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for the period ended 31 December 2025



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Directors' Report

The Directors of Australian Ethical Investment Limited, the "Responsible Entity" of the AEI Equity Funds (the Schemes) present the directors' report together with the financial statements and notes to the financial statements of the Schemes for the half-year ended 31 December 2025 and the accompanying independent auditor's report.

RESPONSIBLE ENTITY

Australian Ethical Investment Limited (ABN 47 003 188 930) serves as the Responsible Entity for the Schemes.

The following persons were Directors of Australian Ethical Investment Limited (AEIL) during the period under review and up to the date of this report unless otherwise indicated:

Steve Gibbs (Chair)
John McMurdo (Managing Director and CEO)
Julie Orr
Sandra McCullagh
Richard Brandweiner
Brian Bissaker
Kate Greenhill (retired 31 October 2025)

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND STATE OF AFFAIRS

The principal activity of the Schemes is to pool investors' savings to invest in accordance with the investment objectives and guidelines as set out in their respective current Product Disclosure Statement and within the provisions of the Schemes' Constitutions. Investments are sought to pursue the goal of a just and sustainable society and the protection of the natural environment as well as providing unitholders (the Schemes' investors) with a competitive financial return.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the Schemes' principal activities during the period and there were no significant changes in the Schemes' state of affairs, except those highlighted in the review of operations.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

Overview

The investments of the Schemes are consistent with those set out in the Schemes' Product Disclosure Statements, each dated 1 October 2025.

Results

Total return is the percentage change of a unitholder's financial interest in the Schemes assuming all distributions are reinvested in the Schemes. These returns are calculated in accordance with FSC Guidance Note 46 Investment Option Performance - Calculation of Returns. The Schemes achieved the following total returns for the half year:

| | Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund | | Australian Ethical Emerging Companies Fund | | Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund | | Australian Ethical International Shares Fund | |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| | 31 December 2025 % | 31 December 2024 % | 31 December 2025 % | 31 December 2024 % | 31 December 2025 % | 31 December 2024 % | 31 December 2025 % | 31 December 2024 % |
| Retail class | -0.42 | 8.76 | 6.88 | 6.71 | 1.46 | 10.18 | 8.11 | 14.53 |
| Wholesale class | -0.11 | 9.09 | 7.17 | 6.97 | 1.68 | 10.42 | 8.33 | 14.76 |

Directors' Report (continued)

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS (continued)

Results (continued)

Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund

The period was characterised by a cyclical, resource led advance, with the Standard & Poors (S&P) ASX 200 Materials index up by 36% in the last 6 months. This compared to the Standard & Poors (S&P) ASX 200 Industrials index declining 4%.

The Scheme is perpetually underweight Materials due to the high carbon intensity of the mining and energy companies that dominate the sector. Correspondingly, the Scheme has maintained overweight positions to the technology and healthcare sectors. Whilst these sector positions have detracted value over the last year, they have added significantly more value over the 31 year history of the Scheme. Despite these headwinds, the consumer sector emerged as a key area of strength for the Scheme aided by fundamental stock picks.

The Scheme's positioning in quality consumer names - supported by resilient demand profiles and strong competitive positioning - provided a partial offset to the commodity driven skew of the broader market. Disciplined cost management, strong execution and steady earnings delivery helped these positions contribute positively in an otherwise challenging style environment.

Australian Ethical Emerging Companies Fund

Resilient economic conditions toward calendar year end precipitated above-trend inflation and heralded potential interest rate hikes, which shook the confidence of equity markets in the final quarter. Despite this weakness, markets ended 2025 with strong gains, especially in the small cap sector. As we enter 2026, valuations of our largest holdings in the Scheme remain attractive and we are expecting continued revenue and profit growth from many of them in the upcoming reporting season.

Small cap industrial stock returns across the Australian market have been modest compared to the gains of mining and energy companies, leaving room for further gains if market confidence can push through the near term weaker sentiment. In what is generally a good sign for equities, the capital raising environment is robust with 2025 being the strongest outcome for four years and Merger & Acquisition (M&A) activity also picked up with foreign buyers and private equity taking advantage of lower domestic valuations.

Our experienced team is focused on identifying individual stocks that are undervalued on a medium term basis, and we continue to find good opportunities to invest, with a number of new positions in the Scheme over the most recent quarter.

Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund and Australian Ethical International Shares Fund

Middle East tensions lifted energy prices at the start of the period. The ASX 300 significantly lagged the Standard & Poors (S&P) 500 in the US in September amid shifting rate cut expectations and domestic inflation. However a more stable backdrop and earnings recovery in Australia supported prices, capping a constructive calendar year.

Global and Australian equities enter 2026 with a constructive backdrop, supported by earnings growth, likely interest rate decreases coming in the US and much of the developed world (except Australia) and an investment cycle driven by Artificial Intelligence (AI) momentum. Globally, the AI theme is broadening beyond mega-cap technology into financials, utilities and logistics with corporates investing for productivity, while elevated valuations - particularly in US Technologies - require sustained earnings expansion.

Geopolitical and policy risks remain non-trivial, warranting diversification and a selective approach. We favour companies leveraging AI and automation for productivity gains, alongside defensive sectors benefiting from easing monetary policy globally, while maintaining robust diversification to navigate episodic volatility. In Australia, mid-to-high single-digit earnings growth for the calendar year ahead and strong corporate fundamentals provide support, though fiscal reform debates and elevated valuations call for some caution.

Directors' Report (continued)

Net assets

The value of the Schemes' net assets attributable to unitholders was as follows:

| Scheme name | 31 December 2025 | 30 June 2025 |
|--|------------------|--------------|
| Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund | \$1,992m | \$2,015m |
| Australian Ethical Emerging Companies Fund | \$357m | \$322m |
| Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund | \$2,341m | \$2,108m |
| Australian Ethical International Shares Fund | \$2,316m | \$2,123m |

INDEMNITIES AND INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR THE RESPONSIBLE ENTITY AND AUDITOR

No insurance premiums are paid for out of the assets of the Schemes for insurance cover provided to the Responsible Entity, its officers or auditor of the Schemes. Where the Responsible Entity acts in accordance with the Schemes' Constitutions and the law, it is generally entitled to an indemnity out of the assets of the Schemes against losses incurred while acting on behalf of the Schemes. The auditor of the Schemes is not indemnified out of the assets of the Schemes.

ROUNDING OF AMOUNTS

The Schemes are of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations Instrument 2016/191, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to 'rounding off'. Amounts in this report have been rounded off in accordance with that Corporations' Instrument to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, the nearest dollar.

EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

Subsequent to 31 December 2025 global equity markets have experienced increased volatility following the escalation of the conflict involving Iran on 28 February 2026, which contributed to a decline in the value of the Fund's investments. Disruptions and security risks around the Strait of Hormuz have heightened uncertainty in global energy markets and contributed to this broader market downturn. With the heightened volatility, smaller companies will generally underperform broader markets due to the higher perceived risk associated with less developed markets.

As a result, the Emerging Companies Fund recorded a negative performance return of 14.1% since the reporting date. Based on the Fund's net assets attributable to unitholders of \$357.1 million at 31 December 2025, this represents an approximate reduction in value of \$50.4 million, resulting in an estimated value of \$306.7 million, excluding any investor applications, redemptions or other fund transactions since the reporting date.

This event has been treated as a non-adjusting subsequent event, as the relevant market movements occurred after the reporting date and, therefore do not affect the measurement of assets and liabilities as at that date.

AUDITOR'S DECLARATION

The auditor's independence declaration is included in this report and forms part of the directors' report for the half-year ended 31 December 2025.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Australian Ethical Investment Limited.



John McMurdo
Managing Director
Australian Ethical Investment Limited
10 March 2026



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

To the Directors of Australian Ethical Investment Limited, the Responsible Entity
for the following Schemes:

- Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund
- Australian Ethical Emerging Companies Fund
- Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund
- Australian Ethical International Shares Fund

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the review of the interim financial reports of the Schemes for the half-year ended 31 December 2025 there have been:

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

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Nic Buchanan
Partner

Sydney
10 March 2026

Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

| | Note | Australian Ethical Shares Fund | | Australian Ethical Emerging Companies Fund | |
|--|------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| | | 31 December 2025 \$'000 | 31 December 2024 \$'000 | 31 December 2025 \$'000 | 31 December 2024 \$'000 |
| Investment income | | | | | |
| Interest | | 1,200 | 2,298 | 638 | 590 |
| Dividends | | 31,894 | 27,356 | 3,824 | 2,443 |
| Net change in fair value of financial assets | | (20,998) | 152,060 | 22,167 | 22,029 |
| Other income | | - | - | 15 | 10 |
| Net investment income/(loss) | | 12,096 | 181,714 | 26,644 | 25,072 |
| Operating expenses | | | | | |
| Management fees | | 6,000 | 5,930 | 1,772 | 1,733 |
| Transaction costs | | 597 | 629 | 175 | 195 |
| Operating expenses before finance costs | | 6,597 | 6,559 | 1,947 | 1,928 |
| Profit/(loss) from operating activities | | 5,499 | 175,155 | 24,697 | 23,144 |
| Finance costs | | | | | |
| Distributions payable to unitholders of the Schemes | 2 | (29,769) | (23,417) | (3,228) | (1,311) |
| Change in net assets attributable to unitholders (total comprehensive income) | 4 | (24,270) | 151,738 | 21,469 | 21,833 |

Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income (continued)

| | Note | Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund | | Australian Ethical International Shares Fund | |
|--|------|---|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| | | 31 December 2025 \$'000 | 31 December 2024 \$'000 | 31 December 2025 \$'000 | 31 December 2024 \$'000 |
| Investment income | | | | | |
| Interest | | 165 | 299 | 180 | 134 |
| Dividends | | 36,100 | 33,210 | 13,729 | 13,773 |
| Net change in fair value of financial assets | | 15,400 | 221,839 | 181,136 | 321,554 |
| Other income | | 76 | 206 | 99 | 200 |
| Net investment income/(loss) | | 51,741 | 255,554 | 195,144 | 335,661 |
| Operating expenses | | | | | |
| Management fees | | 1,576 | 1,593 | 439 | 407 |
| Transaction costs | | 33 | 167 | 148 | 217 |
| Operating expenses before finance costs | | 1,609 | 1,760 | 587 | 624 |
| Profit/(loss) from operating activities | | 50,132 | 253,794 | 194,557 | 335,037 |
| Finance costs | | | | | |
| Distributions payable to unitholders of the Schemes | 2 | (35,089) | (33,163) | (13,150) | (15,123) |
| Change in net assets attributable to unitholders (total comprehensive income) | 4 | 15,043 | 220,631 | 181,407 | 319,914 |

The above statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statements of Financial Position

| | Note | Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund | | Australian Ethical Emerging Companies Fund | |
|---|------|---|------------------------|--|------------------------|
| | | 31 December 2025 \$'000 | 30 June 2025 \$'000 | 31 December 2025 \$'000 | 30 June 2025 \$'000 |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 57,551 | 66,529 | 24,626 | 33,479 |
| Receivables | | 2,814 | 9,883 | 123 | 2,850 |
| Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss | 5 | <u>1,962,062</u> | <u>2,061,250</u> | <u>335,862</u> | <u>317,139</u> |
| Total assets | | <u>2,022,427</u> | <u>2,137,662</u> | <u>360,611</u> | <u>353,468</u> |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Payables | | 1,041 | 5,601 | 311 | 287 |
| Distributions payable | 2 | <u>29,769</u> | <u>117,561</u> | <u>3,228</u> | <u>31,024</u> |
| Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders) | | <u>30,810</u> | <u>123,162</u> | <u>3,539</u> | <u>31,311</u> |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders | 4 | <u>1,991,617</u> | <u>2,014,500</u> | <u>357,072</u> | <u>322,157</u> |

| | Note | Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund | | Australian Ethical International Shares Fund | |
|---|------|--|------------------------|--|------------------------|
| | | 31 December 2025 \$'000 | 30 June 2025 \$'000 | 31 December 2025 \$'000 | 30 June 2025 \$'000 |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 8,912 | 7,250 | 12,779 | 13,843 |
| Receivables | | 6,495 | 53,018 | 4,191 | 4,864 |
| Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss | 5 | <u>2,361,092</u> | <u>2,326,392</u> | <u>2,312,168</u> | <u>2,284,994</u> |
| Total assets | | <u>2,376,499</u> | <u>2,386,660</u> | <u>2,329,138</u> | <u>2,303,701</u> |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Payables | | 277 | 274 | 81 | 71 |
| Distributions payable | 2 | <u>35,089</u> | <u>278,232</u> | <u>13,150</u> | <u>180,517</u> |
| Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders) | | <u>35,366</u> | <u>278,506</u> | <u>13,231</u> | <u>180,588</u> |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders | 4 | <u>2,341,133</u> | <u>2,108,154</u> | <u>2,315,907</u> | <u>2,123,113</u> |

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

Statements of Changes in Equity

The Schemes' net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as liabilities under AASB 132 'Financial Instruments: Presentation'. As such the Schemes have no equities and no items of changes in equity at the start and end of the period.

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

Statements of Cash Flows

| | Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund | | Australian Ethical Emerging Companies Fund | |
|---|--|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| | 31 December 2025 \$'000 | 31 December 2024 \$'000 | 31 December 2025 \$'000 | 31 December 2024 \$'000 |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | | |
| Interest received | 1,264 | 2,298 | 655 | 590 |
| Dividends received | 36,950 | 29,613 | 4,824 | 2,443 |
| Other income received | - | - | 15 | 10 |
| Management fees paid | (5,969) | (5,765) | (1,748) | (1,893) |
| Transaction costs paid | (655) | (627) | (199) | (181) |
| Net cash from operating activities | <u>31,590</u> | <u>25,519</u> | <u>3,547</u> | <u>969</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | | |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | 262,972 | 203,989 | 70,334 | 67,934 |
| Purchase of investments | (187,339) | (217,146) | (65,156) | (68,496) |
| Net cash from investing activities | <u>75,633</u> | <u>(13,157)</u> | <u>5,178</u> | <u>(562)</u> |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | | |
| Proceeds from issue of units | 175,532 | 144,881 | 32,503 | 45,452 |
| Payments for redemption of units | (255,069) | (86,636) | (36,268) | (34,858) |
| Distributions paid to unitholders | (36,637) | (15,130) | (13,813) | (572) |
| Net cash from financing activities | <u>(116,174)</u> | <u>43,115</u> | <u>(17,578)</u> | <u>10,022</u> |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | <u>(8,951)</u> | <u>55,477</u> | <u>(8,853)</u> | <u>10,429</u> |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on the balances of foreign currencies | (27) | - | - | - |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July | <u>66,529</u> | <u>114,120</u> | <u>33,479</u> | <u>23,616</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalent at 31 December | <u>57,551</u> | <u>169,597</u> | <u>24,626</u> | <u>34,045</u> |

Statements of Cash Flows (continued)

| | Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund | | Australian Ethical International Shares Fund | |
|---|---|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| | 31 December 2025 \$'000 | 31 December 2024 \$'000 | 31 December 2025 \$'000 | 31 December 2024 \$'000 |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | | |
| Interest received | 165 | 299 | 180 | 134 |
| Dividends received | 36,455 | 32,896 | 14,409 | 15,088 |
| Other income received | 76 | 206 | 99 | 332 |
| Management fees paid | (1,573) | (1,551) | (430) | (394) |
| Transaction costs paid | (48) | (172) | (155) | (217) |
| Net cash from operating activities | 35,075 | 31,678 | 14,103 | 14,943 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | | |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | 104,453 | 614,645 | 277,934 | 580,649 |
| Purchase of investments | (77,569) | (379,554) | (123,975) | (124,672) |
| Net cash from investing activities | 26,884 | 235,091 | 153,959 | 455,977 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | | |
| Proceeds from issue of units | 42,400 | 22,420 | 81,211 | 66,167 |
| Payments for redemption of units | (82,713) | (291,323) | (245,227) | (535,522) |
| Distributions paid to unitholders | (19,983) | (1,783) | (5,114) | (1,290) |
| Net cash from financing activities | (60,296) | (270,686) | (169,130) | (470,645) |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 1,663 | (3,917) | (1,068) | 275 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on the balances of foreign currencies | (1) | - | 4 | 3 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July | 7,250 | 13,160 | 13,843 | 8,191 |
| Cash and cash equivalent at 31 December | 8,912 | 9,243 | 12,779 | 8,469 |

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

1 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

REPORTING ENTITIES

The AEI Equity Funds (the Schemes), for-profit entities, are registered managed investment schemes under the Corporations Act 2001. The Schemes are domiciled in Australia. The financial statements of the Schemes are for the half-year ended 31 December 2025. The Schemes will terminate on below dates unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the Schemes' Constitution:

| Scheme name | Constitution date | Termination date |
|--|-------------------|------------------|
| Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund | 2 November 1999 | 1 November 2079 |
| Australian Ethical Emerging Companies Fund | 3 June 2015 | 2 June 2095 |
| Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund | 2 November 1999 | 1 November 2079 |
| Australian Ethical International Shares Fund | 23 April 2007 | 22 April 2087 |

Statement of compliance

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Corporations Act 2001. The financial statements of the Schemes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

BASIS OF PREPARATION

These financial statements are presented in Australian dollars which is the functional currency and are prepared on a fair value basis with financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss and derivatives which are measured at fair value, except for receivables and payables which are measured at cost.

The material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated. The Statements of Financial Position are prepared on a liquidity basis.

This interim financial reports are general-purpose financial reports which have been prepared in accordance with AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Act 2001. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting. The interim financial reports cover the Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund, the Australian Ethical Emerging Companies Fund, the Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund and the Australian Ethical International Shares Fund as individual entities. The Responsible Entity of the Schemes is Australian Ethical Investment Limited (the Responsible Entity). The registered office is Level 8, 124-130 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

Selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are material to an understanding of the changes in financial positions and performance of the Schemes since the last annual financial statements as at and for the year ended 30 June 2025. The interim financial reports do not include all of the information required for full annual financial reports and should be read in conjunction with the annual financial reports of the Schemes as at and for the year ended 30 June 2025, and any public announcements made in respect of the Schemes during the reporting period in accordance with continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of accounting estimates which, by definition, will seldom equal the actual results. Management also needs to exercise judgement in applying the Schemes' accounting policies.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the Schemes and are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

1 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In accordance with the respective investment mandates, the Schemes may invest in derivative financial instruments to gain or hedge exposure to equities, interest rates or foreign currencies. Derivative financial instruments are recognised initially at cost. After initial recognition, derivative financial instruments are stated at fair value. The gain or loss on remeasurement to fair value is recognised immediately in the Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. At balance date, the Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund and the Australian Ethical Emerging Companies Fund held listed equity warrants.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprise deposits with banks and highly liquid financial assets with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair value. Cash and cash equivalents are used by the Schemes in the management of short-term commitments.

FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT PRINCIPLES

Financial instruments comprise financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss, receivables, cash and cash equivalents, payables, and distributions payable.

Generally, valuation information is obtained from third-party industry standard service providers to ensure that the most recent security prices are obtained. The prices used to value investments include, but are not limited to:

- independent prices obtained for each security; and
- quoted market prices on securities.

For certain investments, prices cannot be obtained from the above sources. In these instances, valuations obtained from service providers are estimated using valuation models which are consistent with accepted industry practice and incorporate the best available information regarding assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the assets or liabilities. Irrespective of the method used by third-party industry standard service providers to obtain valuations, prices achieved in actual transactions may be different.

The Schemes' assets are measured at fair value in accordance with AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement. The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. The quoted market prices used for the fair value measurement are last traded prices and is the same price used in the unit pricing process.

Classification

On initial recognition a financial asset is classified as measured at amortised cost, fair value through profit or loss, or fair value through other comprehensive income. Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through profit or loss.

Recognition and initial measurement

Financial instruments are recognised when the Schemes become parties to the contractual provisions of the instruments. Purchases and sales of financial assets are accounted for at trade date (i.e. the date the Schemes commit themselves to purchase or sell the assets).

Measurement

After initial recognition, all instruments classified at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value with changes in their fair value recognised in the Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. All other financial instruments are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less any recognised impairment.

1 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT PRINCIPLES (continued)

Measurement (continued)

Financial liabilities arising from redeemable units issued by the Schemes are carried at the redemption amount representing the unitholders' rights to the residual interest in the Schemes' assets, effectively the fair value at the reporting date.

Derecognition

The Schemes derecognise financial assets when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the assets expire, or they transfer the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial assets are transferred, or in which the Schemes neither transfer nor retain substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and do not retain control of the financial assets.

On derecognition of financial assets, the differences between the carrying amount of the assets (or the carrying amount allocated to the portions of the assets that is derecognised) and the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) are recognised in profit or loss. Any interest in such transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Schemes are recognised as a separate asset or liability. The Schemes derecognise financial liabilities when their contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expire.

Impairment of financial assets held at amortised cost

AASB 9 Financial Instruments requires an 'expected credit loss' model to apply to financial assets measured at amortised cost, contract assets and debt instruments, but not equity instruments held at fair value through profit or loss. The financial assets at amortised cost consists of trade receivables and cash and cash equivalents.

STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ON ISSUE NOT YET ADOPTED

Management have assessed there are no new accounting standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the period beginning 1 July 2025 that would be expected to have a material impact on the Schemes.

2 DISTRIBUTIONS PAID AND PAYABLE

| | Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund | | | |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 31 December 2025 | 31 December 2025 | 31 December 2024 | 31 December 2024 |
| | \$'000 | CPU | \$'000 | CPU |
| Retail class | | | | |
| Distributions payable | <u>1,614</u> | <u>2.52</u> | <u>1,128</u> | <u>1.69</u> |
| Wholesale class | | | | |
| Distributions payable | <u>9,018</u> | <u>3.44</u> | <u>6,926</u> | <u>2.63</u> |
| Zero class | | | | |
| Distributions payable | <u>19,137</u> | <u>5.15</u> | <u>15,363</u> | <u>4.18</u> |
| Total Distributions | <u>29,769</u> | | <u>23,417</u> | |

The prior year final distribution total of \$117,560,779 was paid in July 2025.

2 DISTRIBUTIONS PAID AND PAYABLE (continued)

| | Australian Ethical Emerging Companies Fund | | | |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| | 31 December 2025 \$'000 | 31 December 2025 CPU | 31 December 2024 \$'000 | 31 December 2024 CPU |
| Retail class | | | | |
| Distributions payable | <u>89</u> | <u>1.22</u> | - | - |
| Wholesale class | | | | |
| Distributions payable | <u>1,891</u> | <u>1.33</u> | <u>691</u> | <u>0.48</u> |
| Zero class | | | | |
| Distributions payable | <u>1,248</u> | <u>3.05</u> | <u>620</u> | <u>1.68</u> |
| Total Distributions | <u>3,228</u> | | <u>1,311</u> | |

The prior year final distribution total of \$31,024,097 was paid in July 2025.

| | Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund | | | |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| | 31 December 2025 \$'000 | 31 December 2025 CPU | 31 December 2024 \$'000 | 31 December 2024 CPU |
| Retail class | | | | |
| Distributions payable | <u>110</u> | <u>3.08</u> | <u>109</u> | <u>2.97</u> |
| Wholesale class | | | | |
| Distributions payable | <u>3,220</u> | <u>4.02</u> | <u>3,153</u> | <u>3.98</u> |
| Zero class | | | | |
| Distributions payable | <u>31,759</u> | <u>5.82</u> | <u>29,901</u> | <u>5.85</u> |
| Total Distributions | <u>35,089</u> | | <u>33,163</u> | |

The prior year final distribution total of \$278,231,993 was paid in July 2025.

2 DISTRIBUTIONS PAID AND PAYABLE (continued)

| | Australian Ethical International Shares Fund | | | |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 31 December 2025 | 31 December 2025 | 31 December 2024 | 31 December 2024 |
| | \$'000 | CPU | \$'000 | CPU |
| Retail class | | | | |
| Distributions payable | <u>4</u> | <u>0.15</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>0.47</u> |
| Wholesale class | | | | |
| Distributions payable | <u>412</u> | <u>0.65</u> | <u>492</u> | <u>0.77</u> |
| Zero class | | | | |
| Distributions payable | <u>12,734</u> | <u>1.31</u> | <u>14,617</u> | <u>1.43</u> |
| Total Distributions | <u>13,150</u> | | <u>15,123</u> | |

The prior year final distribution total of \$180,516,614 was paid in July 2025.

3 ISSUED UNITS

Each units represent rights to individual shares in the Schemes per their respective Constitution. Zero class units are issued to other schemes managed by the Responsible Entity and the Australian Ethical Retail Superannuation Fund (AERSF) and are not charged a Responsible Entity fee. All rights attached to zero class units are the same as those of the other classes.

| | Australian Ethical Shares Fund | | Australian Ethical Emerging Companies Fund | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| | 31 December 2025 Units | 31 December 2024 Units | 31 December 2025 Units | 31 December 2024 Units |
| Retail class | | | | |
| On issue at beginning of period | 64,216,346 | 68,748,606 | 7,624,746 | 8,926,712 |
| Issued | 5,108,992 | 3,471,105 | 1,117,151 | 598,075 |
| Reclassified to wholesale class | (2,490,097) | (2,399,912) | (839,053) | (536,095) |
| Redeemed | (2,737,804) | (3,238,404) | (575,943) | (832,849) |
| On issue at period end | 64,097,437 | 66,581,395 | 7,326,901 | 8,155,843 |
| Wholesale class | | | | |
| On issue at beginning of period | 259,196,637 | 255,210,147 | 138,365,761 | 141,861,987 |
| Issued | 23,108,571 | 26,492,110 | 21,915,518 | 18,919,703 |
| Reclassified from retail class | 2,502,349 | 2,410,999 | 851,108 | 539,279 |
| Redeemed | (22,393,211) | (20,735,878) | (18,542,367) | (18,233,458) |
| On issue at period end | 262,414,346 | 263,377,378 | 142,590,020 | 143,087,511 |
| Zero class | | | | |
| On issue at beginning of period | 373,101,966 | 341,327,603 | 37,174,629 | 31,255,458 |
| Issued | 58,407,319 | 31,972,520 | 3,766,145 | 5,604,097 |
| Redeemed | (60,228,711) | (5,891,768) | - | - |
| On issue at period end | 371,280,574 | 367,408,355 | 40,940,774 | 36,859,555 |

3 ISSUED UNITS (continued)

| | Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund | | Australian Ethical International Shares Fund | |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | 31 December 2025 Units | 31 December 2024 Units | 31 December 2025 Units | 31 December 2024 Units |
| Retail class | | | | |
| On issue at beginning of period | 3,488,234 | 4,307,487 | 2,800,314 | 3,347,423 |
| Issued | 598,356 | 292,007 | 488,949 | 487,416 |
| Reclassified to wholesale class | (315,726) | (721,260) | (477,399) | (649,196) |
| Redeemed | (196,539) | (206,271) | (173,737) | (188,998) |
| On issue at period end | 3,574,325 | 3,671,963 | 2,638,127 | 2,996,645 |
| Wholesale class | | | | |
| On issue at beginning of period | 76,582,749 | 81,082,078 | 61,400,281 | 62,025,845 |
| Issued | 7,915,466 | 3,058,167 | 5,790,294 | 4,605,942 |
| Reclassified from retail class | 312,140 | 713,303 | 473,200 | 644,142 |
| Redeemed | (4,656,013) | (5,665,483) | (3,998,872) | (3,478,244) |
| On issue at period end | 80,154,342 | 79,188,065 | 63,664,903 | 63,797,685 |
| Zero class | | | | |
| On issue at beginning of period | 489,900,878 | 587,740,076 | 964,851,857 | 1,225,467,232 |
| Issued | 72,557,310 | 12,077,645 | 116,007,157 | 94,611,493 |
| Redeemed | (16,884,788) | (88,319,956) | (107,924,086) | (299,448,002) |
| On issue at period end | 545,573,400 | 511,497,765 | 972,934,928 | 1,020,630,723 |

4 NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

The Schemes manage their net assets attributable to unitholders as capital, notwithstanding net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as liabilities. The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can change significantly daily as the Schemes are subject to daily applications and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders. Applications and redemptions are reviewed relative to the liquidity of each Schemes' underlying assets on a daily basis by the Responsible Entity. Under the terms of the Schemes' Constitution, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer a redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interest of the unitholders.

The objective of the Schemes is to provide unitholders with returns in accordance with their respective Product Disclosure Statement.

4 NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS (continued)

| | Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund | | Australian Ethical Emerging Companies Fund | |
|--|---|------------------|--|------------------|
| | 31 December 2025 | 31 December 2024 | 31 December 2025 | 31 December 2024 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Opening balance | 2,014,500 | 1,823,773 | 322,157 | 322,847 |
| Issued | 175,532 | 144,881 | 32,503 | 45,452 |
| Distributions reinvested | 80,924 | 33,894 | 17,211 | 1,062 |
| Redeemed | (255,069) | (86,636) | (36,268) | (34,858) |
| Change in net assets attributable to unitholders | (24,270) | 151,738 | 21,469 | 21,833 |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders | 1,991,617 | 2,067,650 | 357,072 | 356,336 |

| | Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund | | Australian Ethical International Shares Fund | |
|--|--|------------------|--|------------------|
| | 31 December 2025 | 31 December 2024 | 31 December 2025 | 31 December 2024 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Opening balance | 2,108,154 | 2,400,346 | 2,123,113 | 2,450,148 |
| Issued | 42,400 | 22,420 | 81,211 | 135,467 |
| Distributions reinvested | 258,249 | 34,224 | 175,403 | 59,134 |
| Redeemed | (82,713) | (360,623) | (245,227) | (604,822) |
| Change in net assets attributable to unitholders | 15,043 | 220,631 | 181,407 | 319,914 |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders | 2,341,133 | 2,316,998 | 2,315,907 | 2,359,841 |

5 FAIR VALUES

The following table provides an analysis of financial instruments that are measured after initial recognition at fair value, grouped into Levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable.

Level 1: Using quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Derived from inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).

Level 3: Derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that is not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). This category includes instruments valued using quoted prices in active markets for similar instruments, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active or other valuation techniques.

5 FAIR VALUES (continued)

Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund

| 31 December 2025 | Level 1 \$'000 | Level 2 \$'000 | Level 3 \$'000 | Total \$'000 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Designated at fair value through profit or loss | | | | |
| Derivatives | 91 | - | - | 91 |
| Equity securities | <u>1,961,971</u> | - | - | <u>1,961,971</u> |
| Total | <u>1,962,062</u> | - | - | <u>1,962,062</u> |
| | | | | |
| 30 June 2025 | Level 1 \$'000 | Level 2 \$'000 | Level 3 \$'000 | Total \$'000 |
| Designated at fair value through profit or loss | | | | |
| Derivatives | 227 | (2) | - | 225 |
| Equity securities | <u>2,061,025</u> | - | - | <u>2,061,025</u> |
| Total | <u>2,061,252</u> | (2) | - | <u>2,061,250</u> |

Australian Ethical Emerging Companies Fund

| 31 December 2025 | Level 1 \$'000 | Level 2 \$'000 | Level 3 \$'000 | Total \$'000 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Designated at fair value through profit or loss | | | | |
| Derivatives | 390 | - | - | 390 |
| Equity securities | <u>335,472</u> | - | - | <u>335,472</u> |
| Total | <u>335,862</u> | - | - | <u>335,862</u> |
| | | | | |
| 30 June 2025 | Level 1 \$'000 | Level 2 \$'000 | Level 3 \$'000 | Total \$'000 |
| Designated at fair value through profit or loss | | | | |
| Derivatives | 340 | - | - | 340 |
| Equity securities | <u>316,799</u> | - | - | <u>316,799</u> |
| Total | <u>317,139</u> | - | - | <u>317,139</u> |

5 FAIR VALUES (continued)

Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund

| 31 December 2025 | Level 1 \$'000 | Level 2 \$'000 | Level 3 \$'000 | Total \$'000 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Designated at fair value through profit or loss | | | | |
| Equity securities | 1,735,368 | - | - | 1,735,368 |
| Unlisted unit trusts | - | 625,724 | - | 625,724 |
| Total | 1,735,368 | 625,724 | - | 2,361,092 |

| 30 June 2025 | Level 1 \$'000 | Level 2 \$'000 | Level 3 \$'000 | Total \$'000 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Designated at fair value through profit or loss | | | | |
| Equity securities | 1,784,574 | - | - | 1,784,574 |
| Unlisted unit trusts | - | 541,818 | - | 541,818 |
| Total | 1,784,574 | 541,818 | - | 2,326,392 |

Australian Ethical International Shares Fund

| 31 December 2025 | Level 1 \$'000 | Level 2 \$'000 | Level 3 \$'000 | Total \$'000 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Designated at fair value through profit or loss | | | | |
| Equity securities | 2,312,168 | - | - | 2,312,168 |
| Total | 2,312,168 | - | - | 2,312,168 |

| 30 June 2025 | Level 1 \$'000 | Level 2 \$'000 | Level 3 \$'000 | Total \$'000 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Designated at fair value through profit or loss | | | | |
| Equity securities | 2,284,994 | - | - | 2,284,994 |
| Total | 2,284,994 | - | - | 2,284,994 |

The Schemes do not hold any Level 3 assets. During the period, there were no transfers between levels.

Carrying amounts versus fair value

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities approximates their carrying amounts in the Statements of Financial Position.

6 CONTINGENCIES

There are no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31 December 2025 (30 June 2025: Nil).

7 EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

As the investments in the Schemes are measured at their 31 December 2025 fair values in the financial reports, any volatility in values after the balance date is not reflected in the Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income or the Statements of Financial Position. However, the current value of investments is reflected in the current unit price.

7 EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING DATE (continued)

Subsequent to 31 December 2025 global equity markets have experienced increased volatility following the escalation of the conflict involving Iran on 28 February 2026, which contributed to a decline in the value of the Fund's investments. Disruptions and security risks around the Strait of Hormuz have heightened uncertainty in global energy markets and contributed to this broader market downturn. With the heightened volatility, smaller companies will generally underperform broader markets due to the higher perceived risk associated with less developed markets.

As a result, the Emerging Companies Fund recorded a negative performance return of 14.1% since the reporting date. Based on the Fund's net assets attributable to unitholders of \$357.1 million at 31 December 2025, this represents an approximate reduction in value of \$50.4 million, resulting in an estimated value of \$306.7 million, excluding any investor applications, redemptions or other fund transactions since the reporting date.

This event has been treated as a non-adjusting subsequent event, as the relevant market movements occurred after the reporting date and, therefore do not affect the measurement of assets and liabilities as at that date.

Directors' Declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of Australian Ethical Investment Limited, the Responsible Entity of the AEI Equity Funds (the Schemes):

- (a) The financial statements and notes to the financial statements that are set out in this report are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) Giving true and fair views of the Schemes' financial positions as at 31 December 2025 and of their performance for the six-month period ended on that date; and
 - (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Corporations Regulations 2001;
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Schemes will be able to pay their debts when they become due and payable; and
- (c) The Schemes have operated during the half-year ended 31 December 2025 in accordance with the provisions of the Schemes' Constitution.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Australian Ethical Investment Limited.



John McMurdo
Managing Director
Australian Ethical Investment Limited
10 March 2026

Independent Auditor's Report



Independent Auditor's Review Report

To the respective unitholders of the following Schemes:

- Australian Ethical Australian Shares Fund
- Australian Ethical Emerging Companies Fund
- Australian Ethical Diversified Shares Fund
- Australian Ethical International Shares Fund

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

Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying **Interim Financial Reports** of the Schemes.

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 each Scheme 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 2025 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 Reports** of the individual Schemes comprise:

- Statements of financial position as at 31 December 2025;
- Statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the Interim Period ended on that date;
- Statements of changes in equity and Statement of cash flows for the Interim Period ended on that date;
- Notes 1 to 7 comprising material accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- The Directors' Declaration.

The **Interim Period** is the 6 months ended on 31 December 2025.

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 Reports* section of our report.

We are independent of the Schemes and Australian Ethical Investment Limited, the Responsible



Entity of the Schemes, in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* issued by the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board Limited (the Code) that are relevant to audits of annual financial reports of public interest entities in Australia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Interim Financial Reports

The Directors of Australian Ethical Investment Limited are responsible for:

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Interim Financial Reports

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Interim Financial Reports 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 of each Scheme 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 2025 and its performance for the Interim ended on that date, and complying with *Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As auditor of the Schemes, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of an Interim Period Financial Reports 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.


KPMG



Nic Buchanan

Partner

KPMG Sydney

10 March 2026