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ASX Announcement

#### Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited 2023 Annual Financial Results

Please find attached the following announcements for release to the market:

FY23 Appendix 4E

2023 Annual Report to Shareholders

2023 Corporate Governance Statement

Appendix 4G

FY23 Results Summary

FY23 Results Presentation

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

Yours faithfully,

Gananatha Minithantri Company Secretary

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**PERPETUAL** EQUITY INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

# **FY23 results presentation**



23 August 2023

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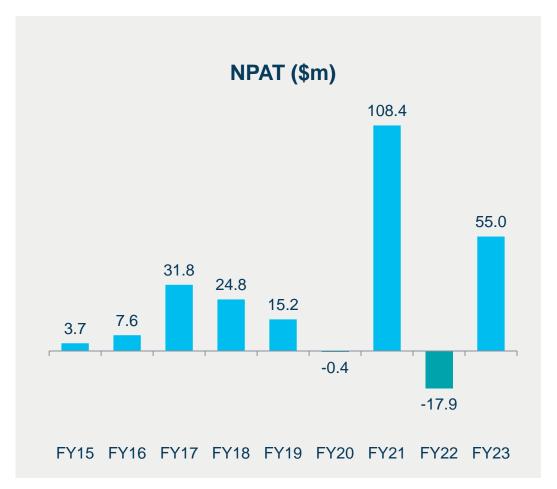
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### **Overview of FY23 results**







**16.2%**<sup>2</sup>

Investment portfolio performance for 12 months to 30 June 2023

 $9.7\%^{2}$ 

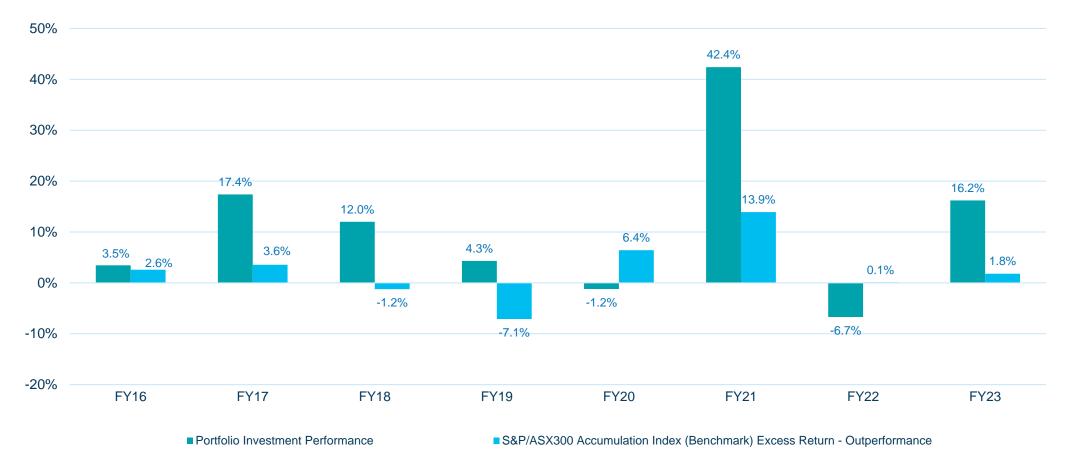
Investment portfolio performance per annum over 5 years to 30 June 2023

Source: Perpetual Equity Investment Company Limited (PIC) as at 30 June 2023.

<sup>1</sup> Profit reserve of \$112.9 million as at 30 June 2023 after taking into account the estimated payment of the final dividend. This equates to 29.8 cents per share and provides for 3.7 years dividend coverage based on total dividend payments of 8.0 cents per share per annum. This does not take into account any changes to share capital. No representation is made in relation to the payment of future dividends, which will be at the discretion of the Company's Board.

<sup>2</sup> Returns have been calculated on the growth of NTA after taking into account all operating expenses (including management fees) and assuming reinvestment of dividends and excluding tax paid. Any provisions <sup>3</sup> for deferred tax on unrealised gains and losses are excluded. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

### **Investment performance**



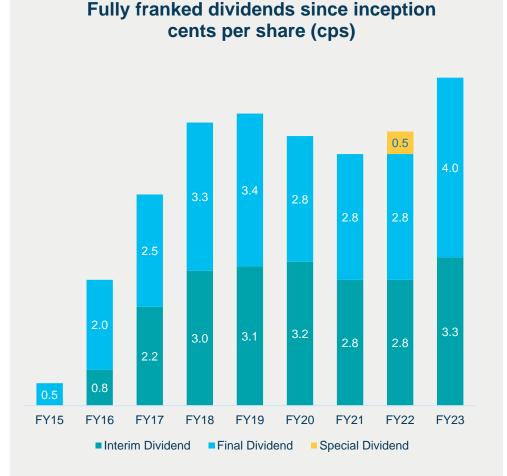
#### Historical PIC Portfolio Investment Performance vs Benchmark Excess Return

Source: Perpetual Investment Management Limited as at 30 June 2023.

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### Delivering a consistent fully franked dividend stream



- Total of \$138.1 million paid in dividends since inception
- Highest dividend declared of 4.0 cps fully franked for the FY23 final dividend
  - Annual dividend yield 6.3%<sup>1</sup>
  - Grossed up dividend yield 9.0%<sup>1</sup>
- Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) is in operation and provides the opportunity to increase your shareholding without incurring brokerage or transaction costs.

Key dates	
FY23 final dividend declared	23 August 2023
Ex-dividend date	26 September 2023
Record date	27 September 2023
DRP Election Date	28 September 2023
Payment date	18 October 2023

### Looking ahead



#### **Prudent management of capital**

- The Board continues to progress its strategy to deliver sustainable long-term dividend payments to shareholders
- Management of profit reserve and franking account balance

#### **Investment performance**



- The Manager has deep expertise in navigating across multiple cycles and a large investment team dedicated to conducting bottom-up fundamental research on companies in Australia and offshore.
- We believe the Manager's focus on quality and value and the flexible investment strategy positions the Company well to deliver returns in the current environment.

#### **Share price to NTA**

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- The Board is focused on monitoring investment performance, delivering fully franked dividends and communicating to shareholders. By doing so, it believes the share price and NTA will ultimately align as shareholders understand and realise the value that the Company offers.
- All Non-Executive Directors and the Portfolio Manager are shareholders in the Company

# Investment Manager Update

Vince Pezzullo, Portfolio Manager Head of Australian Equities, Perpetual Asset Management Australia



### **Australian Equities team**



#### Vince Pezzullo

Head of Equities

Portfolio Manager - Perpetual Equity Investment Company (PIC), Australian Shares, Concentrated Equity and Geared Australian Share

#### **Portfolio managers**

Anthony Aboud Deputy Head of Equities Portfolio Manager - SHARE-PLUS Long-Short, Pure Equity Alpha, Industrial Share

Nathan Hughes Portfolio Manager – ESG Australian Share, Income Share, Analyst

James Rutledge Portfolio Manager – Pure Value, Smaller Companies and Pure Microcap, Analyst

Alex Patten Portfolio Manager – Smaller Companies and Pure Microcap, Analyst

Sean Roger Deputy Portfolio Manager – Share Plus and Pure Equity Alpha, Analyst

Maryanne Drewe Head of Proprietary Research, Analyst

#### Analysts

**Guy Bunce** Senior Equities Analyst

Clarke Wilkins Senior Equities Analyst

Brett Le Mesurier Senior Equities Analyst

Louise Sandberg Senior Equities Analyst

Jakov Maleš Senior Equities Analyst

Rosemary Tan Equities Analyst

Mitchell Hubble Equities Analyst

Nick Buisman Equities Analyst

**Tom Horn** Analyst, Proprietary Research

Team's average years experience = 20 Team's average years with Perpetual = 8

### Perpetual quality filters are applied to all stocks in investible universe



#### **Quality of business**

- Products or services the company offers
- Competitive landscape, positioning and market dynamics
- Barriers to entry, monopoly, duopoly, and sources of competitive advantage
- Operational efficiency
- · ESG risks and impacts



#### **Conservative debt**

- Strong balance sheet to ensure the company is sustainable across various economic cycles
- Quantitative test:
  - Debt to equity generally should be less than 50% (net debt / equity), but if not
  - Interest cover should be 3x or greater (5x for preproduction)



#### Sound management

- Track record of a company's management
- Use of shareholder capital
- Corporate governance practices



#### **Recurring earnings**

- Track record of generating earnings
- Sustainable businesses for the future

A company must generally pass all these filters all of the time to be included in the Perpetual Universe and considered for investment. Our focus on the quality of a company explicitly considers the analysis of ESG factors that may impact the current or future financial performance of the company.

### Stock selection of the portfolio

As at 30 June 2023



### Our views on markets: contrasting last year and now

- Central banks consistently underestimated inflation over the past year and played catchup
- But core inflation is now embedding at higher levels and will take time to bring down
- Some systemic risks emerging, e.g US regional banks, although they seem to have stabilised
- Deglobalisation / industry policy accelerating through Inflation Reduction Act & CHIPS Act\*
- Decarbonisation continues to loom but also risks adding to inflation
- De-rating of growth stocks through to December 2022 although tech bubble has recovered a bit
- Equity markets are very sanguine in the face of high rates and looming recessionary risks
- Bond & equity markets disagree which is bad for equity indices
- The US Fed is withdrawing liquidity

### How we are positioned and our views on these quality and value companies



Strategically important assets; we believe the market has placed little-to-no valuation on ILU's future rare earths business



We are actively engaged with IAG's Board and management to continue to improve returns for shareholders

**Brambles** 

A high quality industrial with critical logistics assets and pricing power that are undervalued

Santos

Valuable LNG assets which remain a critical transitional energy source



Dominant sports bookmaker that is penetrating into the US market



La Francaise Des Jeux is a French lottery monopoly with digital growth and net cash balance sheet

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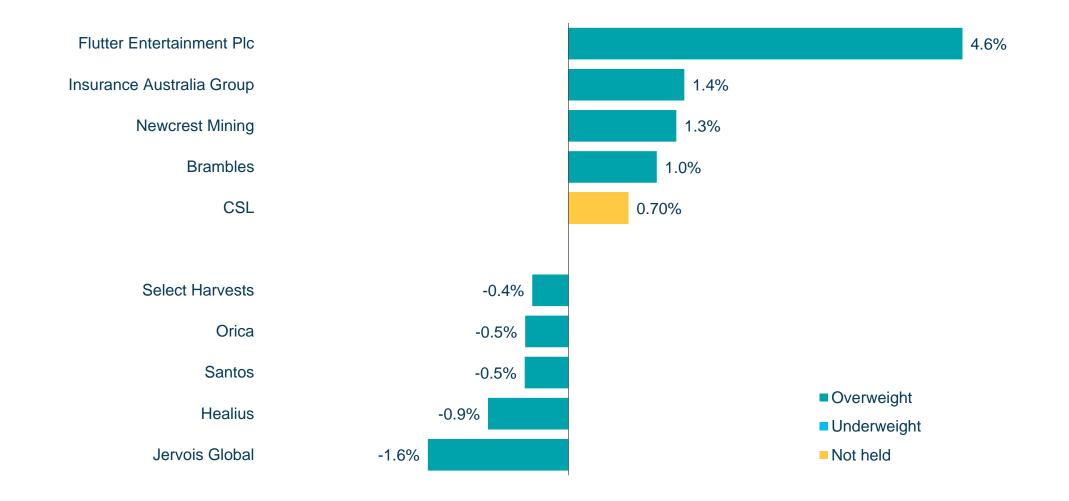
### Investment portfolio performance Delivering long-term performance

As at 30 June 2023	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	2 yr p.a	3 yrs p.a.	5 yrs p.a.	7 yrs p.a.	Since inception p.a.
PIC Investment Portfolio <sup>1</sup> (net of fees, expenses and before tax paid)	2.1%	1.1%	5.8%	16.2%	4.1%	15.6%	9.7%	11.1%	9.8%
S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index	1.7%	1.0%	4.4%	14.4%	3.3%	11.1%	7.1%	8.9%	8.3%
Excess Returns	0.4%	0.1%	1.4%	1.8%	0.9%	4.5%	2.6%	2.2%	1.5%

Source: Perpetual Investment Management Limited

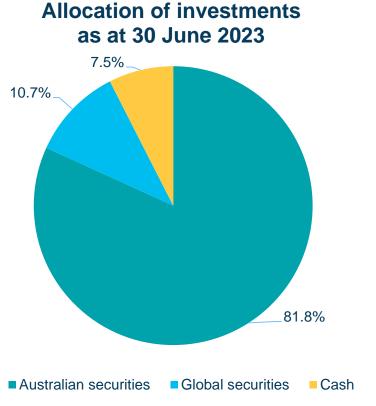
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### 1 year attribution to 30 June 2023 Contribution to excess return relative to benchmark

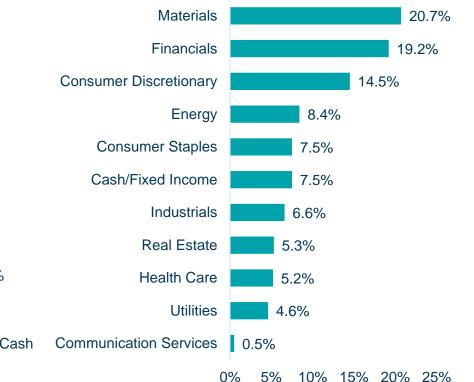


### Portfolio allocation as at 30 June 2023

Top 10 holdings	Portfolio weight
Insurance Australia Group Limited	7.5%
Flutter Entertainment Plc	5.7%
BHP Group Limited	5.6%
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	5.5%
Santos Limited	5.2%
Brambles Limited	4.0%
Goodman Group	3.7%
Iluka Resources Limited	3.4%
Westpac Banking Corporation	3.4%
La Francaise des Jeux SA	3.2%



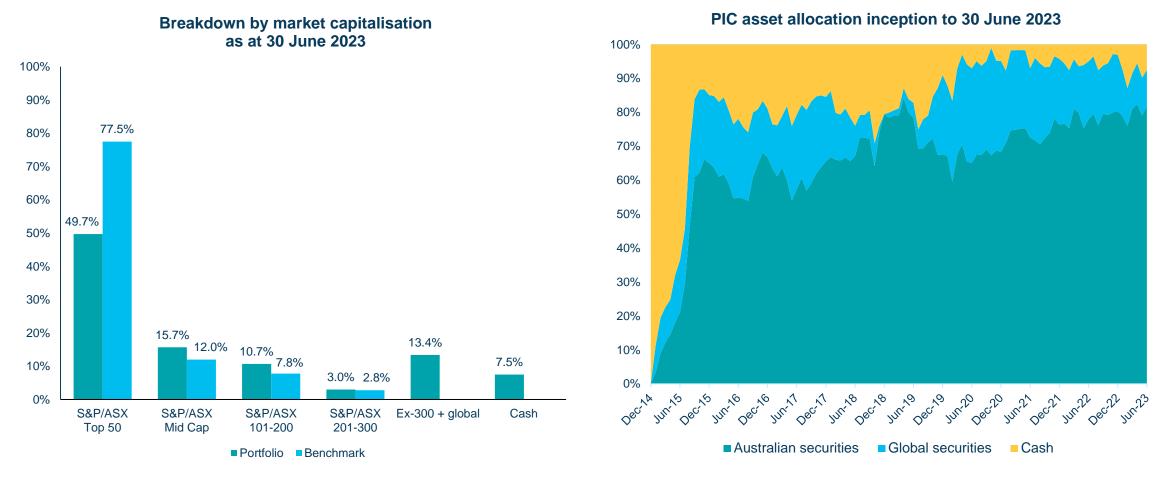
#### **Sector Breakdown**



Source: Perpetual Investment Management Limited. Weightings calculated based on direct investments in securities and any indirect exposure via S&P/ASX200 related derivatives. All figures are unaudited and approximate. Allocations may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

### **Portfolio allocation**

- As an active manager, we utilise the full breadth of our flexible investment strategy to adapt to changing market conditions.
- For example, in the current environment, we are finding more compelling investments in Australian large caps but continue to be opportunistic in global listed securities. This contrasts to previous years and we will continue to seek value across the spectrum.



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### Summary

- We believe the uncertain economic environment should continue to favour active managers such as Perpetual and we have "dry powder" (7.5% cash as at 30 June 2023) ready to deploy
- Perpetual's quality and value investment process aims for outperformance and steady long-term capital growth with lower than market risk
- PIC aims to provide a consistent and sustainable fully franked dividend stream and the Board believes the size of the profit reserve is well positioned to deliver this

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