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# Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited 2023 Half Year Financial Results

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**Condensed Interim Financial Report** 1H23 Results Summary and Highlights

This release has been authorised by the Board of Directors of Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited.

Yours faithfully,

Gananatha Minithantri Company Secretary



# CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT



For the half-year ended 31 December 2022

# Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited ACN 601 406 419 Condensed Interim Financial Report for the half-year ended 31 December 2022

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#### **Directors' report**

The Directors present their report together with the condensed interim financial report of Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited (the Company) for the half-year ended 31 December 2022 and the auditor's report thereon.

#### Directors

The following persons were Directors of the Company during the half-year and up to the date of this report:

Current Directors	Position	Appointment date
Nancy Fox	Chairman and Non-Executive Director	1 July 2017
Virginia Malley	Non-Executive Director	25 August 2014
John Edstein	Non-Executive Director	26 September 2014
Amanda Gillespie (Apted)	Executive Director	13 May 2021

#### **Principal activities**

The Company is a listed investment company established to invest in a concentrated and actively managed portfolio of Australian listed securities with typically a mid-cap focus and cash, deposit products and senior debt, together with opportunistic allocations to global listed securities. The investment objective of the Company is to provide investors with an income stream and long term capital growth in excess of its benchmark (the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index) over minimum 5 year investment periods.

#### **Review of operations**

	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Profit/(loss) before income tax	46,364	27,914
Income tax benefit/(expense)	<u>(11,909</u> )	(6,130)
Profit/(loss) for the half-year attributable to shareholders	34,455	21,784

As at 31 December 2022, the Company's Net Tangible Assets (NTA) after tax were \$1.254 per share. This represents an increase of 5.3% compared to NTA after tax of \$1.191 per share as at 30 June 2022. In addition, the Company paid a fully franked final dividend of 3.3 cents per share during the half-year.

The Manager has remained disciplined in following its investment philosophy and process which focuses on quality and value. The Manager's investment process aims to identify quality businesses with recurring earnings, conservative debt and sound management, that are trading at attractive valuations. This is underpinned by the Manager's thorough research and analysis on securities held in the portfolio. The Manager incorporates Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) matters into its investment analysis and decision-making process.

#### Dividends

On 21 February 2023, the Directors declared a fully franked interim dividend payment of 3.3 cents per share.

#### State of affairs

The Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited options (ASX code: PICOA) expired on 2 September 2022.

There were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company during the half year other than the matters disclosed under the review of operations.

## Directors' report (continued)

#### Events subsequent to reporting date

The Directors are not aware of any event or circumstance since the end of the half-year not otherwise dealt with in this report that has or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of these operations or the state of affairs of the Company in the subsequent financial years.

#### Lead 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 4.

#### Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars

The Company is an entity of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191. Amounts in the Directors' report and the condensed interim financial report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with the Legislative Instrument, unless otherwise indicated.

Signed on behalf and in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:

Many Fox

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Chairman

Sydney 21 February 2023

Director



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

### To the Directors of Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the review of Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2022 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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Karen A Hopkins *Partner* Sydney 21 February 2023

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# Condensed interim statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

	Notes	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2021 \$'000
Investment income			
Dividend income		8,415	9,839
Interest income		203	-
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		41,170	21,943
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)		5	(91)
Other income		101	
Total investment income/(loss)		49,894	31,691
Expenses			
Management fees	8	2,415	2,740
Other expenses		1,115	1,037
Total expenses		3,530	3,777
Profit/(loss) before income tax		46,364	27,914
Income tax benefit/(expense)	5	(11,909)	(6,130)
Profit/(loss) after income tax		34,455	21,784
Other comprehensive income		<u> </u>	
Total comprehensive income		34,455	21,784
Earnings per share			
Basic earnings per share (cents per share)	4	9.15	5.83
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)	4	9.15	5.83

The Condensed interim statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Condensed interim statement of financial position

	Notes	31 December 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		13,724	22,311
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	459,623	424,231
Receivables		963	1,273
Deferred tax asset		-	10,082
Current tax receivable		2,969	-
Total assets		477,279	457,897
Liabilities			
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	7	359	513
Payables		449	954
Current tax payable		-	6,879
Deferred tax liability		3,095	
Total liabilities		3,903	8,346
Net assets		473,376	449,551
Equity			
Contributed equity	6	391,371	389,575
Retained earnings		(37,481)	(37,936)
Profit reserve		119,486	97,912
Total equity		473,376	449,551

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

# Condensed interim statement of changes in equity

	Notes	Contributed Equity \$'000	Retained Earnings \$'000	Profit Reserve \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance at 1 July 2022 Total comprehensive income for		389,575	(37,936)	97,912	449,551
the half-year		-	34,455	-	34,455
Transfers to profit reserve Transactions with members in their capacity as shareholders: Shares issued from dividend		-	(34,000)	34,000	-
reinvestment plan	6	1,087	-	-	1,087
Shares issued from exercise of options	6	709		-	709
Dividends paid	3 _	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	(12,426)	(12,426)
Balance at 31 December 2022	-	391,371	(37,481)	119,486	473,376
		Contributed Equity	Retained Earnings	Profit Reserve	Total
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at 1 July 2021 Total comprehensive income for		385,637	1,970	96,879	484,486
the half-year		-	21,784	-	21,784
Transfers to profit reserve Transactions with members in their capacity as shareholders:		-	(22,000)	22,000	-
Shares issued from dividend reinvestment plan Shares issued from exercise of	6	943	-	-	943
options	6	723	-	-	723
Dividends paid	3	<u> </u>		(10,459)	(10,459)
Balance at 31 December 2021	-	387,303	1,754	108,420	497,477

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

## Condensed interim statement of cash flows

	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Dividends received	8,695	10,060
Interest received	215	-
Other income received	330	230
Management fees paid	(2,568)	(2,912)
Income tax paid	(8,580)	(17,662)
Other expenses paid	<u>(1,259</u> )	(1,328)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(3,167)	(11,612)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of investments	219,927	261,574
Payments for purchase of investments	<u>(214,717)</u>	(257,728)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	5,210	3,846
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from exercise of options 6	709	723
Payments for transaction costs	-	(256)
Dividends paid - net of dividend reinvestment plan	(11,339)	(9,516)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	(10,630)	(9,049)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(8,587)	(16,815)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year	22,311	39,109
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year	13,724	22,294

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

#### **1** Reporting entity

Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited (the Company) is domiciled in Australia. The Company was incorporated on 25 August 2014. The address of the Company's registered office is at Level 18, 123 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

The Company is a listed investment company established to invest in a concentrated and actively managed portfolio of Australian listed securities with typically a mid-cap focus and cash, deposit products and senior debt, together with opportunistic allocations to global listed securities. The investment objective of the Company is to provide investors with an income stream and long term capital growth in excess of its benchmark (the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index) over minimum 5 year investment periods. The investment activities of the Company are managed by Perpetual Investment Management Limited (the Manager).

The condensed interim financial report for the half-year ended 31 December 2022 was authorised for issue by the Directors on 21 February 2023.

#### 2 Basis of preparation

The condensed interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard 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 Company is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the condensed interim financial report.

The condensed interim financial report does not include all notes normally included in a full financial report. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the Company's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2022 and any public announcements made in respect of Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited during the half-year in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The accounting policies applied in the condensed interim financial report are the same as those applied in the Company's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The condensed interim financial report has been prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities, except where otherwise stated.

#### Use of estimates

Management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Estimates and associated assumptions are reviewed regularly and are based on historical experience and various other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Where applicable to the fair value measurement, the current changing market conditions are assessed and estimated. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

For the majority of the Company's financial instruments, quoted market prices are readily available. However, when certain financial instruments are fair valued using valuation techniques (for example, pricing models), observable data is used to the extent practicable. The use of estimates and critical judgements in fair value measurement is described in note 7.

#### Functional and presentation currency

The condensed interim financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency.

#### New accounting standards and interpretations

There are no new accounting standards, amendments and interpretations effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2022 that have a material impact on the Company.

#### 3 Dividends

#### (a) Dividends paid

31 December 2022	Cents per share	Total amount \$'000	Franking	Payment date
Final 2022 dividend	3.3	12,426	100%	19 October 2022
31 December 2021	Cents per share	Total amount \$'000	Franking	Payment date
Final 2021 dividend	2.8	10,459	100%	20 October 2021

All dividends paid were fully franked at a tax rate of 30% and paid out of the profit reserve.

#### (b) Subsequent events

On 21 February 2023, the Directors declared the following dividend.

	Cents per share	Total amount \$'000	Franking	Payment date
Interim 2023 dividend	3.3	12,456	100%	18 April 2023

The interim dividend will be fully franked based on a tax rate of 30%.

The financial effect of this dividend has not been brought to account in the financial statements for the half-year ended 31 December 2022 and will be recognised in the subsequent financial statements.

#### (c) Dividend reinvestment plan

The Company has established a dividend reinvestment plan under which eligible shareholders may elect to have all or part of their dividend entitlements satisfied by the issue of ordinary shares rather than by being paid in cash.

#### (d) Franking account

	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2021 \$'000
The available balance in the franking account at the reporting date	30,116	23,612
Impact on franking account of the interim dividend declared after the reporting date but not recognised as a liability at the reporting date	(5,338)	(4,492)
The available balance in the franking account after the adjustment for the interim dividend declared after the reporting date	24,778	19,120

The available balance in the franking account includes the adjustments for franking credits that will arise from the tax payment or refund as recognised in the current tax provision and from the receipt of dividends recognised as receivables at the reporting date.

#### 4 Earnings per share

	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
Basic earnings per share (cents per share)	9.15	5.83
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)	9.15	5.83
Profit/(loss) after income tax attributable to shareholders (\$'000)	34,455	21,784
Weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share	376,738,173	373,716,806

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue during the half year.

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue and ordinary shares that the Company expects to issue. Options were not considered to have a dilutive effect, as the average market price of ordinary shares of the Company during the period did not exceed the exercise price of the options. The Company did not have any outstanding options as at 31 December 2022.

#### 5 Income tax

	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2021 \$'000
Current tax		
Current income tax expense	1,293	(16,099)
Adjustment for prior years	(25)	(60)
Deferred tax		
Temporary differences	<u>(13,177)</u>	10,029
Total income tax expense	<u>(11,909</u> )	(6,130)

### 6 Equity

#### (a) Share capital

	31 December 2022	31 December 2022	31 December 2021 Number of	31 December 2021
	Number of shares	\$'000	shares	\$'000
Fully paid ordinary shares	377,461,658	391,371	374,314,954	387,303
Movements in ordinary share capital				
	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Number of		Number of	
	shares	\$'000	shares	\$'000
Opening balance	376,007,767	389,575	373,036,670	385,637
Shares issued from dividend reinvestment plan	928,753	1,087	742,656	943
Shares issued from exercise of options	525,138	709	535,628	723
Closing balance	377,461,658	391,371	374,314,954	387,303

#### Ordinary shares

Ordinary shares entitle the holders to receive dividends as declared and one vote per share at shareholders' meetings.

In the event of winding up the Company, ordinary shareholders rank after creditors and are fully entitled to any surplus capital.

#### (b) Options

	31 December 2022 Number of options	31 December 2021 Number of options
Opening balance	371,334,558	372,881,738
Options exercised	(525,138)	(535,628)
Options expired	(370,809,420)	<u>-</u>
Options on issue		372,346,110

The Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited options (ASX code: PICOA) expired on 2 September 2022.

#### 7 Fair value measurement

The Company classifies fair value measurement of its financial assets and liabilities by levels of the following fair value hierarchy:

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

The following table presents the Company's financial assets and liabilities by fair value hierarchy levels:

31 December 2022	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Derivatives				
Foreign currency forward contracts	-	521	-	521
Equity securities	459,102	-	-	459,102
Total	459,102	521		459,623
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss				
Derivatives				
Foreign currency forward contracts	<u>-</u>	359	<u> </u>	359
Total	<b>-</b> _	359	<u> </u>	359
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
30 June 2022	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Equity securities	424,231	<u> </u>		424,231
Total	424,231			424,231
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss				
Derivatives				
Foreign currency forward contracts		513		513
Total		513		513

Rationale for classification of financial assets as level 1

The equity securities held by the Company are valued using unadjusted quoted prices in active markets at the end of the reporting period.

Rationale for classification of financial assets as level 2

Foreign currency forward contracts are valued at the prevailing bid price of the relevant forward currencies at the end of the reporting period.

#### 7 Fair value measurement (continued)

#### Transfers between levels

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

There were no transfers between levels as at 31 December 2022 and 30 June 2022.

#### 8 Management fees

The Manager, Perpetual Investment Management Limited, receives a management fee of 1.00% per annum (plus GST) for the first \$1 billion of the Portfolio Net Asset Value, and 0.85% per annum (plus GST) of the Portfolio Net Asset Value in excess of \$1 billion. In accordance with the Replacement Prospectus dated 14 October 2014, the Portfolio Net Asset Value means the market value of the assets of the Portfolio, reduced by any accrued but unpaid expenses of the Company, but not provisions for tax payable or unpaid dividends of the Company, and after subtracting any borrowings drawndown. The management fees are calculated and accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears.

	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Management fees	2,415	2,740

The Manager was appointed in 2014 for an initial term of five years. The Management Agreement was extended in 2019 for a further five-year term (extended term) unless terminated earlier in accordance with its terms.

If the Management Agreement is terminated during the extended term, then in certain circumstances the Manager will be entitled to a termination payment equal to 5.0%, reduced by one sixtieth (1/60) for each whole calendar month elapsed between the commencement of the extended term and the termination date, of the net tangible asset backing of each share in each class of shares in the Company as calculated under the ASX Listing Rules multiplied by the number of shares on issue in that class of shares as at the termination date.

The Manager paid for the costs incurred in raising capital under and in accordance with the Prospectus dated 20 August 2018. If the Management Agreement is terminated during the extended term, then in certain circumstances the Manager will be entitled to be reimbursed for these costs, multiplied by the number of days in the period from the date of termination to the last day of the extended term and divided by the number of days in the period from the date of the new shares and the last day of the extended term.

#### 9 Related party transactions

All transactions with related parties are conducted on normal commercial terms and conditions.

There have been no significant changes to the related party transactions disclosed in the previous annual financial report.

#### 10 Segment information

The Company is organised into one main operating segment with only one key function, being the investment of funds predominantly in Australia together with opportunistic investments globally.

#### 11 Commitments and contingencies

There were no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 31 December 2022 and 30 June 2022.

#### 12 Events occurring after the reporting period

On 21 February 2023, the Directors declared a fully franked dividend of 3.3 cents per share payable on 18 April 2023.

No other significant events have occurred since the reporting date which would have an impact on the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2022 or on the results and cash flows of the Company for the half-year ended on that date.

#### **Directors' declaration**

1. In the opinion of the Directors of Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited (the Company):

- (a) the condensed interim financial statements and notes, set out on page 5 to 15, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001.
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

2. The Directors have been given the declarations required by Section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001* from the persons performing the functions of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer for the half-year ended 31 December 2022.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

Many Fox

V L Maller

Chairman

Sydney 21 February 2023

Director



# Independent Auditor's Review Report

# To the shareholders of Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited

#### Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying **Condensed Interim Financial Report** of Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited (the Company).

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the Condensed Interim Financial Report of the Company does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

The **Condensed Interim Financial Report** comprises:

- Condensed interim statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022
- Condensed interim statement of comprehensive income, Condensed interim statement of changes in equity and Condensed interim statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date
- Notes 1 to 12 comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information
- 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 Company 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 annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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#### **Responsibilities of the Directors for the Condensed Interim Financial Report**

The Directors of the Company are responsible for:

- the preparation of the Condensed Interim Financial Report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Act 2001*
- such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the Condensed Interim Financial Report 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 Condensed Interim Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Condensed 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 Condensed Interim Financial Report does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with *Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a Condensed 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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Karen A Hopkins *Partner* 

Sydney 21 February 2023

# DIRECTORY

#### COMPANY

Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited ACN 601 406 419

#### DIRECTORS

Nancy Fox - Chairman Virginia Malley John Edstein Amanda Gillespie (Apted)

#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

Sylvie Dimarco Gananatha Minithantri

#### INVESTMENT MANAGER

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