

Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure Fund ARSN 164 901 982

Annual Financial Report For the year ended 30 June 2024

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# **Directors' report**

The directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited, the Responsible Entity of the Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure Fund (the Fund), present their report together with the financial report of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2024 and the auditor's report thereon.

#### **Responsible Entity**

Maple-Brown Abbott Limited is the Responsible Entity (AFSL No. 237296). Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure Pty Limited is the investment manager of the Fund.

The registered office and principal place of business of the Responsible Entity and the Fund is Level 26, Tower One, International Towers, 100 Barangaroo Avenue, Barangaroo NSW 2000.

#### **Directors**

The names of the directors of the Responsible Entity during the year and up to the date of issuance of this report are:

Name Period of directorship

T T Robinson

R A R Lee

Appointed 7 March 2013 (resigned 2 August 2024)

Appointed 22 October 2015 (resigned 2 August 2024)

Appointed 4 January 2017 (resigned 2 August 2024)

S S Rahmani

A R Maple-Brown

A Popointed 11 May 2022 (resigned 2 August 2024)

A popointed 14 February 2024 (resigned 2 August 2024)

A popointed 14 February 2024 (resigned 2 August 2024)

A popointed 14 February 2024 (resigned 2 August 2024)

A Findlay Appointed 2 August 2024
A Zarei Appointed 2 August 2024
D J D Longan Appointed 2 August 2024

# **Principal activities**

The Fund invests in accordance with its investment objectives and guidelines as set out in the Fund's current Product Disclosure Statement and in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund did not have any employees during the year.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the Fund's activities during the year.

#### Review and results of operations

Subject to the criteria for stock selection outlined in the Product Disclosure Statement, the Responsible Entity aims to outperform an accumulation index comprised of the OECD Total Inflation Index plus 5.5% per annum (Benchmark), after fees, over a five-year period.

The Fund achieved a rolling five-year annualised return of 5.0% p.a. after fees (2023: 7.9% p.a.) versus the Benchmark return of 11.1% p.a. (2023: 10.3% p.a.).

# Review and results of operations (continued)

Summary of the Fund's annual performance after fees to 30 June:

	<b>2024</b> %	2023 %
Total return* Benchmark	0.7 11.8	9.7 13.6
Distribution per unit for the year ended 30 June (excluding tax credits) (note 5)	\$0.1051	\$0.1267

<sup>\*</sup>Total return is based on the movement in net asset value per unit plus distributions and is before tax and after all fees and charges. Imputation and foreign income tax offsets are not included in the performance figures.

# Significant changes in state of affairs

In the opinion of the Responsible Entity, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund during the financial year under review.

# Likely developments

The Fund will continue with its principal activities.

### **Events subsequent to balance date**

No significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period which would impact on the financial position of the Fund disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position or on the results and cash flows of the Fund.

# Interests of the Responsible Entity

Fees paid out of Fund property to and units held by the Responsible Entity and its associates during the year are disclosed in Note 6(b) to the financial statements.

# Indemnities and insurance premiums for the officers of the Responsible Entity and auditors

No insurance premiums are paid out of the assets of the Fund for insurance cover provided to the officers of the Responsible Entity or auditors of the Fund. So long as the officers of the Responsible Entity act in accordance with the Fund's Constitution and the law, the officers of the Responsible Entity are generally entitled to an indemnity out of the assets of the Fund against losses incurred while acting on behalf of the Fund. The auditors of the Fund are not indemnified out of the assets of the Fund.

#### **Environmental legislation**

The operations of the Fund are not subject to any particular or significant environmental regulation under a Commonwealth, State or Territory law.

# Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars

The Fund is of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191, and in accordance with that instrument, amounts in the financial report and the Directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars unless otherwise stated.

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

The lead auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 4.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited.

Director of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited (ABN 73 001 208 564)

10 September 2024

H. Rindly

Sydney, Australia



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

To the Directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited as the Responsible Entity of Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure Fund

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure Fund for the financial year ended 30 June 2024, there have been:

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

KPMG

**KPMG** 

Ashley Trang

Partner

Sydney

10 September 2024

#### **Statement of Financial Position**

	Note	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7(a)	11,907	25,258
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8(a)	1,067,966	1,112,008
Applications receivable		597	441
Interest receivable		48	77
Dividends and distributions receivable		5,180	3,495
Balances due from brokers		-	7,875
Other receivables		572	481
Reduced input tax credit receivable	_	197	204
Total assets	-	1,086,467	1,149,839
Liabilities			
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	8(a)	8	-
Redemptions payable	, ,	941	482
Balances due to brokers		3,701	-
Distribution payable	5	41,603	53,763
Interest payable		2	-
Sundry creditors and accruals	_	874	906
Total liabilities	_	47,129	55,151
Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity	2 =	1,039,338	1,094,688

# **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

	Note	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Revenue			
Dividends and distributions		38,975	31,242
Interest	3	737	650
Other income		-	11
Net change in the fair value of financial instruments at			
fair value through profit or loss		(21,812)	72,926
		17,900	104,829
Expenses			
Responsible Entity fee	6(b)	10,727	10,282
Transaction costs		1,041	1,113
		11,768	11,395
Profit from operating activities		6,132	93,434
Total comprehensive income		6,132	93,434

# **Statement of Changes in Equity**

	Note	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Total equity opening balance		1,094,688	932,351
Comprehensive income			
Profit from operating activities		6,132	93,434
Total comprehensive income		6,132	93,434
Transactions with unitholders			
Applications	2	302,699	409,656
Redemptions	2	(305,723)	(271,264)
Distributions paid and payable to unitholders	2,5	(58,458)	(69,489)
Total transactions with unitholders		(61,482)	68,903
Total equity closing balance		1,039,338	1,094,688

#### **Statement of Cash Flows**

	Note	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Operating activities			
Proceeds from sale of investments		434,413	348,032
Purchase of investments		(401,208)	(408,804)
Interest received		769	578
Dividends and distributions received		37,198	30,626
Other income received		-	11
Transaction costs paid		(1,041)	(1,113)
Responsible Entity fees paid		(10,102)	(9,532)
Reduced input tax credit received	_	7	6
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	7(b) _	60,036	(40,196)
Financing activities			
Proceeds from issue of units		253,184	351,292
Payments on redemption of units		(305,264)	(272,377)
Distributions paid	_	(21,258)	(30,853)
Net cash flows (used in)/from financing activities	7(d) _	(73,338)	48,062
Change in cash and cash equivalents		(13,302)	7,866
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		25,258	17,519
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash		(40)	(107)
equivalents	-	(49)	(127)
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	7(a) =	11,907	25,258

# 1 Summary of material accounting policies

This annual financial report covers the Fund as an individual entity.

The Fund is a registered managed investment scheme under the *Corporations Act 2001*. The Fund was constituted on 6 December 2012 and will terminate 80 years (less one day) from the date of commencement or at such earlier time as provided by the Fund's Constitution or by the law.

Maple-Brown Abbott Limited is the Responsible Entity. Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure Pty Limited is the investment manager of the Fund. The registered office and principal place of business of the Responsible Entity is Level 26, Tower One, International Towers, 100 Barangaroo Avenue, Barangaroo NSW 2000.

The annual financial report was authorised for issue by the directors of the Responsible Entity on 10 September 2024. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial report.

#### (a) Statement of compliance

The annual financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia.

The annual financial report of the Fund also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards and interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

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

#### (b) Basis of preparation

#### **Functional and presentation currency**

The annual financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is the Fund's functional currency.

#### Use of estimates

In a limited number of circumstances the Responsible Entity makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. These estimates and associated assumptions are reviewed regularly and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The use of estimates and critical judgements in fair value measurement is described in note 8(a).

#### Change in accounting standards

Except as described below, the accounting policies applied in these annual financial statements are the same as those applied in the Fund's financial statements as at and for the year ended 30 June 2023.

#### a) Material accounting policy information

The Fund has adopted Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2) from 1 January 2023. The amendments did not result in any changes to the accounting policies themselves, but require the disclosure of material accounting policy information rather than significant accounting policies.

# 1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

#### (b) Basis of preparation (continued)

The amendments require the disclosure of 'material', rather than 'significant', accounting policies. The amendments also provide guidance on the application of materiality to disclosure of accounting policies, assisting entities to provide useful, entity-specific accounting policy information that users need to understand other information in the financial statements.

Management reviewed the accounting policies and no updates were required.

#### (c) Financial instruments

#### Classification

The Responsible Entity classifies the Fund's investments based on its investment strategy for managing those financial assets and their contractual cash flow characteristics. The Responsible Entity evaluates the performance and related financial information about its investments on a fair value basis in accordance with the Fund's investment strategy.

#### Measurement

#### **Financial assets**

The Fund's financial assets are classified either as "fair value through profit or loss" or as "amortised cost". Financial assets which are classified as "fair value through profit or loss" are recognised or derecognised by the Responsible Entity as such at trade date. They are initially recognised at fair value, excluding transaction costs, which are expensed as incurred. Thereafter they are re-measured at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss recognised immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Listed equities are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit and loss and are valued at their quoted last sale price on the exchange on which such securities are traded as of the close of business on the day the securities are being valued.

#### **Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities of the Fund are measured at "amortised cost" using the effective interest method. These financial liabilities are of a short term nature and hence their carrying value approximates fair value.

The issue of redeemable units in the Fund are classified as equity because the units issued by the Fund satisfies all criteria for the classification of puttable financial instruments as equity under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation.* 

#### **Derivatives**

Derivative financial instruments are held for trading and accounted for on a fair value basis using the most recent verifiable source of market prices. Fair values are obtained using quoted market prices or determined through the use of valuation techniques. All derivatives are carried as assets when the fair value is positive and as liabilities when fair value is negative.

The Fund does not designate any derivatives as hedges in a hedging relationship.

#### Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

# 1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

#### (d) Foreign currency translation

Transactions during the year denominated in foreign currency have been translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the transaction date. Overseas investments and currency, together with any accrued income, are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the reporting date. Unrealised exchange gains and losses arising on the revaluation of investments are included in investment income, as part of the net change in the fair value of investments. All other material foreign currency exchange differences relating to monetary items, including cash and cash equivalents are presented separately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### (e) Revenue and expenses

Dividends and distribution income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in profit or loss when the Fund's right to receive payment is established.

Interest on cash deposits is calculated using the effective interest method and is recognised as revenue in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accruals basis.

Net change in the fair value of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss is determined as the difference between the fair value at year end or consideration received (if sold during the year) and the fair value as at the prior year end or acquisition (if the investment was acquired during the year).

Transaction costs incurred in the acquisition and disposal of assets are expensed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accruals basis. Expenses, including Responsible Entity fees, are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accruals basis.

#### (f) Distributions

In accordance with the Fund's Constitution, the Responsible Entity may elect whether to make a distribution. Once elected by the Responsible Entity, distributions paid and payable are recognised and disclosed as transactions with unitholders in the Statement of Changes in Equity.

# (g) Change in net assets attributable to unitholders

Unrealised gains and losses arising from movements in the fair value of assets are held within net assets attributable to unitholders. The taxable and concessionally taxed portions of realised capital gains on the disposal of investments are attributed to unitholders in the period for which they are assessable for tax purposes.

#### (h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents may include cash at bank, deposits at call with banks, term deposits and bank bills of exchange and are valued at cost.

#### (i) Receivables

Receivables may include applications, balances due from brokers, interest, dividend and distribution receivables as well as reduced input tax credit. Receivable amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on receivables at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition.

# 1 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

#### (i) Receivables (continued)

The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss within other operating expenses. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other operating expenses in profit or loss.

# (j) Other payables

Payables may include redemptions, balances due to brokers, distribution and sundry creditors and accruals which are unpaid at the end of the reporting date.

#### (k) Taxation

The Responsible Entity has elected into the Attribution Managed Investment Trust (AMIT) regime. On the basis that unitholders are attributed all of the taxable income of the Fund (which includes net realised capital gains) for a financial year, the Fund itself should not be liable for tax. Unitholders will be attributed a share of the taxable income of the Fund and will be required to include the amount attributed to them in their assessable income.

The price of a unit is based on the market values of underlying assets and thus may include a share of unrealised taxable capital gains/losses. Should a net gain be realised, that portion of the gain that is subject to capital gains tax will be attributed to unitholders.

Any balance of realised capital losses is not attributed to unitholders but is carried forward to be offset against any future realised capital gains. If realised capital gains exceed realised capital losses, the excess is attributed to unitholders.

#### (I) Net assets attributable to unitholders

The net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as equity because the units issued by the Fund satisfy all the criteria for "puttable financial instruments" to be classified as equity under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation.* 

Units issued by the Fund provide unitholders with the right to redeem their units on request. The fair value of redeemable units is measured at the net asset value price.

#### (m) Determination of redemption price for units in the Fund

The redemption price is determined in accordance with the Fund's Constitution and is calculated as the value of the assets of the Fund less its liabilities, adjusted for estimated transaction costs, divided by the number of units on issue.

#### (n) Goods and services tax (GST)

The Responsible Entity fees and other expenses are recognised net of the amount of GST recoverable as a reduced input tax credit (RITC). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST. Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis.

# 2 Net assets attributable to unitholders

	2024	4	202	3
	\$'000	Units '000	\$'000	Units '000
Opening balance	1,094,688	555,732	932,351	487,498
Profit from operating activities Transactions with unitholders:	6,132	-	93,434	-
Applications	302,699	154,158	409,656	205,454
Redemptions Distributions paid and payable to	(305,723)	(156,182)	(271,264)	(137,220)
unitholders	(58,458)	<u>-</u>	(69,489)	
Total transactions with unitholders	(61,482)	(2,024)	68,903	68,234
Closing balance	1,039,338	553,708	1,094,688	555,732

The Responsible Entity considers net assets attributable to unitholders as capital. This capital is invested in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution. The Responsible Entity may make additional investments in the case of net applications, or realise investments in the case of net redemptions, depending on the desired level of liquidity in the Fund. Under the Fund's Constitution, the Responsible Entity may suspend applications or redemptions if it is considered to be in the best interests of unitholders.

# 3 Interest income

		2024 \$'000	
	Cash and cash equivalents	737	650
	Total interest income	737	650
4	Auditor's remuneration		
		2024	2023
		\$	\$
	Audit services - KPMG:*		
	Audit and review of the Annual Financial Report	33,220	31,350
	Audit of the Compliance Plan	5,335	5,005
	Total	38,555	36,355

<sup>\*</sup>The audit fees were paid by the Responsible Entity and represents the agreed fees.

# 5 Distributions paid and payable

	2024		20	23
	\$'000	\$ per unit	\$'000	\$ per unit
30 September	5,646	0.0100	5,116	0.0100
31 December	5,667	0.0100	5,187	0.0100
31 March	5,542	0.0100	5,423	0.0100
30 June (payable)	41,603	0.0751	53,763	0.0967
Total	58,458	0.1051	69,489	0.1267

# (a) Unrealised taxable capital gains

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Balances at 30 June		
Net unrealised capital gains for tax	140,424	194,259

Unrealised taxable capital gains have been calculated in accordance with the relevant tax legislation and have not been reported in the financial statements, refer note 1(k).

# 6 Related parties

#### (a) Responsible Entity and Key Management Personnel

Maple-Brown Abbott Limited (ABN 73 001 208 564) is the Responsible Entity of the Fund. Maple-Brown Abbott Limited has delegated the provision of investment management services to its subsidiary, Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure Pty Limited.

As Responsible Entity, Maple-Brown Abbott Limited is regarded as fulfilling the role and obligations of key management personnel of the Fund. The directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited are regarded as key management personnel of that company and not of the Fund.

# (b) Responsible Entity

The names of the persons who were directors of the Responsible Entity during or since the end of the year are as follows:

Name	Period of directorship
T T Robinson	Appointed 7 March 2013 (resigned 2 August 2024)
RARLee	Appointed 22 October 2015 (resigned 2 August 2024)
J A Elliott	Appointed 4 January 2017 (resigned 2 August 2024)
S S Rahmani	Appointed 14 October 2019 (resigned 14 February 2024)
A R Maple-Brown	Appointed 11 May 2022 (resigned 2 August 2024)
M J McQuire	Appointed 14 February 2024 (resigned 2 August 2024)
A Findlay	Appointed 2 August 2024
A Zarei	Appointed 2 August 2024
D J D Longan	Appointed 2 August 2024

# 6 Related parties (continued)

## (b) Responsible Entity (continued)

#### Loans to key management personnel of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited

The Fund has not made, guaranteed or secured, directly or indirectly, any loans to the key management personnel of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited or their personally-related entities at any time during the reporting period.

#### Other transactions with key management personnel of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited

Apart from those details disclosed in this note, no key management personnel of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited have entered into a contract for services with the Fund since the end of the previous financial year.

#### Remuneration

The Responsible Entity's fees are calculated in accordance with the Fund's Constitution (as amended). The Responsible Entity's fee is 0.98% (refer note 1(n)) per annum, accrued daily and paid monthly based on the net asset value of the Fund. The total fee of \$10,727,074 (2023: \$10,281,791) is disclosed as an item of expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and the fee paid during the year is disclosed separately in the Statement of Cash Flows.

#### Balances payable

The aggregate amounts payable to the Responsible Entity by the Fund at 30 June are as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Responsible Entity fees payable	938,200	972,422

These amounts are included in sundry creditors and accruals in the Statement of Financial Position.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

Holdings in the Fund by other funds managed by the Responsible Entity:

	Number of	Fair	Fair Interest Units Units sold Distribution			Distributions
	units held	value	held	purchased	during the	received/
	at 30 June		in the Fund	during the	year	receivable
				year		during the
						year
2024		\$	%			\$
MBA Diversified						
Investment Trust	9,498,779	17,831,108	1.7	2,009,305	1,543,171	991,788
MBA Global						
Listed						
Infrastructure						
Fund - Hedged	298,529,580	560,399,728	53.9	111,737,803	114,634,062	31,520,231

# 6 Related parties (continued)

# (b) Responsible Entity (continued)

	Number of	Fair	Interest	Units	Units sold	Distributions
	units held	Value	held	purchased	during the	received/
			in the Fund	during the	year	receivable
				year		during the
						year
2023		\$	%			\$
MBA Diversified						
Investment Trust	9,032,645	17,792,504	1.6	1,286,496	1,214,199	1,138,099
MBA Global						
Listed						
Infrastructure						
Fund - Hedged	301,425,839	593,748,618	54.2	156,449,013	93,596,412	37,238,286

#### Transactions with other parties

Details of the transactions during the year by each specified director and their personally related entities are as follows:

Unitholder	Number of units held at 30 June	Fair Value	Units purchased during the year	Units sold during the year	Distributions received/ receivable during the year
2024		\$			\$
T T Robinson	169,889	318,916	11,207	-	17,798
RARLee	397,614	746,401	26,302	-	41,655
A Maple-Brown	6,313,006	11,850,776	353,649	-	661,784
2023					
T T Robinson	158,682	312,572	28,667	-	20,053
RAR Lee	371,312	731,410	86,386	68,412	48,951
A Maple-Brown	5,959,357	11,738,742	460,069	-	753,503

All transactions with related parties are conducted on normal commercial terms and conditions. This includes that Maple-Brown Abbott Limited, directly and on behalf of other Funds issued by it, and its directors and director's related entities, may invest in or withdraw from the Fund from time-to-time, and the Responsible Entity may rebate management fees to these entities where they are wholesale clients, as defined in the Corporations Act. Staff may also invest in or withdraw from the Fund from time-to-time and may also be charged lower than the stated management costs, as allowed by the Corporations Act.

#### 7 Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows

#### (a) Components of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Cash at bank	11,907	25,258

# (b) Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Profit for the reporting period attributable to unit holders	6,132	93,434
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	434,413	348,032
Purchase of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	(401,208)	(408,804)
Net gains on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	21,812	(72,926)
Net change in receivables and other assets	(1,740)	(682)
Net change in payables and other liabilities	(30)	88
Unitholder rebate reinvested	657	662
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	60,036	(40,196)

#### (c) Non-cash financing activities

The following amounts are not included in the Statement of Cash Flows:

#### Financing activities

## Unitholder distributions and rebates reinvested

The Fund issues new units in consideration for the reinvestment of distributions and rebates payable to unitholders.

The value of the units and number of units issued or redeemed during the year is summarised below:

	2024		2023	
	\$'000	Units '000	\$'000	Units '000
Units issued or redeemed:				
Unitholder distribution reinvested	49,359	25,166	58,292	30,400
Unitholder rebate reinvested	657	311	662	277

# (d) Reconciliation of liabilities from financing activities

The net change in financing activities during the year is (\$73,338,385) which was from application, redemption and distribution paid made by unitholders (2023: \$48,061,878).

#### 8 Financial instruments

#### Risks and capital management objectives

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of risks: market risk (including price risk, interest rate changes and currency risk), liquidity risk and credit risk.

The Responsible Entity seeks to manage the Fund's financial risks through a variety of activities, including diversification of the investment portfolio and the selection of liquid investments in accordance with the specific investment policies and restrictions set out in the Product Disclosure Statement.

The key element in the Responsible Entity's investment philosophy is to seek to hold investments that are expected to offer the strongest combination of inflation protection and lower volatility.

The nature and extent of the financial instruments outstanding at the balance date and the risk management policies employed by the Responsible Entity are discussed below, together with specific investment objectives and policies applicable to the Fund.

# (a) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will change as a result of exposure to market price changes, interest rate changes and currency movements.

#### Price risk

The Fund's market price risk is managed on a daily basis in accordance with the following specific investment policies and restrictions.

#### Investment policies and restrictions

The Responsible Entity invests in assets in accordance to the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement and monitors the Fund's guidelines and restrictions to ensure compliance.

#### **Market exposures**

As at 30 June the market exposures were as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Australian-listed equities	21,385	27,032
Overseas-listed equities	1,046,581	1,084,970
Foreign exchange contracts		6
Total	1,067,966	1,112,008
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:		
Foreign exchange contracts	8	
Total	8	

# (a) Market risk (continued)

#### Carrying amounts versus fair values

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

#### Sensitivity analysis

The table below details the approximate change in net assets attributable to unitholders if there is a percentage change in the price assuming all other variables are constant:

	20	2024		2023	
	% chang	je \$'000	% change	e \$'000	
Increase in price Decrease in price	10 10	106,796 (106,796)	10 10	111,201 (111,201)	

#### Fair value measurement recognised in the Statement of Financial Position

The fair value measurement disclosures use a three-tier value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in measuring fair values. The fair value hierarchy is comprised of the following levels:

- Level 1 fair values measured using quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments;
- Level 2 fair values measured using directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices)
   observable inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1; and
- Level 3 fair values measured using inputs that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

At 30 June the financial instruments carried at fair value split by valuation method is summarised below:

2024	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:  Australian-listed equities  Overseas-listed equities	21,385 1,046,581			21,385 1,046,581
Total	1,067,966			1,067,966
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:  Foreign exchange contracts		8		8
Total		8		8

# (a) Market risk (continued)

2023	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Australian-listed equities	27,032	-	_	27,032
Overseas-listed equities	1,084,970	-	-	1,084,970
Foreign exchange contracts		6		6
Total	1,112,002	6		1,112,008

#### Transfer between levels

The Responsible Entity's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period. There have been no transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy at the end of 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023. There were also no changes made to any of the valuation techniques applied as of 30 June 2024.

#### Fair value measurement

Fair value in an active market (level 1)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and equity securities) is based on last sale prices at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. For the majority of financial assets and liabilities, information provided by the quoted market independent pricing services is relied upon for valuation.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. An active market is a market in which transactions for the financial asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (level 2 and 3)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments are used for debt securities held. The Responsible Entity may use a variety of valuation methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at the end of each reporting period. Valuation techniques used for non-standardised financial instruments, such as over-the-counter derivatives, include the use of comparable arm's length transactions, reference to the current fair value of a substantially similar other instrument or any other valuation technique that is commonly used by market participants which maximises the use of market inputs and relies as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the end of the reporting period.

#### (a) Market risk (continued)

The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions held. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including liquidity risk and counterparty risk.

Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)
The Fund did not hold any financial instruments with fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs during the year ended 30 June 2024 or the year ended 30 June 2023.

#### Financial instruments not measured at fair value

The carrying value less impairment provision of other receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values due to their short term nature.

#### Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing. As a result, the Fund is not subject to significant amounts of risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on interest bearing financial assets and liabilities. Any excess cash and cash equivalents are invested at short term market interest rates. The Responsible Entity monitors the overall exposure to cash and consequently interest rate sensitivity on a daily basis.

At 30 June the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is set out below:

	Floating interest rate	Fixed interest rate	Total
2024	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash and cash equivalents	11,907		11,907
Total	11,907		11,907
	Floating interest rate	Fixed interest rate	Total
2023	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash and cash equivalents	25,258		25,258
Total	25,258		25,258

#### **Currency Risk**

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates for financial instruments denominated in currencies other than the functional currency (AUD) of the Fund.

The Fund holds investments in a number of countries. If the currencies of those countries change in value relative to the base currency (AUD), the value of the financial instruments will change and this is reflected in the fair value of the investments on the Statement of Financial Position.

#### (a) Market risk (continued)

The risks in relation to country exposure are set out above under Market price risks.

The Responsible Entity's normal position with regard to foreign exchange exposure is to remain unhedged, however we may from time to time partially hedge foreign exchange exposures.

The table below shows the currency exposure of the Fund's financial assets/(liabilities). The Fund has no material exposure to net monetary financial assets/(liabilities) designated in foreign currencies. Accordingly, no sensitivity analysis has been disclosed. The exposure to movements in the fair value of the investments (which includes foreign currency exposure) is included in the price sensitivity analysis.

At 30 June 2024						At 30 June	2023	
lr	nvestments	Net Monetary Assets	Total		Investments	Net Monetary Assets	Total	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
AUD	21,385	(34,645)	(13,260)	(1.3)	27,032	(35,231)	(8,199)	(0.7)
BRL	9,679	256	9,935	1.0	11,799	602	12,401	1.1
CAD	21,976	-	21,976	2.1	34,432	630	35,062	3.2
CHF	16,413	131	16,544	1.6	23,310	621	23,931	2.2
CLP	5,565	-	5,565	0.5	6,152	45	6,197	0.6
DKK	-	71	71	-	17,402	72	17,474	1.6
EUR	340,237	(707)	339,530	32.7	358,670	860	359,530	32.8
GBP	158,714	3,743	162,457	15.6	140,676	2,897	143,573	13.1
MXN	-	-	-	-	18,729	-	18,729	1.7
USD	493,997	2,523	496,520	47.8	473,800	12,190	485,990	44.4
Total	1,067,966	(28,628)	1,039,338	100.0	1,112,002	(17,314)	1,094,688	100.0

#### (b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Fund is exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. The majority of the Fund's investments in equity securities are considered to be readily realisable. The Fund primarily holds investments in an active market which can be readily disposed.

In order to manage the Fund's overall liquidity, the Fund's Constitution permits the Responsible Entity to suspend withdrawals if it's considered to be in the best interests of unitholders.

The table below shows financial liabilities grouped into relevant maturities based on the remaining period at 30 June to the contractual maturity date:

#### (b) Liquidity risk (continued)

2024	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-3 months \$'000	3-12 months \$'000	More than 1 year \$'000	Total* \$'000
Redemptions payable Balances due to brokers Distribution payable Sundry creditors and acruals	941 3,701 41,603 876	- - -	- - -	- - -	941 3,701 41,603 876
Total	47,121				47,121
2023	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-3 months \$'000	3-12 months \$'000	More than 1 year \$'000	Total* \$'000
Redemptions payable Distributions payable Sundry creditors and accruals	482 53,763 906	- - -	- - -	- - -	482 53,763 906
Total	55,151				55,151

<sup>\*</sup>The carrying amounts equal the contractual cashflow amounts

#### (c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the Fund may incur a loss if other parties fail to perform their obligations under the financial instruments which comprise the Fund's investment portfolio.

Any non-equity investments generally incorporate credit assessments in investment valuations and the risk of loss is implicitly provided for in the determination of the fair value of such investments. The Fund also has a credit risk exposure in relation to its transactions with counterparties such as brokers, banks and other financial intermediaries.

The Responsible Entity manages the concentration of credit risk by transacting through a number of brokers all of whom operate on recognised and reputable exchanges.

Total credit risk for the Fund arising from recognised financial instruments is limited to the value of the Fund's investments and receivables shown in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash and cash equivalents are held with banks with a rating of BBB+ or higher (as determined by Standard & Poor's).

# 9 Events subsequent to balance date

No significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period which would impact on the financial position of the Fund disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position or on the results and cash flows of the Fund.

#### **Directors' declaration**

In the opinion of the directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited, the Responsible Entity of the Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure Fund:

- The financial statements and notes to and forming part of the financial statements are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (a) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001;
- 2 The financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards disclosed in note 1(a); and
- 3 There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited.

Director of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited (ABN 73 001 208 564)

10 September 2024

A. Rindly

Sydney, Australia



# Independent Auditor's Report

# To the unitholders of Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure Fund

### **Opinion**

We have audited the *Financial Report* of Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure Fund (the Fund).

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Report of the Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure Fund is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

The Financial Report comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024;
- Statement of comprehensive income, Statement of changes in equity, and Statement of cash flows for the year then ended;
- Notes including a summary of significant accounting policies; and
- Directors' Declaration.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report.

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and the relevant ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Report in Australia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.



# **Other Information**

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in Maple-Brown Abbott Global Listed Infrastructure Fund's annual reporting which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. This includes the Directors' Report. The Directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the Financial Report does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Report, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report

#### Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for:

- preparing the Financial Report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001;
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objective is:

- to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the Financial Report.



A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report is located at the *Auditing and Assurance Standards Board* website at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

**KPMG** 

Ashley Trang

Partner

Sydney

10 September 2024