# Smarter Money Fund Assisted Investor Class



# New Zealand Investor Information Sheet

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# About the Smarter Money Fund Assisted Investor Class New Zealand Investor Information Sheet (NZ Information Sheet)

This NZ Information Sheet has been prepared and issued by Equity Trustees Limited ("Equity Trustees", "we" or "Responsible Entity") and is a summary of significant information for the persons receiving the Product Disclosure Statement ("PDS") of the Smarter Money Fund Assisted Investor Class ("Fund") in New Zealand. This NZ Information Sheet does not form part of the PDS but it is important that you read it before investing in

The information provided in this NZ Information Sheet is general information only and does not take account of your personal financial situation or needs. You should obtain financial and taxation advice tailored to your personal circumstances.

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### Updated information

Information in this NZ Information Sheet 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 NZ Information Sheet. Any updated information that is not materially adverse may be obtained by calling the Investment Manager on 1300 901 711, visiting www.coolabahcapital.com or by visiting Equity Trustees at www.eqt.com.au/insto. A paper copy of the updated information will be provided free of charge on request.

#### New Zealand WARNING STATEMENT

- a) This offer to New Zealand investors is a regulated offer made under Australian and New Zealand law. In Australia, this is Chapter 8 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Aust) and regulations made under that Act. In New Zealand, this is subpart 6 of Part 9 of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 and Part 9 of the Financial Markets Conduct Regulations 2014.
- b) This offer and the content of the offer document are principally governed by Australian rather than New Zealand law. In the main, the Corporations Act 2001 (Aust) and the regulations made under that Act set out how the offer must be made.
- c) There are differences in how financial products are regulated under Australian law. For example, the disclosure of fees for managed investment schemes is different under the Australian regime.
- d) The rights, remedies, and compensation arrangements available to New Zealand investors in Australian financial products may differ from the rights, remedies, and compensation arrangements for New Zealand financial products.
- e) Both the Australian and New Zealand financial markets regulators have enforcement responsibilities in relation to this offer. If you need to make a complaint about this offer, please contact the Financial Markets Authority, New Zealand (http://www.fma.govt.nz). The Australian and New Zealand regulators will work together to settle your complaint.
- f) The taxation treatment of Australian financial products is not the same as for New Zealand financial products.
- g) If you are uncertain about whether this investment is appropriate for you, you should seek the advice of a financial advice provider.
- h) The offer may involve a currency exchange risk. The currency for the financial products is not New Zealand dollars. The value of the financial products will go up or down according to changes in the exchange rate between that currency and New Zealand dollars. These changes may be significant.
- i) If you expect the financial products to pay any amounts in a currency that is not New Zealand dollars, you may incur significant fees in having the funds credited to a bank account in New Zealand in New Zealand dollars.
- i) The dispute resolution process described in this offer document is available only in Australia and is not available in New Zealand.

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# Investing in the Fund

#### Direct investors

Direct investors can acquire units in the Fund by following the instructions outlined in the Application Form accompanying the PDS. All applications must be made in Australian dollars.

Minimum application amounts are subject to the Australian dollar minimum amounts disclosed in the PDS.

#### Indirect investors

If you wish to invest indirectly in the Fund through an IDPS your IDPS Operator will complete the application for you. Your IDPS Operator will advise what minimum investment amounts relate to you.

# Withdrawing your investment

#### Direct investors

Direct investors of the Fund can withdraw their investment by written request to:

Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd GPO Box 4968 Sydney NSW 2001

Or sending it by fax to +61 2 9251 3525

Or sending it by email to registry@apexgroup.com

Minimum withdrawal amounts are subject to the Australian dollar minimum amounts disclosed in the PDS. Withdrawal requests received from New Zealand investors must specify:

- the withdrawal amount in Australian dollars; or
- the number of units to be withdrawn.

We are unable to accept withdrawal amounts quoted in New Zealand dollars. Please note that the withdrawal amount paid to you will be in Australian dollars and may differ from the amount you receive in New Zealand dollars due to:

- Foreign exchange spreads between Australian and New Zealand dollars (currency rate differs daily); and
- Overseas telegraphic transfer ('OTT') costs.

Withdrawals will only be paid directly to the investor's AUD bank account held in the name of the investor with an Australian domiciled or New Zealand domiciled bank. Withdrawal payments will not be made to third parties.

### Indirect investors

If you have invested indirectly in the Fund through an IDPS, 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.

# Managing your investment

## Distributions

If New Zealand investors elect to have their distribution paid in cash they will need to nominate a bank account held in their own name with an Australian domiciled or New Zealand domiciled bank. otherwise it must be reinvested. Cash distributions will only be paid in Australian dollars to such an account. When the distribution is reinvested, New Zealand investors will be allotted units in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the PDS relating to the units in the Fund. Please see the PDS for a description of distributions and the terms and conditions of the reinvestment of distributions.

The distribution reinvestment plan described in the PDS is offered to New Zealand investors on the following basis:

- At the time the price of the units allotted pursuant to the distribution reinvestment plan is set, the Responsible Entity will not have any information that is not publicly available that would, or would be likely to, have a material adverse effect on the realisable price of the units if the information were publicly
- The right to acquire, or require the Responsible Entity to issue, units will be offered to all investors of the same class, other than those resident outside New Zealand who are excluded so as to avoid breaching overseas laws.
- Units will be issued on the terms disclosed to you, and will be subject to the same rights as units issued to all investors of the same class as you.

There is available from the Responsible Entity, on request and free of charge, a copy of the most recent annual report (if any) of the Fund, the most recent financial statements (if any) of the Fund, the auditor's report on those financial statements or, if those financial statements are not audited or reviewed by an auditor, a statement to that effect, the PDS and the Constitution for the Fund (including any amendments). Other than the Constitution, these documents may be obtained electronically from www.coolabahcapital.com.

# Processing cut-off times

The processing cut-off times for applications and withdrawals referred to in the PDS are Australian Eastern Standard Time (Australian EST) and you should take this into account when sending instructions.

# Cooling off rights

Cooling off rights may apply to investors in New Zealand. If you wish to exercise your cooling off rights you should contact the Responsible Entity of the Fund. The PDS contains further information about the rights that may apply.

# **Taxation**

## New Zealand resident taxation

If you are a New Zealand resident wishing to invest in Australia, we strongly recommend that you seek independent professional tax advice. New Zealand resident investors will be taxed on their units under the foreign investment fund rules or ordinary tax rules, depending on their circumstances. Australian tax will be withheld at prescribed rates from distributions to non-residents to the extent that the distributions comprise relevant Australian sourced income or gains.

# Smarter Money Fund Assisted Investor Class

# **Product Disclosure Statement**

mFund code SMF01 ARSN 154 023 408 APIR CRE0014AU Issue Date 19 December 2024

#### 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 Smarter Money Fund Assisted Investor Class ("Class"), a class of the Smarter Money Fund ARSN 154 023 408 (the "Fund"). It contains a number of references to important information (including a glossary of terms), contained in the Coolabah Funds Reference Guide ("Reference Guide"), each of 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 in Australia and New Zealand (electronically or otherwise). New Zealand investors must read the Smarter Money Fund - Assisted Investor Class New Zealand Investor Information Sheet before investing in the Fund. All references to dollars or "\$" in this PDS are to Australian dollars. New Zealand investors wishing to invest in the Fund should be aware that there may be different tax implications of investing in the Fund and should seek their own tax advice as necessary.

This PDS does not constitute a direct or indirect offer of securities in the US or to any US Person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933 as amended ("US Securities Act"). Equity Trustees may vary this position and offers may be accepted on merit at Equity Trustees' discretion. The units in the Fund have not been, and will not be, registered under the US Securities Act unless otherwise approved by Equity Trustees and may not be offered or sold in the US to, or for, the account of any US Person (as defined in the Reference Guide) except in a transaction that is exempt from the registration requirements of the US Securities Act and applicable US state securities laws.

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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 calling the Investment Manager on 1300 901 711, visiting www.coolabahcapital.com or by visiting Equity Trustees at www.eqt.com.au/insto or by calling the Responsible Entity.

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

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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 Coolabah Capital Investments (Retail) Pty 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

### Coolabah Capital Investments (Retail) Pty Limited

The Investment Manager is Coolabah Capital Investments (Retail) Pty Ltd (CCIR or Investment Manager), which is a corporate authorised representative (#000414337) of Coolabah Capital Institutional Investments Pty Ltd (AFSL

CCIR has appointed its related entity, Coolabah Capital Institutional Investments Pty Ltd (CCII or Portfolio Manager), as the Portfolio Manager to which it sub-delegates all portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund and its other fixed-income products. Both the Investment Manager and Portfolio Manager are wholly owned subsidiaries of Coolabah Capital Investments Pty Ltd (CCI). CCI is 65% owned by its management team, and 35% owned by Pinnacle Investment Management Group Limited, a leading Australian-based multi-affiliate investment firm.

Established in 2011, the CCI's goals are to deliver actively managed fixed income investment solutions that outperform traditional fixed-income products on a risk adjusted basis. CCI aims to achieve this through generating "alpha" or capital gains in liquid high-grade credit, which is in contrast to traditional fixed-income strategies that drive returns through adding more interest rate duration risk, credit default risk or illiquidity risk (or "beta"). As of 31 December 2023, CCI managed over \$9bn AUD.

# 2. How the Smarter Money Fund -Assisted Investor Class works

The Smarter Money Fund Assisted Investor Class is a class of the Smarter Money Fund ARSN 154 023 408, a registered managed investment scheme governed by the Constitution. The Class comprises assets which are acquired in accordance with the Class's investment strategy. Direct investors receive units in the Class when they invest. In general, each unit represents an equal interest in the assets of the Class subject to liabilities; however, it does not give investors an interest in any particular asset of the Class.

If you invest in the Class through an IDPS (as defined in the Reference Guide) you will not become an investor in the Class. The operator or custodian of the ÍDPS 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 Class 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

You can acquire units by completing the Application Form that accompanies this PDS, using the online application at www.coolabahcapital.com or make 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 Class is \$1,000.

Completed Application Forms should be sent along with your identification documents (if applicable) to:

Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd GPO Box 4968 Sydney NSW 2001

Please note that cash cannot be accepted.

By completing the online application at www.coolabahcapital.com, you can identify yourself and transfer funds with BPAY" or electronic funds transfer (EFT) (a reference number will be sent to you).

If applying via mFund you will need to provide the application money directly to vour licensed broker.

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 Class's investors.

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 Class, 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 nil.

The Buy Sell Spread may change depending on the liquidity of the assets within the Class's portfolio at that time. Any changes to the spreads after the date of this PDS will be published on the Fund's website at www.coolabahcapital.com.

The Application Price will vary as the market value of assets in the Class rises

### Making additional investments

You can make additional investments into the Class at any time by sending us your additional investment amount together with a completed Application Form. Alternatively complete the online application. You can transfer funds with BPAY or electronic funds transfer (EFT). The minimum additional investment into the Class is \$1,000 or \$100 per month through a savings plan. For more information on savings plans, BPAY and EFT see the Reference

#### 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 Class usually distributes income quarterly at the end of June, September, December and March. 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.

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

- reinvested back into the Class; 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

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

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

New Zealand investors can only have their distribution directly credited if an AUD Australian domiciled bank account is provided, otherwise it must be reinvested (refer to the Smarter Money Fund - Assisted Investor Class New Zealand Investor Information Sheet).

### Access to your money

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

Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd **GPO Box 4968** Sydney NSW 2001

Or sending it by fax to +61 2 9251 3525

Or sending it by email to registry@apexgroup.com

Or by making a withdrawal request through mFund by placing a sell order for units with your licensed broker.

The minimum withdrawal amount is nil. 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 3 Business Days of acceptance of a withdrawal request by transferring the withdrawal proceeds to such investor's nominated AUD denominated Australian domiciled bank account or, where the request is received via mFund, to the investor's licensed broker. . Access to your investment for a short period after the end of a distribution period will take longer as the Class's unit price is delayed (typically for no more than 7 Business Days) whilst the distribution is calculated. Equity Trustees is also allowed to reject withdrawal requests, and also to make payment up to 180 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.

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 Class, 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 0.025%.

The Buy Sell Spread may change depending on the liquidity of the assets within the Class's portfolio at that time. Any changes to the spreads after the date of this PDS will be published on the Fund's website at www.coolabahcapital.com.

The Withdrawal Price will vary as the market value of assets in the Class rises

Equity Trustees reserves the right to fully redeem your investment if your investment balance in the Class falls below \$1,000 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 Class 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
- 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;
- Direct Debit & savings plan;
- Authorised signatories;
- Reports;
- Withdrawal cut-off times;
- Withdrawal terms:
- Withdrawal restrictions; and
- Compulsory redemptions,

under the "Investing in the Coolabah Funds", "Managing your investment" and "Withdrawing your investment" sections before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at www.eqt.com.au/insto. 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 Smarter Money Fund - Assisted Investor Class

# Significant benefits

Active management	The Portfolio Manager actively selects a portfolio of Australian cash, bonds, floating-rate notes and asset-backed securities in order to maximise returns while minimising risk.
Floating Returns	The Fund's strategy targets low interest rate duration risk or a floating-rate profile that has a yield that generally moves up and down with the RBA cash rate.
Target return	Targets returns above the RBA cash rate plus 1% to 3% per annum after management costs – see Fees and costs section of this PDS for details.
No fixed term	You are not 'locked in' to a set period.
Regular income	Aims to reliably distribute quarterly income.
No withdrawal penalties	You can access your investment anytime without penalties or break costs subject to normal liquidity and spreads.
Fast access	Withdrawals generally available in your bank account after 3 Business Days.

# 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, Investment Manager or Portfolio 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.

#### Market risk

This is the risk that an entire market, country or economy (such as Australia) changes in value or becomes more volatile, including the risk that the purchasing power of the currency changes (either through inflation or deflation), potentially causing a reduction in the value of the Fund and increasing its volatility. This may be because, amongst many other things, there are changes in economic, financial, technological, political or legal conditions, natural and manmade disasters, conflicts and changes in market sentiment.

#### Investment and credit risk

This is the risk that the value of an individual investment in the Fund may change in value or become more volatile, potentially causing a reduction in the value of the Fund and increasing its volatility. This may be because, amongst many other things, there are changes in government or bank policies, the Investment or Portfolio Manager's operations or management, or business environment, or a change in perceptions of the risk of any investment. Various risks may lead to the issuer of the investment defaulting on its obligations and reducing the value of the investment to which the Fund has an exposure.

#### Interest rate risk

This is the risk that changes in interest rates can have a negative impact on certain investment values or returns. Reasons for interest rates changes are many and include variations in inflation, economic activity and Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) policies. However, interest rate risk with this Fund is reduced because the Fund predominantly invests in cash and floating-rate debt securities and is prohibited from investing in fixed-rate (i.e. not floating-rate) debt securities with a term to maturity of longer than 12 months unless it hedged the interest rate risk.

#### Ratings risk

The assets in which the Fund invests may or may not have been assigned credit ratings by independent ratings agencies. A ratings downgrade could significantly reduce the value of an investment and impact the value of the units of the Fund. Credit ratings do not guarantee the credit quality of a security, its underlying assets or its repayment, and may be re-assessed by ratings agencies in a range of circumstances. Ratings agencies can make mistakes. The Portfolio Manager seeks to minimise this risk by assessing the credit risks inherent in any investments it makes.

#### Risk measure

The Investment Manager considers that the 'standard risk measure' for this Fund is a conservative style fund, with a Very Low risk rating, which means that the estimated number of negative annual returns over any 20 year period is less than 0.5. On a scale of 1 to 7 where 7 is riskiest in this respect, the Fund is in category 1.

The standard risk measure is based on industry guidance to allow investors to compare investment options that are expected to deliver a similar number of negative annual returns over any 20 year period. It is not a complete assessment of all forms of investment risk, for instance it does not detail what the size of a negative return could be or the potential for a positive return to be less than an investor may require to meet their objectives. Further, it does not take into account the impact of fees and tax on the likelihood of a negative return.

Investors should still ensure they are comfortable with the risks and potential losses associated with the Fund.

#### Further reading...

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide under "Additional information on risks" about the risks associated with investing in the Fund before making an investment decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at www.eqt.com.au/insto. The material relating to these matters 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 or an option of the Fund, you should consider the likely investment returns, the risks of investing and your investment time frame.

#### Investment objective

The Fund targets returns in excess of the Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA's) cash rate by 1.0% to 2.0% p.a. after management costs, over a rolling 12 month period.

The investment objective is not intended to be a forecast. It is only an indication of what the investment strategy aims to achieve over a rolling 12 month period. The Fund may not achieve its investment objective. Returns are not guaranteed.

#### Benchmark

RBA cash rate plus 1.00%

### Minimum suggested time frame

Greater than 1 year.

#### Risk level

Low

### Investor suitability

Those seeking returns above the RBA cash rate from an actively managed portfolio of Australian cash, bonds, floating-rate notes and asset-backed securities with low interest rate duration risk or a floating-rate profile.

### Investment style and approach

Although the Fund is not the same as a bank account, the Fund does have a conservative investment approach:

- the Fund is permitted to invest in bonds, such as government and semi-government bonds, bank and corporate bonds, and asset-backed securities, including residential-mortgage backed securities, issued in Australian Dollars or in G10 currencies hedged to Australian Dollars;
- the Fund is also permitted to invest in cash and cash-equivalent securities, exchange traded derivatives and over-the-counter derivatives;
- the Fund may also invest in units in an ASX-listed fund or trust that solely invests in Australian-dollar denominated deposits, issued by APRA-regulated, Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions,
- all the Fund's investments are Australian Dollar-denominated or fully hedged into Australian Dollars (so the Fund has minimal direct exposure to foreign exchange risk);
- all the Fund's debt securities are of an 'investment grade' quality when bought, ('investment grade' normally equates to a Standard & Poor's rating of between BBB- and AAA, or equivalent rating).
- the Fund targets a dollar-weighted average Standard & Poor's 'A' credit rating across its bonds and deposits (or equivalent rating as determined by rating agencies),
- the Fund does not invest directly in listed or unlisted shares (so the Fund has no direct exposure to the volatility or risks of those markets),
- the Fund does not invest in fixed-rate debt securities with maturities greater than 12 months unless it hedges out the fixed interest rate component (so the Fund does not carry the significant interest rate (or duration) risk associated with these assets) and targets holding interest rate duration risk of less than 3 months,
- the Portfolio Manager seeks to limit the Fund's interest rate risk, as
  defined by changes in capital values resulting from interest rate
  movements, by investing in short-term deposits and floating-rate debt
  securities that ensure the Fund's underlying income moves when the
  RBA's cash rate moves,
- the Fund places a maximum limit on its exposure to asset-backed securities and requires these to have a minimum 'A-' credit rating,
- the Fund is not permitted to use leverage or gearing to enhance its returns, and
- the Fund has a very low risk rating under the 'standard risk measure' (see the **Risks** section of this PDS for details).

The Fund also has access to liquidity facilities that allow assets that are classified as "eligible securities" for repurchase by the RBA to be swapped with major Australian and international trading banks in exchange for cash, subject to these banks accepting these assets as part of their own repurchase operations. The Fund targets having at least 30% of its investments in cash and investment-grade assets that are classified as such repurchase eligible securities.

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 Portfolio Manager will seek to bring the Fund's investments within the guidelines within a reasonable period of time.

#### Asset allocation

The Fund is actively managed by the Portfolio Manager and aims to take advantage of investment opportunities within the Australian cash and fixed-income markets

Investment in the Fund is not the same as putting your money into a bank account. The Fund invests in cash instruments and investment grade debt securities, including at-call deposits, term deposits, bank bills, money market securities and investment-grade bonds issued by governments, government-owned enterprises, banks and companies. The Fund may also invest in units in an ASX-listed fund or trust that solely invests in Australian-dollar denominated deposits, issued by Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADIs) which are regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA). It is also possible that from time to time derivatives may be used to manage the Fund's risks when considered

### Changing the investment strategy

The investment strategy and asset allocation parameters may be changed. If a change is to be made, investors in the Class will be notified in accordance with the Corporations Act.

### Labour Standards, Environmental, Social and Ethical Factors ("ESG considerations")

EQT has delegated investment decisions including ESG considerations to the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager has delegated these responsibilities to the Portfolio Manager to which it sub-delegates all portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund and its other fixed-income products. The Portfolio Manager has contemplated that labour, environmental, social and ethical considerations will be taken into account in relation to the investment of the Fund.

The Portfolio Manager considers that environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors are important inputs into its investment process and can have notable consequences for the performance of our investments. These consequences extend beyond merely downside risks; they may also include potential upside for the portfolio, such as opportunities arising from ESG factors being overlooked or mispriced by the market, with both market participants and rating agencies often failing to appreciate the full nuance of these factors. Consequently, the consideration and due diligence of ESG factors, both quantitatively and qualitatively, form an important part of the Portfolio Manager's broader investment process. However, these factors may not necessarily be assessed in accordance with any predetermined weighting or methodology.

Examples of the types of ESG factors that the Portfolio Manager takes into account as part of its investment process include, but are not limited to:

#### Environmental:

- Climate and weather related risks.
- Dependency on assets which may be impacted by environmental considerations.
- Pollution and environmental disruption.
- Environment sustainability.

#### Social:

- political stability in countries of operation.
- Track record and policies on labour, human rights and modern slavery.
- Diversity and inclusion.
- Workplace health and safety, including employee wellbeing.
- Commitment to maintaining internal and customer privacy, including cyber-security.
- Impact on customers and local communities.
- ESG related reputational and brand risks.

- Board and government composition.
- Risk management and compliance track-record.
- Litigation and regulatory history.

The Portfolio Manager's ESG and Stewardship Policy (available here: www.coolabahcapital.com/esg-policy) provides further detail on how ESG factors are proactively considered and integrated into its broader investment and decision-making process.

#### **Fund performance**

Up to date information on the performance of the Fund can be obtained from www.coolabahcapital.com. A free of charge paper copy of the information will also be available on request.

# 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

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) 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

Smarter Money Fund Assisted Investor Class			
Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid	
Ongoing annual fee	s and costs <sup>1</sup>		
Management fees and costs The fees and costs for managing your investment <sup>2</sup>	0.66% of the NAV of the Class	The management fees component of management fees and costs are accrued daily and paid from the Class 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 Class as they are incurred.	
Performance fees Amounts deducted from your investment in relation to the performance of the product	0.19% of the NAV of the Class <sup>3</sup>	Performance fees are calculated daily and paid monthly in arrears from the Class and reflected in the unit price.	
Transaction costs The costs incurred by the scheme when buying or selling assets	0.00% of the NAV of the Class	Transaction costs are variable and deducted from the Class as they are incurred and reflected in the unit price. They are disclosed net of amounts recovered by the buy-sell spread. Any transaction costs at the interposed vehicle level are reflected in the value of the Class's investment in the relevant interposed vehicle, and therefore reflected in the unit price.	

Member activity related fees and costs (fees for services or when your money moves in or out of the scheme)

Smarter Money Fund Assisted Investor Class			
Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid	
Establishment fee	Not applicable	Not applicable	
The fee to open your investment			
Contribution fee	Not applicable	Not applicable	
The fee on each amount contributed to your investment			
Buy-sell spread	nil upon entry and	These costs are an	
An amount deducted from your investment representing costs incurred in transactions by the scheme	0.025% upon exit	additional cost to the investor but are incorporated into the unit price and arise when investing application monies and funding withdrawals from the Class and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into the Class as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Class as part of a redemption.	
Withdrawal fee The fee on each	Not applicable	Not applicable	
amount you take out of your investment			
Exit fee	Not applicable	Not applicable	
The fee to close your investment			
Switching fee	Not applicable	Not applicable	
The fee for changing investment options			

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

# Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs

### Management fees and costs

The management fees and costs include amounts payable for administering and operating the Class, investing the assets of the Class, expenses and reimbursements in relation to the Class 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 0.66% p.a. of the NAV of the Class is payable to the Responsible Entity of the Class for managing the assets and overseeing the operations of the Class. The management fees component is accrued daily and paid from the Class 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 Class may include other ordinary expenses of operating the Class, as well as management fees and costs (if any) arising from interposed vehicles in or through which the Class invests. The indirect costs and other expenses component is variable and reflected in the unit price of the Class 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. The indirect costs and other expenses component is based on the relevant costs incurred during the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

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 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 Class. The performance fees for the Class are 0.19% of the NAV of the Class. 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 Class is averaged and totalled to give the performance fees for the Class.

In terms of the performance fees payable to the Investment Manager, a performance fee is payable where the investment performance of the Class exceeds the RBA Cash Rate (RBACOR) plus 1.00% (Benchmark), after management fees of 0.66% p.a.. The performance fees are 20.5% of this excess, calculated daily and paid monthly in arrears from the Class and calculated based on the beginning NAV of the Class over the relevant period. No performance fees are payable until any accrued Class losses from prior periods have been made up (this feature is sometimes referred to as a 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 Class will be. Information on current performance fees will be updated from time to time and available at www.eqt.com.au/insto.

#### Transaction costs

In managing the assets of the Class, the Class may incur transaction costs such as brokerage, buy-sell spreads in respect of the underlying investments of the Class, settlement costs, clearing costs and applicable stamp duty when assets are bought and sold, and the costs of over-the-counter derivatives that reflect transaction costs that would arise if the Fund held the ultimate reference assets, as well as the costs of over-the-counter derivatives used for hedging purposes. Transaction costs also include costs incurred by interposed vehicles in which the Class invests (if any), that would have been transaction costs if they had been incurred by the Class 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 Class 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

The Buy/Sell Spread that is disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is a reasonable estimate of transaction costs that the Class will incur when buying or selling assets of the Class. 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 Class and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into the Class as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Class as part of a redemption and not paid to Equity Trustees or the Investment Manager. The estimated Buy/Sell Spread is nil upon entry and 0.025% upon exit. The dollar value of these costs based on an application or a withdrawal of \$1,000 is \$0 (application) and \$0.25 (withdrawal) for each individual transaction. The Buy/Sell Spread can be altered by the Responsible Entity at any time and www.coolabahcapital.com 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 Class's assets and are reflected in the Class's unit price as an additional cost to the investor, as and when they are incurred.

The gross transaction costs for the Class are 0.00% p.a. of the NAV of the Class, which is based on the relevant costs incurred during the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This represents the performance fee of the Class which is payable as an expense of the Class to the Investment Manager. See "Performance fees" below for more information.

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 4.00% of the GAV of the Class. 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 Class 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 Class 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 the Investment Manager on 1300 901 711 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 – Smarter Money Fund - Assisted Investor Class 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 Plus And, for every \$50,000 you Management fees have in the Smarter Money 0.66% p.a. and costs Fund - Assisted Investor Class you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$330 each year Plus And, you will be charged or 0.19% p.a. Performance fees have deducted from your investment \$95 in performance fees each year Plus 0.00% p.a. And, you will be charged or Transaction costs have deducted from your investment \$0 in transaction Equals If you had an investment of Cost of Smarter \$50,000 at the beginning of Money Fund the year and you put in an Assisted Investor additional \$5,000 during that Class year, you would be charged fees and costs of: \$425\* What it costs you will depend on the investment option you choose and the fees you negotiate.

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

ASIC provides a fee calculator on www.monevsmart.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 Class, over the previous five financial years. The performance of the Class 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 Class 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

### 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.eqt.com.au/insto. 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.

# 8. How to apply

To invest please complete the Application Form accompanying this PDS, send funds (see details in the Application Form) and your completed Application Form to:

Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd GPO Box 4968 Sydney NSW 2001

By completing the online application at www.coolabahcapital.com, you can identify yourself and transfer funds with BPAY® or electronic funds transfer (EFT) (a reference number will be sent to you).

If applying via mFund you will need to provide the application money directly to your licensed broker.

Please note that cash cannot be accepted and all applications must be made in Australian dollars.

#### 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.

### Cooling off period

If you are a retail client (as defined in the Corporations Act) 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; or
- the end of the fifth business day after the units are issued.

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

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

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 a unit holder in the Fund during the 14 day period, this could include selling part of your investment or switching it to another product.

Indirect investors should seek advice from their IDPS Operator as to whether cooling off rights apply to an investment in a fund by the IDPS. The right to cool off in relation to a fund are not directly available to an indirect investor. This is because an Indirect Investor does not acquire the rights of a unit holder in a fund. Rather, an Indirect Investor directs the IDPS Operator to arrange for their monies to be invested in a 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 a fund and any rights an indirect investor may have in this regard.

### 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

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 Phone: 1800 931 678 Email: 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.

# 9. Other information

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

- their written consent to be named in this PDS as the Investment and/or Manager of the Fund: and/or
- its written consent to the inclusion of the statements made about it and CCII, in the form and context in which they appear.

The Investment Manager, Portfolio Manager and the Custodian have not otherwise been involved in the preparation of this PDS or caused or otherwise authorised the issue of this PDS. Neither the Investment Manager, Portfolio Manager, the Custodian nor their employees or officers accept any responsibility arising in any way for errors or omissions, other than those statements for which it has provided its 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 the Fees and Costs section 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");
- Indirect Investors;
- Information on underlying investments;
- Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA");
- Common Reporting Standard ("CRS");

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