

### About this PDS

This Product Disclosure Statement ("PDS") has been prepared and issued by Equity Trustees Limited ("Equity Trustees", "we" or "Responsible Entity") and is a summary of the significant information relating to an investment in the SGH Emerging Companies Fund (the "Fund"). It contains a number of references to important information (including a glossary of terms) contained in the SGH Reference Guide ("Reference Guide"), which forms part of this PDS. You should carefully read and consider both the information in this PDS, and the information in the Reference Guide, before making a decision about investing in the Fund.

The information provided in this PDS is general information only and does not take account of your personal objectives, financial situation or needs. You should obtain financial and taxation advice tailored to your personal circumstances and consider whether investing in the Fund is appropriate for you in light of those circumstances.

The offer to which this PDS relates is only available to persons receiving this PDS (electronically or otherwise) in Australia.

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### The Reference Guide

Throughout the PDS, there are references to additional information contained in the Reference Guide. You can obtain a copy of the PDS and the Reference Guide, free of charge, by visiting [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au) or by calling Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd on 1300 133 451 (Australia) or +61 2 8259 8888.

The information contained in the Reference Guide may change between the day you receive this PDS and the day you acquire the product. You must therefore ensure that you have read the Reference Guide current as at the date of your application.

### Updated information

Information in this PDS is subject to change. We will notify you of any changes that have a material adverse impact on you or other significant events that affect the information contained in this PDS. Any information that is not materially adverse information is subject to change from time to time and may be obtained by visiting [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au) or by calling Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd on 1300 133 451 (Australia) or +61 2 8259 8888. A paper copy of the updated information will be provided free of charge on request.

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# 1. About Equity Trustees Limited

## The Responsible Entity

### Equity Trustees Limited

Equity Trustees Limited ABN 46 004 031 298 AFSL 240975, a subsidiary of EQT Holdings Limited ABN 22 607 797 615, which is a public company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: EQT), is the Fund's responsible entity and issuer of this PDS. Established as a trustee and executorial service provider by a special Act of the Victorian Parliament in 1888, today Equity Trustees is a dynamic financial services institution which continues to grow the breadth and quality of products and services on offer.

Equity Trustees' responsibilities and obligations as the Fund's responsible entity are governed by the Fund's constitution ("Constitution"), the Corporations Act and general trust law. Equity Trustees has appointed SG Hiscock & Company Limited as the investment manager of the Fund. Equity Trustees has appointed a custodian to hold the assets of the Fund. The custodian has no supervisory role in relation to the operation of the Fund and is not responsible for protecting your interests.

## The Investment Manager

### SG Hiscock & Company Limited

SG Hiscock & Company ("SGH") is a boutique investment manager specialising in high conviction, actively managed investment strategies and Managed Discretionary Portfolios.

SGH was established in Melbourne in 2001 by six of its principals and is entirely owned by directors, staff and associates.

# 2. How the SGH Emerging Companies Fund works

The Fund is a registered managed investment scheme governed by the Constitution. The Fund comprises assets which are acquired in accordance with the Fund's investment strategy. Direct investors receive units when they invest in the Fund. In general, each unit represents an equal interest in the assets of the Fund subject to liabilities; however, it does not give investors an interest in any particular asset of the Fund.

If you invest in the Fund through an IDPS (as defined in the Reference Guide) you will not become an investor in the Fund. The operator or custodian of the IDPS will be the investor entered in the Fund's register and will be the only person who is able to exercise the rights and receive the benefits of a direct investor. Your investment in the Fund through the IDPS will be governed by the terms of your IDPS. Please direct any queries and requests relating to your investment to your IDPS Operator. Unless otherwise stated, the information in the PDS applies to direct investors.

## Applying for units

There are several ways to invest in the Fund. You can acquire units by completing the Application Form that accompanies this PDS, completing the application process online (New investors only) or by making an application through the mFund Settlement Service ("mFund") by placing a buy order for units with your licensed broker. The minimum initial investment amount for the Fund is \$20,000.

See Section 8 "How to Apply" of this PDS and the SGH Reference Guide for further information.

If completing the application process online, please go to [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au) for further instructions.

Please note that all monies deposited by direct credit, direct debit or cheque must match the amount specified on the Application Form for an application to be valid. We reserve the right to accept or reject applications in whole or in part at our discretion. We have the discretion to delay processing applications where we believe this to be in the best interest of the Fund's investors.

## Application Price

The price at which units are acquired is determined in accordance with the Constitution ("Application Price"). The Application Price on a Business Day is, in general terms, equal to the Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the Fund, divided by the number of units on issue and adjusted for transaction costs ("Buy Spread"). At the date of this PDS, the Buy Spread is 0.35%.

The Application Price will vary as the market value of assets in the Fund rises or falls.

## Making additional investments

You can make additional investments into the Fund at any time by sending us your additional investment amount together with a completed Additional Investment Form or by making application for units through mFund. The minimum additional investment into the Fund is \$5,000 or \$500 if paying by BPAY<sup>®</sup>. Forms are available at [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au).

## Distributions

An investor's share of any distributable income is calculated in accordance with the Constitution and is generally based on the number of units held by the investor at the end of the distribution period.

The Fund usually distributes income annually at the end of June, however, Equity Trustees may change the distribution frequency without notice. Distributions are calculated effective the last day of each distribution period and are normally paid to investors as soon as practicable after the distribution calculation date.

## Distribution Options

Investors in the Fund can indicate a preference to have their distribution:

- reinvested back into the Fund; or
- directly credited to their AUD Australian domiciled bank account.

Investors who do not indicate a preference will have their distributions automatically reinvested. Applications for reinvestment will be taken to be received immediately prior to the next Business Day after the relevant distribution period. There is no Buy Spread on distributions that are reinvested.

In some circumstances, the Constitution may allow for an investor's withdrawal proceeds to be taken to include a component of distributable income.

Indirect Investors should review their IDPS Guide for information on how and when they receive any income distribution.

## Access to your money

Investors in the Fund can generally withdraw their investment by completing a written request to withdraw from the Fund and mailing it to:

Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd  
ACN 118 902 891  
GPO Box 4968  
Sydney NSW 2001

You can also email: [SGHinvestorservices@apexgroup.com](mailto:SGHinvestorservices@apexgroup.com); send it by fax to +61 2 9251 3525; or by making a withdrawal request through mFund by placing a sell order for units with your licensed broker.

The minimum withdrawal amount is \$5,000. Withdrawal forms are available at [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au). Once we receive and accept your withdrawal request, we may act on your instruction without further enquiry if the instruction bears your account number or investor details and your (apparent) signature(s), or your authorised signatory's (apparent) signature(s) or if the withdrawal is received via mFund..

Equity Trustees will generally allow an investor to access their investment within 7 days of acceptance of a withdrawal request by transferring the withdrawal proceeds to such nominated AUD Australian domiciled bank account or, where the request is received via mFund, to the investor's licensed broker. However, Equity Trustees is allowed to reject withdrawal requests, and also to make payment up to 30 days after acceptance of a request (which may be extended in certain circumstances) as outlined in the Constitution and Reference Guide.

We reserve the right to accept or reject withdrawal requests in whole or in part at our discretion.

### Cut-off times for processing transactions

If we receive all required application or redemption documents before or at 2pm (Melbourne time) on a Business day, and your request is accepted by the Fund's administrator, Apex Fund Services, we will process the transaction using that day's application or redemption price. Requests received after 2pm (Melbourne time) on a Business day or non-Business day will generally be treated as having been received before the cut-off time on the next Business day.

Different cut-off times apply if you are transacting via mFund. Please contact Apex Fund Services or your stockbroker for more information.

### Unit Pricing

The price at which units are withdrawn is determined in accordance with the Constitution ("Withdrawal Price"). The Withdrawal Price on a Business Day is, in general terms, equal to the NAV of the Fund, divided by the number of units on issue and adjusted for transaction costs ("Sell Spread"). At the date of this PDS, the Sell Spread is 0.35%.

The Withdrawal Price will vary as the market value of assets in the Fund rises or falls.

Equity Trustees reserves the right to fully redeem your investment if your investment balance in the Fund falls below \$20,000 as a result of processing your withdrawal request. In certain circumstances, for example, when there is a freeze on withdrawals, where accepting a withdrawal is not in the best interests of investors in the Fund including due to one or more circumstances outside its control or where the Fund is not liquid (as defined in the Corporations Act), Equity Trustees can deny or suspend a withdrawal request and you may not be able to withdraw your funds in the usual processing times or at all. When the Fund is not liquid, an investor can only withdraw when Equity Trustees makes a withdrawal offer to investors in accordance with the Corporations Act. Equity Trustees is not obliged to make such offers.

If you are an Indirect Investor, you need to provide your withdrawal request directly to your IDPS Operator. The time to process a withdrawal request will depend on the particular IDPS Operator and the terms of the IDPS.

### Unit pricing discretions policy

Equity Trustees has developed a formal written policy in relation to the guidelines and relevant factors taken into account when exercising any discretion in calculating unit prices (including determining the value of the assets and liabilities). A copy of the policy and, where applicable and to the extent required, any other relevant documents in relation to the policy will be made available free of charge on request.

### Additional information

If and when the Fund has 100 or more direct investors, it will be classified by the Corporations Act as a 'disclosing entity'. As a disclosing entity, the Fund will be subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations. Investors would then have a right to obtain a copy, free of charge, of any of the following documents:

- the most recent annual financial report lodged with ASIC ("Annual Report");
- any subsequent half yearly financial report lodged with ASIC after the lodgement of the Annual Report; and
- any continuous disclosure notices lodged with ASIC after the Annual Report but before the date of this PDS.

Equity Trustees will comply with any continuous disclosure obligation by lodging documents with ASIC as and when required.

Copies of these documents lodged with ASIC in relation to the Fund may be obtained from ASIC through ASIC's website.

### Further reading

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide about:

- Application cut-off times;
- Application terms;
- Online applications;
- BPAY®;
- Direct Debit;
- Authorised signatories;
- Reports;
- Withdrawal cut-off times;
- Withdrawal terms; and
- Withdrawal restrictions,

under the "Investing in the SGH Funds", "Managing your investment" and "Withdrawing your investment" sections before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au). The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 3. Benefits of investing in the SGH Emerging Companies Fund

A significant feature of the Fund is that the Fund is an actively managed portfolio that principally invests in Australian Securities Exchange "ASX" listed companies that have a market capitalisation less than \$500m at the first time of purchase and cash.

Benefits of investing in the Fund include:

- access to the expertise of a specialist investment management boutique structure;
- active management to create significant opportunities for above market returns over a medium to long time frame by exploiting pricing inefficiencies more common in shares of companies with market capitalisation less than \$500m;
- diversified portfolio of stocks that spreads investment across a variety of sectors and companies; and
- regular reporting to keep you up to date on your investments.

## 4. Risks of managed investment schemes

All investments carry risks. Different investment strategies may carry different levels of risk, depending on the assets acquired under the strategy. Assets with the highest long-term returns may also carry the highest level of short-term risk. The significant risks below should be considered in light of your risk profile when deciding whether to invest in the Fund. Your risk profile will vary depending on a range of factors, including your age, the investment time frame (how long you wish to invest for), your other investments or assets and your risk tolerance.

The Responsible Entity and the Investment Manager do not guarantee the liquidity of the Fund's investments, repayment of capital or any rate of return or the Fund's investment performance. The value of the Fund's investments will vary. Returns are not guaranteed, and you may lose money by investing in the Fund. The level of returns will vary and future returns may differ from past returns. Laws affecting managed investment schemes may change in the future. The structure and administration of the Fund is also subject to change.

In addition, we do not offer advice that takes into account your personal financial situation, including advice about whether the Fund is suitable for your circumstances. If you require personal financial or taxation advice, you should contact a licensed financial adviser and/or taxation adviser.

## Liquidity risk

We do not guarantee the liquidity of the Fund's investments. The Fund has exposure to both micro-cap companies and unlisted investments which are traded at lesser volumes and less frequency, and are therefore considered to be less liquid than larger companies. Micro-cap companies and unlisted investments can also be more volatile than other listed shares.

## Concentration risk

Concentration risk is the risk that poor performance in a group of securities common to a particular section of the market will significantly affect the performance of the Fund. This risk is relevant for the Fund as it will seek to focus on investments in companies that are listed on the ASX with a market capitalisation less than \$500m, often referred to as the 'Emerging Company' sector. Positions may be concentrated and may result in the returns of the Fund being highly dependent on the returns of few exposures.

## Currency risk

The Fund may invest in securities listed on the New Zealand Stock Exchange ("NZSE"). Currency movements against the Australian dollar may adversely affect the domestic value of the Fund's investments and the income from those investments. Where considered appropriate, the speculative Investment Manager may choose to hedge currency exposures to reduce the risk of adverse fluctuations in the value of the Australian dollar relative to the New Zealand dollar.

## Derivatives risk

In the case of derivatives, fluctuations in price will reflect movements in the underlying assets, reference rate or index to which the derivatives relate. The use of derivative positions to hedge the risk of physical securities will involve 'basis risk', which refers to the possibility that derivative positions may not move perfectly in line with the physical security. As a consequence, the derivative positions cannot be expected to perfectly hedge the risk of the physical security. Other risks associated with derivatives include that they can lose value because of a sudden price move or because of the passage of time, potential illiquidity of the derivative, that the Fund cannot meet payment obligations as they arise, and that the counterparty to any derivative contract does not meet its obligations under the contract.

## Investment selection risk

The Investment Manager uses an investment selection process to identify investment opportunities which it believes are most likely to outperform the Benchmark. There is a risk that these investments will not perform in line with the Investment Manager's expectations. This risk is mitigated to some extent by the knowledge and experience of the Investment Manager.

## Investment specific risk

There may be instances where an investment in which the Fund invests will fall in price because of investment specific factors (for example, where a company's major product is subject to a product recall). The value of investments can vary because of changes to management, product distribution, investor confidence, internal operations or the company's business environment.

## Sector selection risk

The Investment Manager may make poor investment decisions resulting in sub-standard returns (for example, where the Investment Manager gains exposure to a sector which significantly underperforms relative to other sectors). This risk is mitigated to some extent by the knowledge and experience of the Investment Manager.

## EMERGING COMPANIES RISK

The Fund will generally invest in companies that have lower than average stock market capitalisation. Emerging companies:

- may be less liquid and more volatile securities, compared to those of larger companies;
- may be recently established companies, and as such publicly available information on their business activities may not be as easy to obtain compared to companies with larger market capitalisation;
- may be resource companies which have significant project risk;

- may be biotechnology companies which have significant development risk and/or are not generating commercial revenues; and
- can be engaged in new-to-market concepts which may be speculative in nature.

For these reasons this sector may experience volatility and reduced liquidity.

## Further reading

Before making a decision to invest, you should read the important information in the SGH Reference Guide "Additional risks of managed investment schemes" section about additional risks that apply to managed investment schemes. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au). The material relating to the additional risks may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 5. How we invest your money

**Warning:** When choosing to invest in the Fund, you should consider the likely investment returns, the risks of investing and your investment time frame.

### Investment objective

Designed to provide medium to long-term capital growth potential and seeks to outperform the S&P/ASX Emerging Companies Accumulation Index over rolling 3 to 5 year periods after taking into account fees and expenses. Please note the investment objective is not intended to be a forecast. It is only an indication of what the investment strategy aims to achieve.

### Benchmark

S&P/ASX Emerging Companies Accumulation Index.

### Minimum suggested time frame

The minimum suggested investment time frame for the Fund is 5 years.

### Risk level of the Fund

Very High

There is a risk investors may lose some or all of their initial investment. Higher risk investments tend to fluctuate in the short-term but can produce higher returns than lower risk investments over the long-term.

### Investor suitability

Designed for investors seeking medium to long-term capital growth potential by investing in a diversified portfolio of stocks comprising listed companies that have a market capitalisation less than \$500m at the first time of purchase.

### Investment strategy

The Investment Manager's investment philosophy is based on the belief that the equity market is inefficient when pricing emerging companies and that a disciplined investment process which combines valuation with 'Fundamental Analysis' and 'Sentiment Analysis' will exploit these inefficiencies. Fundamental Analysis is an analysis of share values by considering factors (e.g. sales, earnings and assets) that are 'fundamental' to the enterprise of the company in question in light of current share prices. Sentiment Analysis is an analysis of the market sentiment towards a security, index or market and mainly relates to analysing share price trends and other price trends including those relating to securities markets, commodities, interest rates and foreign exchange. The Investment Manager considers that this size-related mispricing occurs as a result of limited research, lower liquidity, limited history and increased volatility occurring in respect of emerging companies.

The investment approach is essentially style neutral and is based on the Investment Manager's proprietary three stage ValueActive™ investment process which:

- seeks to identify and exploit inefficiencies in market pricing;
- uses Fundamental Analysis and Sentiment Analysis to make investment decisions more timely and accurately; and

- uses Fundamental Analysis and Sentiment Analysis to purchase company stocks at what the Investment Manager considers reasonable prices. The Investment Manager will take advantage of short-term trading and arbitrage opportunities within the investable universe of the Fund.

### Investment guidelines

The Fund will primarily invest in companies that have a market capitalization of less than \$500m at the time of first purchase and cash.

The Investment Manager will use the following guidelines when selecting investments for the Fund:

- A minimum of 20 companies;
- Cash maximum 0-20%; equities 80-100 %;
- Up to 20% of the Fund's net assets (total fund exposure) may be in companies listed in Australia on exchanges other than the ASX. Up to 10% of the fund's net assets may be invested in foreign exchange listed companies (e.g. New Zealand) with a market capitalisation of less than \$500m at the time of the first purchase by the Fund;
- Up to 30% of the Fund's net assets can be in securities whose companies have grown their market capitalization above \$500m after they were first purchased;
- Unlisted companies are to be no more than 20% of the Funds net assets
- No additional investments will be made in unlisted companies when the total portfolio exposure to unlisted companies is above 10% of the Fund's net assets
- No further purchase can be made to any individual securities that exceeds 10% of the Fund's net assets;
- Maximum shareholding (across the investment manager) in any one company is 10% of the market capitalisation;
- the Fund may use derivatives for risk management purposes, as substitutes for physical securities (but not to the extent that it would become a "hedge fund" as currently defined by ASIC); and
- the Fund will not be geared.

Due to movements in the market or similar events, the guidelines set out above may not be adhered to from time to time. In these circumstances, the Investment Manager will seek to bring the Fund's investments within the guidelines within a reasonable period of time.

### Labour, environmental, social and ethical considerations

SGH regards itself as a responsible investor and is a signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment. SGH takes an active approach to integrating and embedding environmental, social and governance ('ESG') considerations into its investment decision making and engaging with company boards and management on ESG issues. SGH has an ESG policy [SGH to insert url link] which provides the framework for considering ESG risks and opportunities as part of its investment processes. SGH believes effective governance structures and processes helps reduce risk, and is ultimately reflected in a company's intrinsic value over the long term.

### Fund performance

Up to date information on the performance of the Fund will be available by visiting [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au), emailing [enquiries@sghiscock.com.au](mailto:enquiries@sghiscock.com.au) or calling SGH on 1300 555 511 (Australia) or +613 9612 4600.

## 6. Fees and costs

### DID YOU KNOW?

Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long-term returns.

For example, total annual fees and costs of 2% of your investment balance rather than 1% could reduce your final return by up to 20% over a 30-year period (for example, reduce it from \$100,000 to \$80,000).

You should consider whether features such as superior investment performance or the provision of better member services justify higher fees and costs.

You may be able to negotiate to pay lower fees. Ask the Fund or your financial adviser.

### TO FIND OUT MORE

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Moneysmart** website ([www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au)) has a managed funds fee calculator to help you check out different fee options.

The information in the following Fees and Costs Summary can be used to compare costs between different simple managed investment schemes. Fees and costs can be paid directly from an investor's account or deducted from investment returns. For information on tax please see Section 7 of this PDS.

### Fees and Costs Summary

#### SGH Emerging Companies Fund

Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
<b>Ongoing annual fees and costs<sup>1</sup></b>		
<i>Management fees and costs</i> The fees and costs for managing your investment <sup>2</sup>	1.03% of the NAV of the Fund	The management fees component of management fees and costs are accrued daily and paid from the Fund monthly in arrears and reflected in the unit price. Otherwise, the fees and costs are variable and deducted and reflected in the unit price of the Fund as they are incurred.
<i>Performance fees</i> Amounts deducted from your investment in relation to the performance of the product	1.30% of the NAV of the Fund <sup>3</sup>	Performance fees are calculated daily and paid annually in arrears from the Fund and reflected in the unit price.
<i>Transaction costs</i> The costs incurred by the scheme when buying or selling assets	0.36% of the NAV of the Fund	Transaction costs are variable and deducted from the Fund as they are incurred and reflected in the unit price. They are disclosed net of amounts recovered by the buy-sell spread.
<b>Member activity related fees and costs (fees for services or when your money moves in or out of the scheme)</b>		
<i>Establishment fee</i> The fee to open your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable

## SGH Emerging Companies Fund

Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
<i>Contribution fee</i> The fee on each amount contributed to your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Buy-sell spread</i> An amount deducted from your investment representing costs incurred in transactions by the scheme	0.35% upon entry and 0.35% upon exit	These costs are an additional cost to the investor but are incorporated into the unit price and arise when investing application monies and funding withdrawals from the Fund and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into the Fund as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Fund as part of a redemption.
<i>Withdrawal fee</i> The fee on each amount you take out of your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Exit fee</i> The fee to close your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Switching fee</i> The fee for changing investment options	Not applicable	Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> All fees quoted above are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST) and net of any Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC). See below for more details as to how the relevant fees and costs are calculated.

<sup>2</sup> The management fee component of management fees and costs can be negotiated. See "Differential fees" in the "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs" below.

<sup>3</sup> This represents the average of the performance fees paid by the Fund over the previous five financial years ending 30 June 2022 and is not a forecast of future performance fees. See "Performance fees" below for more information.

### Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs

#### Management fees and costs

The management fees and costs include amounts payable for administering and operating the Fund, investing the assets of the Fund, expenses and reimbursements in relation to the Fund and indirect costs if applicable.

Management fees and costs do not include performance fees or transaction costs, which are disclosed separately.

The management fees component of management fees and costs of 1.03% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund is payable to the Responsible Entity of the Fund for managing the assets and overseeing the operations of the Fund. The management fees component is accrued daily and paid from the Fund monthly in arrears and reflected in the unit price. As at the date of this PDS, the management fees component covers certain ordinary expenses such as Responsible Entity fees, investment management fees, custodian fees, and administration and audit fees.

The indirect costs and other expenses component of 0.00% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund may include other ordinary expenses of operating the Fund, as well as management fees and costs (if any) arising from interposed vehicles in or through which the Fund invests. The indirect costs and other expenses component is variable and reflected in the unit price of the Fund as the relevant fees and costs are incurred. They are borne by investors, but they are not paid to the Responsible Entity or Investment Manager.

Actual indirect costs for the current and future years may differ. If in future there is an increase to indirect costs disclosed in this PDS, updates will be provided on Equity Trustees' website at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) where they are not otherwise required to be disclosed to investors under law.

#### Performance fees

Performance fees include amounts that are calculated by reference to the performance of the Fund. The performance fee figure that is disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is generally based on an average of the performance fees over the previous five financial years, where each performance fee relevant to the Fund is averaged and totalled to give the performance fees for the Fund. The performance fees for the Fund are 1.30% of the NAV of the Fund calculated based on the methodology below.

In terms of the performance fees payable to the Investment Manager, a performance fee is payable where the investment performance of the Fund exceeds the performance of the S&P/ASX Emerging Companies Accumulation Index. The performance fee is 20.50% of this excess calculated daily and paid annually in arrears from the Fund and calculated based on the beginning NAV of the Fund over the relevant period. No performance fees are payable until any accrued underperformance (in dollar terms) from prior periods has been made up (High Watermark).

Please note that the performance fees disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is not a forecast as the actual performance fee for the current and future financial years may differ. The Responsible Entity cannot guarantee that performance fees will remain at their previous level or that the performance of the Fund will outperform the Benchmark.

It is not possible to estimate the actual performance fee payable in any given period, as we cannot forecast what the performance of the Fund will be. Information on current performance fees will be updated from time to time and available at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto).

#### Transaction costs

In managing the assets of the Fund, the Fund may incur transaction costs such as brokerage, buy-sell spreads in respect of the underlying investments of the Fund, settlement costs, clearing costs and applicable stamp duty when assets are bought and sold. Transaction costs also include costs incurred by interposed vehicles in which the Fund invests (if any), that would have been transaction costs if they had been incurred by the Fund itself. Transaction costs are an additional cost to the investor where they are not recovered by the Buy/Sell Spread, and are generally incurred when the assets of the Fund are changed in connection with day-to-day trading or when there are applications or withdrawals which cause net cash flows into or out of the Fund.

The Buy/Sell Spread that is disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is a reasonable estimate of transaction costs that the Fund will incur when buying or selling assets of the Fund. These costs are an additional cost to the investor but are incorporated into the unit price and arise when investing application monies and funding withdrawals from the Fund and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into the Fund as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Fund as part of a redemption and not paid to Equity Trustees or the Investment Manager. The estimated Buy/Sell Spread is 0.35% upon entry and 0.35% upon exit. The dollar value of these costs based on an application or a withdrawal of \$20,000 is \$70 for each individual transaction. The Buy/Sell Spread can be altered by the Responsible Entity at any time and [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au) will be updated as soon as practicable to reflect any change. The Responsible Entity may also waive the Buy/Sell Spread in part or in full at its discretion. The transaction costs figure in the Fees and Costs Summary is shown net of any amount recovered by the Buy/Sell Spread charged by the Responsible Entity.

Transaction costs generally arise through the day-to-day trading of the Fund's assets and are reflected in the Fund's unit price as an additional cost to the investor, as and when they are incurred.

The gross transaction costs for the Fund are 0.49% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund, which is based on the relevant costs incurred during the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

However, actual transaction costs for future years may differ.

## Can the fees change?

Yes, all fees can change without investor consent, subject to the maximum fee amounts specified in the Constitution. The current maximum management fee to which Equity Trustees is entitled is 2.00% of the GAV of the Fund. However, Equity Trustees does not intend to charge that amount and will generally provide investors with at least 30 days' notice of any proposed increase to the management fees component of management fees and costs. In most circumstances, the Constitution defines the maximum level that can be charged for fees described in this PDS. Equity Trustees also has the right to recover all reasonable expenses incurred in relation to the proper performance of its duties in managing the Fund and as such these expenses may increase or decrease accordingly, without notice.

## Payments to IDPS Operators

Subject to the law, annual payments may be made to some IDPS Operators because they offer the Fund on their investment menus. Product access is paid by the Investment Manager out of its investment management fee and is not an additional cost to the investor.

## Differential fees

The Investment Manager may from time to time negotiate a different fee arrangement (by way of a rebate or waiver of fees) with certain investors who are Australian Wholesale Clients. Please contact SGH on +613 9614 4600 for further information.

## mFund

Warning: if you are transacting through mFund your stockbroker or accredited intermediary may charge you additional fees (see their Financial Services Guide).

## Example of annual fees and costs for an investment option

This table gives an example of how the ongoing annual fees and costs in the investment option for this product can affect your investment over a 1-year period. You should use this table to compare this product with other products offered by managed investment schemes.

EXAMPLE – SGH Emerging Companies Fund		
BALANCE OF \$50,000 WITH A CONTRIBUTION OF \$5,000 DURING THE YEAR		
Contribution Fees	Nil	For every additional \$5,000 you put in, you will be charged \$0
<b>Plus</b> Management fees and costs	1.03% p.a.	<b>And</b> , for every \$50,000 you have in the SGH Emerging Companies Fund you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$515 each year
<b>Plus</b> Performance fees	1.30% p.a.	<b>And</b> , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$650 in performance fees each year
<b>Plus</b> Transaction costs	0.36% p.a.	<b>And</b> , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$180 in transaction costs
<b>Equals</b> Cost of SGH Emerging Companies Fund		If you had an investment of \$50,000 at the beginning of the year and you put in an additional \$5,000 during that year, you would be charged fees and costs of: \$1,345* <b>What it costs you will depend on the investment option you choose and the fees you negotiate.</b>

\* Additional fees may apply. Please note that this example does not capture all the fees and costs that may apply to you such as the Buy/Sell Spread.

This example assumes the \$5,000 contribution occurs at the end of the first year, therefore the fees and costs are calculated using the \$50,000 balance only.

**Warning: If you have consulted a financial adviser, you may pay additional fees. You should refer to the Statement of Advice or Financial Services Guide provided by your financial adviser in which details of the fees are set out.**

ASIC provides a fee calculator on [www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au), which you may use to calculate the effects of fees and costs on account balances. The performance fees stated in this table are based on the average performance fee for the Fund, over the previous five financial years. The performance of the Fund for this financial year, and the performance fees, may be higher or lower or not payable in the future. It is not a forecast of the performance of the Fund or the amount of the performance fees in the future.

The indirect costs and other expenses component of management fees and costs and transaction costs may also be based on estimates. As a result, the total fees and costs that you are charged may differ from the figures shown in the table.

## Further reading

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide about fees and costs under the "Fees and other costs" section before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au). The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 7. How managed investment schemes are taxed

**Warning: Investing in a registered managed investment scheme (such as the Fund) is likely to have tax consequences. You are strongly advised to seek your own professional tax advice about the applicable Australian tax (including income tax, GST and duty) consequences and, if appropriate, foreign tax consequences which may apply to you based on your particular circumstances before investing in the Fund.**

The Fund is an Australian resident for tax purposes and does not generally pay tax on behalf of its investors. Australian resident investors are assessed for tax on any income and capital gains generated by the Fund to which they become presently entitled or, where the Fund has made a choice to be an Attribution Managed Investment Trust ("AMIT") and the choice is effective for the income year, are attributed to them.

## Further reading

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide about Taxation under the "Other important information" section before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au). The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 8. How to apply

Before completing the Application Form or Additional Investment Form, please ensure you have read this PDS together with the Reference Guide available from [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au).

### New investors:

- Complete the application process on-line (please visit [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au) for further instructions)
- Complete the Application Form accompanying the PDS (details are in the Application Form) and post it to Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd, Unit Registry, GPO Box 4968, Sydney, NSW 2001 or email the form to: [SGHinvestorservices@apexgroup.com](mailto:SGHinvestorservices@apexgroup.com); with your payment by:
  - Transfer the application money electronically to the Fund
  - Direct Debit (for initial investment only)
  - Cheque
- Making an application through mFund by placing a buy order for units with your licensed broker. If applying via mFund you will need to provide the application money directly to your licensed broker.

### Existing investors and additional applications:

Additional investment can be made into an existing account at any time. The process for existing investors or making an additional investment is to complete an Additional Investment Form available at [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au); and post or email it to Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd with your payment by:

- BPay (no form is required)
- Transfer the application money electronically to the Fund
- Cheque

You can also make an additional application through mFund.

Please note that cash cannot be accepted and all applications must be made in Australian dollars. All monies deposited by direct credit, direct debit or cheque must match the amount specified on the Application Form or the Additional Investment Form for the application to be valid.

### Who can invest?

Eligible persons (as detailed in the 'About this PDS' section) can invest, however individual investors must be 18 years of age or over. Investors investing through an IDPS should use the application form provided by their IDPS Operator.

### Cooling-off rights

If you are a Retail Client who has invested directly in the Fund, you may have a right to a 'cooling off' period in relation to your investment in the Fund for 14 days from the earlier of:

- confirmation of the investment being received; and
- the end of the fifth Business Day after the units are issued.

A Retail Client may exercise this right by notifying Equity Trustees in writing. A Retail Client is entitled to a refund of their investment adjusted for any increase or decrease in the relevant Application Price between the time we process your application and the time we receive the notification from you, as well as any other tax and other reasonable administrative expenses and transaction costs associated with the acquisition and termination of the investment.

The right of a Retail Client to cool off does not apply in certain limited situations, such as if the issue is made under a distribution reinvestment plan, switching facility or represents additional contributions required under an existing agreement. Also, the right to cool off does not apply to you if you choose to exercise your rights or powers as an investor in the Fund during the 14 day period. This could include selling part of your investment or switching it to another product. No cooling off period applies if you are a Wholesale Client.

Indirect Investors should seek advice from their IDPS Operator as to whether cooling off rights apply to an investment in the Fund by the IDPS. The right to cool off in relation to the Fund is not directly available to an Indirect Investor. This is because an Indirect Investor does not acquire the rights of an investor in the Fund. Rather, an Indirect Investor directs the IDPS Operator to arrange for their monies to be invested in the Fund on their behalf. The terms and conditions of the IDPS Guide or similar type document will govern an Indirect Investor's investment in relation to the Fund and any rights an Indirect Investor may have in this regard.

### Enquiries

If you have any enquiries regarding the Fund, you can call Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd on 1300 133 451 (Australia) or +61 2 8259 8888.

### Complaints resolution

Equity Trustees has an established complaints handling process and is committed to properly considering and resolving all complaints. If you have a complaint about your investment, please contact us on:

Phone: 1300 133 472  
Post: Equity Trustees Limited  
GPO Box 2307, Melbourne VIC 3001  
Email: [compliance@eqt.com.au](mailto:compliance@eqt.com.au)

We will acknowledge receipt of the complaint within 1 Business Day or as soon as possible after receiving the complaint. We will seek to resolve your complaint as soon as practicable but not more than 30 calendar days after receiving the complaint.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your complaint, you may be able to lodge a complaint with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority ("AFCA").

Contact details are:

Online: [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)

Phone: 1800 931 678

Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)

Post: GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001.

The external dispute resolution body is established to assist you in resolving your complaint where you have been unable to do so with us. However, it's important that you contact us first.

### Online access

You can access information about your investment in the Fund through the SGH online Investor Portal at [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au).

After we receive your Application Form or a written request for online access, you will be emailed your login details to access your account information online. The system will prompt you to change your password when you log on for the first time.

## 9. Other information

### Consent

The Investment Manager has given and, as at the date of this PDS, has not withdrawn:

- its written consent to be named in this PDS as the Investment Manager of the Fund; and
- its written consent to the inclusion of the statements made about it which are specifically attributed to it, in the form and context in which they appear.

The Investment Manager has not otherwise been involved in the preparation of this PDS or caused or otherwise authorised the issue of this PDS. The Investment Manager nor their employees or officers accept any responsibility arising in any way for errors or omissions, other than those statements for which they have provided their written consent to Equity Trustees for inclusion in this PDS.

### mFund Settlement Service

You must use a mFund accredited and licensed broker to facilitate your transactions on mFund. Your chosen broker may charge you additional fees which are not outlined in Section 6 of this PDS.

### Further reading

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide about:

- Your privacy;
- The Constitution;
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing ("AML/CTF");
- NAV for the Fund;
- Indirect Investors;
- Information on underlying investments;
- Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"); and
- Common Reporting Standard ("CRS"),

under the "Other important information" section before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at [www.sghiscock.com.au](http://www.sghiscock.com.au). The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.