Report of Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund) does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Scheme's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the Interim Period ended on that date; and
- complying with *Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

The **Interim Financial Report** comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024
- Statement of comprehensive income, Statement of changes in equity and Statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date
- Notes 1 to 6 including selected explanatory notes
- The Directors' Declaration.

Basis for Conclusion

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

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

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Interim Financial Report

The Directors of Perennial Investment Management Limited are responsible for:

- the preparation of the Interim 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 Interim Financial Report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



Auditor's responsibility for the review of the Interim Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Interim Financial Report based on our review. *ASRE 2410* requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the Interim Financial Report does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Scheme's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and its performance for the Interim Period ended on that date, and complying with *Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As auditor of Perennial Better Future Fund (Managed Fund), *ASRE 2410* requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

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

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Luke Sullivan
Partner

Melbourne
4 March 2025