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Maple-Brown Abbott

# Australian Geared Equity Fund

ARSN: 098 112 193

Product Disclosure Statement (PDS)

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Read this PDS for the investment type you are considering investing in:

Fund name	Investment type	APIR
Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Geared Equity Fund	Wholesale	ADV0078AU
Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Geared Equity Fund	Retail	ADV0077AU

The investment type is a reference to:

- where you invest in the Fund through the **Wholesale investment type**, you will receive **wholesale units (wholesale class)**
- where you invest in the Fund through the **Retail investment type**, you will receive **ordinary units (ordinary class)**

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### Important information

This Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) is a summary of significant information about the Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Geared Equity Fund ARSN 098 112 193 (**Fund**) and contains a number of references to important information in the Maple-Brown Abbott Funds: Additional Information Booklet – 2 (**AIB**). The AIB forms part of this PDS and is available at [maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds](http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds).

You should consider and read both documents before making a decision to invest in the Fund.

The information in this PDS is general information only and does not take into account your personal financial situation or needs. You should obtain financial advice tailored to suit your personal circumstances before investing.

Investments in the Fund can only be made by investors receiving the PDS (including an electronic version) in Australia. If you receive this PDS outside Australia, you should seek professional advice about restrictions on investing in the Fund.

### Responsible Entity and Issuer

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## 1 About Maple-Brown Abbott Limited

Maple-Brown Abbott Limited (**Maple-Brown Abbott**) is the Responsible Entity (**RE**) of the Fund and the issuer of this PDS.

Maple-Brown Abbott is responsible for operating the Fund and ensuring compliance with the Fund's Constitution (Constitution) and legislation, as well as establishing, implementing and monitoring the Fund's investment objective and strategy.

We are a privately owned investment management company, based in Sydney.

We specialise in the management of investment portfolios across Australian equities, Asia Pacific ex-Japan equities and global listed infrastructure securities.

We also manage a number of multi-asset portfolios that have exposure to Australian and international equities, Australian fixed interest, real estate investment trusts (REITs), alternative assets and cash. We managed \$12.5 billion as at 31 December 2016.

Our investment philosophy has not changed since we were established in 1984. We are value investors and aim to achieve attractive returns for our clients over the long term.

We place significant emphasis on retaining our boutique heritage as this ensures objective decision making and a strong alignment of interest with our clients.

We have been a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI) since 2008.

### About Ironbark Asset Management

Ironbark Asset Management Pty Ltd ABN 53 136 679 420 AFSL 341020 (**Ironbark**) has been appointed to provide client and adviser services in relation to the Fund. The references to Ironbark throughout this PDS and the AIB relate to its roles as distributor and call centre service provider.

### Key contact details

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## 2 How the Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Geared Equity Fund works

When you invest in the Fund, your money is pooled with money from other investors and with money the Fund borrows, which we then use to buy investments to manage on behalf of all investors. Currently, the Fund gains exposure to Australian equities by purchasing units in the Maple-Brown Abbott Sharemarket Fund (SMF). The Fund is divided into units and we keep a record of the number of units you hold. When you invest in the Fund under this PDS you will be invested in either ordinary or wholesale units.

You can increase your unitholding by making additional investments (including through a regular savings plan) or reinvesting distributions, or decrease your unitholding by making withdrawals.

### How and when we calculate unit prices

We generally calculate unit prices (to four decimal places) on each Sydney Business Day (**Business Day**).

The Fund's net asset value is the gross value of the assets less any liabilities (including borrowings and other financing activities (**Borrowings**) but excluding withdrawal liabilities). We calculate the net asset value per unit for each class by dividing the share of the net asset value of the Fund for that class by the number of units on issue for that class.



Unit prices will vary as the market value of the underlying investments rises and falls. The daily unit price also reflects investment income, management costs and any applicable taxes.

Application prices for each class are calculated by adding an allowance for the buy-sell spread to the net asset value per unit. Withdrawal prices for each class are calculated by subtracting an allowance for the buy-sell spread from the net asset value per unit. Please see Section 6 for more information on the buy-sell spread.

#### How we value the Fund

All listed securities (including derivatives), whether held directly or indirectly, are valued using their market value, which is the last quoted sales price on the relevant exchange.

Unlisted unit trusts are valued using the latest net asset value of the units held.

When a market price for a security, whether held directly or indirectly, held by the SMF is not readily available, we use valuations from independent experts or our own valuation models that can be independently verified.

Liabilities include Borrowings (including other financing activities), accrued fees and expenses, all valued at cost.

Any discretion used in determining unit prices is done so in line with our policy. You can request a copy of this policy free of charge by contacting Ironbark Client Services.

#### How we value your investment

We value your investment by multiplying the number of units you hold by the current withdrawal price for your class.

#### Applications and withdrawals

All our investor transaction forms are available at [maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds](http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds) or by contacting Ironbark Client Services.

If you are applying or withdrawing indirectly through an Investor Directed Portfolio Service (IDPS), IDPS-like scheme, or a nominee or custody service (collectively referred to as an IDPS), you must follow the application or withdrawal process as advised by the operator of that service.

#### Applications

The minimum amount for initial applications is \$1,500 for the ordinary class (or \$25,000 for the wholesale class). If you are establishing a regular savings plan then the minimum amount is \$1,000 for the ordinary class (or \$1,500 for the wholesale class).

These minimums may be varied at our discretion and we may decline an application for units in the Fund without giving a reason.

If we receive your valid application request and investment amount by 4pm Sydney time on a Business Day, we will process it using the relevant application price for that day.

All valid application requests and investment amounts received after 4pm Sydney time will be processed the next Business Day using that day's application price for the relevant class. Application monies are held in a non-interest bearing bank account.

#### Withdrawals

The minimum withdrawal amount is \$500 for the ordinary class (or \$10,000 for the wholesale class) unless it is for the entire balance of your investment in the Fund.

If we receive your valid withdrawal request by 4pm Sydney time on a Business Day, we will process it using the relevant withdrawal price for that day.

All valid withdrawal requests received after 4pm Sydney time will be processed the next Business Day using that day's withdrawal price for the relevant class.

You will generally receive your withdrawal amount less any taxes, duties or other applicable costs, within five (5) Business Days. All withdrawals are paid in Australian dollars and proceeds that have not yet been paid do not earn interest. Cheques and bank accounts must be in the name(s) of the investor(s). We will not pay withdrawal proceeds to a third party.

There may be some circumstances, such as withdrawals of larger amounts or a suspension of withdrawals, where you won't receive your withdrawal proceeds within five (5) Business Days.

#### Receiving distributions

You are entitled to share in any net income of the Fund that is available for distribution, plus any return of capital (if applicable), based on the units you hold at the end of the distribution period.

Net income comprises dividends received, and interest, net realised capital gains and other income derived by the Fund, less fees and expenses (including borrowing costs). Any return of capital may be in addition to, or instead of, distributing the net income.

Distributions are generally paid half-yearly and you will usually receive your distribution within ten (10) Business Days after the end of the distribution period.

Distributions may be adjusted due to the timing of when income, including net realised capital gains is, or is expected to be, received by the Fund.

There may be times when the Fund does not derive enough income in a distribution period to pay a distribution.

For very large withdrawals, to limit possible adverse financial or tax implications for remaining investors, we may determine that some part of the withdrawal price represents a distribution of income for tax purposes for the financial year.

You can choose to have your distribution reinvested into the Fund or paid into your bank account.

If you choose to have it reinvested, your distribution will normally be reinvested at the net asset value per unit for your class effective the first day after each distribution period, using unit prices for the last day of the distribution period, adjusted to exclude the income due to be distributed.


Please see Section 7 for information on the taxation of distributions.

If you are invested in the Fund through an IDPS, distributions will be paid to the operator of that service. You should refer to the documents provided by that operator for information regarding how and when your distributions will be paid to you.

#### Indirect investors

We authorise the use of this PDS as disclosure to investors who wish to access the Fund indirectly through an IDPS. Reference to 'you' or 'your' in this PDS is generally a reference to a unitholder in the Fund, but may also refer to indirect investors investing through an IDPS as the context requires.

When you invest in the Fund through an IDPS, you are not a direct investor. The IDPS operator invests on your behalf and so has the rights of a direct investor. You should refer to the IDPS operator and its disclosure documents to understand your rights and interests.

 You should read the important information about applications and withdrawals before making a decision.

Go to [Section 2 How the Funds works](#) in the 'Maple-Brown Abbott Funds: Additional Information Booklet - 2' located at [maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds](http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds). This information may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.



### 3 Benefits of investing in the Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Geared Equity Fund

#### Key features

The Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Geared Equity Fund is an actively managed fund that borrows money to gear the portfolio, which provides the potential to magnify long term capital growth or loss.

Currently, the Fund gains exposure to Australian equities by purchasing units in the SMF which holds, directly or indirectly, Australian-listed stocks.

The underlying stocks are selected for their perceived fundamental value and the potential for capital growth over the long term using our proven value investment philosophy and disciplined investment process.

Our bottom-up stock selection approach is based on detailed analysis prepared by our experienced investment team, with all investment decisions based on research prepared using internal forecasts and analysis.

Our focus is on those stocks that we believe are priced at an attractive discount to our assessment of their underlying value.

#### Key benefits

The Fund offers a number of significant benefits:

- **Investment expertise** – the opportunity to invest in a fund managed by a dedicated and experienced team
- **Investment return** – the potential to provide investment returns in line with the investment objective
- **Investment growth and distributions** – access to an Australian share portfolio that aims to deliver long term capital growth, along with the potential to receive half-yearly distributions
- **Broader investment opportunities** – access to investment opportunities and risk management techniques not generally available to individual investors

The significant risks for the Fund include:

Risk	Description
<b>Gearing risk</b>	The Fund borrows money to gear its investment exposure. Gearing will magnify both gains and losses made by the Fund relative to an ungeared portfolio.
<b>Specific investment risk</b>	The risk that an investment will fall in value due to factors such as changes in an underlying company's operations, management, profitability or business environment.
<b>Market risk</b>	The risk that an investment will fall in value due to changes in market sentiment or economic, technological, political or legal conditions.
<b>Currency risk</b>	The risks associated with currency movements. Many companies have earnings in foreign currencies. As currencies change in value relative to the Australian dollar, the earnings of the underlying company can change.
<b>Interest rate risk</b>	The risk that changes in interest rates have a negative impact on the Fund's borrowing costs and, directly or indirectly, on investment valuations. For example, if rates rise, the Fund's borrowing costs increase. Similarly a company's borrowing costs can increase, causing its profits to decline.
<b>Asset class risk</b>	The risks associated with a particular asset class. For example, Australian equities generally have a higher risk than fixed interest investments and cash because equities have exhibited relatively high levels of volatility in the past.
<b>Borrowing risk</b>	Currently the Fund's borrowings are supported by a 'negative pledge' over the assets of the Fund. This prohibits us from granting security over the assets of the Fund.  If the Fund invests in securities directly, then we may decide to replace the current borrowing arrangement with a securities lending arrangement where the title and ownership of part of the assets of the Fund are transferred to the financing counterparty in exchange for collateral in the form of cash. In this situation, there is a risk that the counterparty does not return equivalent assets or value to the Fund (for example, because of insolvency). This may have a negative impact on the value of your investment.

- **Access to franked dividends** – the potential for tax-effective income through access to franked dividends
- **Regular reporting** – comprehensive investment reports and transaction, distribution and annual tax statements.

**i** You should read the important information about online access before making a decision. Go to [Section 3 Benefits of investing in the Funds](#) in the 'Maple-Brown Abbott Funds: Additional Information Booklet – 2' located at [maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds](http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds). This information may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

### 4 Risks of managed investment schemes

All investing involves risks, with these risks varying depending on the investment strategy and underlying mix of assets within the managed fund. Generally, investments with a higher expected return are of higher risk and volatility.

Risk can be managed, but it cannot be completely eliminated, so it is important to understand that:

- The value of your investment and level of returns may vary
- Past performance is not an indicator of future performance
- Returns are not guaranteed and you may lose money on your investment
- There is no guarantee that you will receive a distribution
- Laws affecting your investment in the managed fund may change over time.

Your appetite for risk will depend on a range of factors, including your age, investment timeframe, other investments you hold and your risk tolerance.

**i** You should read the important information on additional risks before making a decision. Go to [Section 4 Risks of managed investment schemes](#) in the 'Maple-Brown Abbott Funds: Additional Information Booklet – 2' located at [maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds](http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds). This information may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.



## 5 How we invest your money

### Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Geared Equity Fund

<b>Description</b>	The Fund borrows money to gear (or leverage) its investment exposure. The use of gearing provides the potential for magnified long term capital growth or loss.  The Fund is an actively managed fund. The Fund's strategy is to invest in Australian-listed equities, including REITs, or in the Maple-Brown Abbott Small Companies Trust (SCT), which we manage or in unlisted equities provided that they are expected to be listed within 3 months from the date of investment. The strategy is to hold, typically, at least 30 stocks. Currently the Fund's strategy is implemented by investing in the SMF.  If the Fund's strategy is implemented by investing in securities directly, then we may lend these securities as part of that strategy.	
<b>Investment objective</b>	The Fund aims to outperform (before fees) the Benchmark over rolling four-year periods.	
<b>Benchmark</b>	S&P/ASX 200 Index (Total Returns)	
<b>Investment guidelines</b>	<b>Gearing</b>	The gearing ratio is targeted to be between 40% and 60%. The gearing ratio is defined as Borrowings divided by total assets.
		Whether held directly or indirectly.
	<b>Stock</b>	Exposure to a single stock should not be greater than 5% above its weighting in the Benchmark.
	<b>SCT</b>	Exposure to the SCT should not be greater than 5% of either the market value of the SMF, or the Fund if held directly.
<b>Asset allocation ranges</b>	<b>Minimum %</b>	<b>Maximum %</b>
	Australian equities	95
	Cash*	0
		5
	*Currently refers to cash in the SMF or the Fund if held directly.	
<b>Risk level</b>	<b>Very high</b> (and higher than an ungeared equivalent equity fund) Very high risk of short term loss.	
<b>Investor profile</b>	The Fund is suitable for investors who: – want to invest for the long term (4 years +) – have a very high risk tolerance (gearing magnifies market movements) – want to gain exposure to Australian equities, who seek income, franking credits and long term capital growth through an active, bottom-up value investment style consistent with our investment philosophy.	
<b>Minimum suggested timeframe</b>	4 years or longer	
<b>Fund performance</b>	The latest Fund performance is available at <a href="http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds">maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds</a> .	
<b>Changes to Fund details</b>	We can make changes to the Fund at any time, in some cases without prior notice to you. Please refer to Section 9 of this PDS and the AIB for further information.	

**You should consider the likely investment return, risk level, and your investment timeframe before choosing to invest in the Fund.**

**i** You should read the important information about borrowing powers, our environmental, social, ethical and governance considerations and labour standards before making a decision. Go to [Section 5 How we invest your money](#) in the 'Maple-Brown Abbott Funds: Additional Information Booklet – 2' located at [maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds](http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds). This information may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 6 Fees and Costs

**i Did you know?**  
Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long term returns. For example, total annual fees and costs of 2% of your account 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 contribution fees and management costs where applicable. 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) website** ([www.moneySMART.gov.au](http://www.moneySMART.gov.au)) has a managed funds fee calculator to help you check out different fee options.





This section provides information about the fees and other costs that you may be charged by the Fund. These fees and costs may be deducted from your investment, from the returns on your investment or from the Fund's assets as a whole. **Additional fees may also be payable by you to a financial adviser.** If you consult a financial adviser you should refer to the Statement of Advice for details. Information about tax is set out in Section 7 of this PDS. You should read all the information about fees and costs because it is important to understand their impact on your investment. You can also use this information to compare the fees and costs with those of other managed funds.

Type of fee or cost <sup>1</sup>	Amount
<b>Fees when your money moves in or out of the Fund</b>	
Establishment fee	Nil
Contribution fee <sup>2</sup>	Nil
Withdrawal fee <sup>2</sup>	Nil
Exit fee	Nil
<b>Management costs<sup>3,4,5,6</sup></b>	
The fees and costs for managing your investment	2.05% p.a. of the ordinary class's share of the total asset value of the Fund <sup>7</sup> 1.03% p.a. of the wholesale class's share of the total asset value of the Fund <sup>7</sup>

- 1) Unless otherwise stated, all fees quoted in this PDS are quoted on a GST inclusive basis and net of any applicable Reduced Input Tax Credits.
- 2) An allowance for the buy-sell spread applies to applications and withdrawals. Refer to information below about the buy-sell spread.
- 3) Management costs are comprised of the base fee, indirect costs and recoverable expenses. The base fee is the fee that we charge, as at the date of this PDS. All other components of management costs are based on the indirect costs and recoverable expenses incurred during the financial year ended 30 June 2016. For more information on the base fee, indirect costs and recoverable expenses please refer to the information below about the base fee and to Section 6 in the AIB located at [maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds](http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds).
- 4) The current management costs are available at [maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds](http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds).
- 5) Fees can be negotiated if you are a wholesale investor as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*.
- 6) Adviser service fees may also apply. Refer to Section 6 in the AIB located at [maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds](http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds).
- 7) The Fund charges a management fee of 2.05% p.a. of the ordinary class's (or 1.03% p.a. for the wholesale class's) share of the 'total assets' of the Fund; that is, all assets in the Fund including assets acquired from Borrowings. If comparing on a net asset basis, assuming a gearing ratio of between 40% and 60%, this would represent a management fee of between 3.42 – 5.13% p.a. for the ordinary class (or 1.71 – 2.56% p.a. for the wholesale class).

### Example of annual fees and costs for the Fund

This table gives an example of how the fees and costs of the Fund can affect your investment over a one year period. You should use this table to compare this product with other managed funds.

Example	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 <sup>4</sup> .
<b>PLUS</b>	2.05% for the ordinary class (or 1.03% for the wholesale class) <sup>1</sup>	And, for every \$50,000 you have in the Fund you'll be charged between \$1,708 and \$2,563 for the ordinary class (or \$854 and \$1,281 for the wholesale class) each year, depending on the level of gearing. <sup>2</sup>
Management costs		
<b>EQUALS</b>		
Cost of Fund		If you had an investment of \$50,000 at the beginning of the year and you put in an additional \$5,000 during that year, you would be charged fees between \$1,708 and \$2,563 for the ordinary class (or \$854 and \$1,281 for the wholesale class) depending on the level of gearing. <sup>2,3,4,5</sup> What it costs you will depend on the fees you negotiate.

- 1) For more information on the base fee, indirect costs and recoverable expenses please refer to the information below about the base fee and to Section 6 in the AIB located at [maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds](http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds).
- 2) The Fund charges a management fee of 2.05% p.a. of the ordinary class's (or 1.03% p.a. for the wholesale class's) share of the 'total assets' of the Fund; that is, all assets in the Fund including assets acquired from Borrowings. If comparing on a net asset basis, assuming a gearing ratio of between 40% and 60%, this would represent a management fee of between 3.42 – 5.13% p.a. for the ordinary class (or 1.71 – 2.56% p.a. for the wholesale class).
- 3) This example assumes the \$5,000 contribution occurs at the end of the year and so management costs are calculated using the \$50,000 balance only.
- 4) An allowance for buy-sell spread applies to applications and withdrawals. Refer to information below about the buy-sell spread.
- 5) Adviser service fees may also apply.

### Additional explanation of fees and costs

#### Base fee

The base fee is the fee we charge for managing the assets and overseeing the operations of the Fund. The base fee is currently 2.05% p.a. for the ordinary class (or 1.03% p.a. for the wholesale class) of their respective share of the 'total asset' value of the Fund. The maximum base fee permitted under the Fund's Constitution is 3% p.a. (exclusive of GST) of the Fund's market value.

#### Contribution (or entry) fees and switching fees

The Constitution limits the maximum contribution (or entry) fee and the maximum switching fee which can be charged to 6% (excluding GST) of the relevant amount. We do not intend to charge either of these fees.

#### Transactional and operational costs and buy-sell spread

##### Net transactional and operational costs

Transactional and operational costs represent the costs from the Fund's investing activities. These costs are in addition to the management costs referred to above. Both the management costs and transactional and operational costs are reflected in the unit price and impact the performance of the Fund.



Net transactional and operational costs

Table with 3 columns: Description, Percentage, and Explanation. Rows include Total transactional and operational costs (3.78%), LESS Buy-sell spread recovery (0.17%), and EQUALS Net transactional and operational costs (3.61%).

1) Based on the estimated costs incurred during the financial year ended 30 June 2016, expressed as a percentage of the average Fund net asset value. 2) Transactional and operational costs may vary from year to year. We recalculate the estimated net transactional and operational costs each year or if there has been a significant change in net transactional and operational costs.

Buy-sell spread

The buy-sell spread is an additional cost to you. This ensures existing investors are not disadvantaged due to the costs associated with buying or selling the Fund's investments as a result of applications and withdrawals. We recalculate the buy-sell spread each year or if there has been a significant change in the costs of buying and selling the Fund's investments. At the date of this PDS, the Fund's buy-sell spread is 0.76%.

In dollar terms, the allowance for transaction costs for an application of \$10,000 and a withdrawal of \$10,000 is \$38 in each case.

All current buy-sell spreads are available at maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds.

Fee changes

We have the right to change the Fund's fees, provided you have been given at least 30 days prior written notice of any material increases and subject to any limits in the Fund's Constitution. We are not required to notify you of any changes in government fees or charges payable out of the Fund that are not materially adverse.

Indirect investors

If you are investing through an IDPS, fees and expenses applicable to the IDPS (as set out in the IDPS offer document or client agreement) are payable in addition to the fees and expenses in this PDS.

You should read the important information on fees and costs before making a decision. Go to Section 6 Fees and costs in the 'Maple-Brown Abbott Funds: Additional Information Booklet - 2' located at maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds.

7 How managed investment schemes are taxed

Investing in the Fund is likely to have tax consequences.

The following comments should not be regarded as tax advice and are based on current taxation laws and their interpretation.

Tax position of the Fund

On the basis that investors are entitled to all of the distributable income of the Fund for a financial year, the Fund itself should not be liable for tax. Investors who are entitled to a share of the Fund's distributable income will be required to include a proportionate share of the taxable income of the Fund in their assessable income.

Taxation of investors

Managed investment schemes are generally not required to pay tax on behalf of Australian resident investors. However, income distributed to non-resident investors may be subject to Australian withholding tax. Investors are assessed for tax on any income and capital gains generated by the Fund.

Depending on your individual circumstances, you may also be entitled to the benefit of franking credits or eligible to claim foreign income tax offsets.

You may also incur a capital gains tax liability if you dispose of your units by way of transfer or withdrawal from the Fund.

The tax statement that you receive for each financial year will show the tax composition of any distributions that you have received from the Fund.

Tax implications of gearing

Where borrowing costs and other Fund expenses are substantial, they may reduce the taxable income of the Fund to zero. If the Fund has no distributable income for a financial year, franking credits attached to franked dividends will not flow through to investors.

If the expenses of the Fund exceed its assessable income, tax losses will be incurred by the Fund. These losses cannot be passed on to investors. Instead, the losses can generally be offset against future income or gains of the Fund, subject to the Fund meeting certain conditions.



### Taxation reform

The Government has introduced new attribution managed investment trust (AMIT) rules. In order for the Fund to take advantage of the AMIT rules, it is our intention to elect into the regime effective from 1 July 2017 giving us greater flexibility in determining and attributing the Fund's taxable income to investors.

**The Australian taxation system is complex and we strongly advise that you seek independent professional tax advice about your specific circumstances.**

**Investing in the Fund may also affect your entitlement to pension or other social security benefits. We suggest you seek advice from your financial adviser or Centrelink.**

**i** You should read the important information on taxation, including a summary of the AMIT regime and how it may apply to the Fund, before making a decision. Go to [Section 7 How managed investment schemes are taxed](#) in the 'Maple-Brown Abbott Funds: Additional Information Booklet – 2' located at [maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds](http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds). This information may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 8 How to apply

Before investing in the Fund, you should read this PDS and the AIB to ensure the Fund meets your needs.

To invest in the Fund, you will need to complete an Initial Application including relevant customer identification. You can find these forms at [maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds](http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds) or by contacting Ironbark Client Services.

The payment details for investing in the Fund are set out in the Initial Application Form.

If you are investing through an IDPS you will not be personally completing the Initial Application Form. You must follow the application process as advised by the operator of that service.

### Cooling-off

If you are a retail investor, as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*, you have a 14 day cooling-off period to reconsider if an investment in the Fund meets your needs. Your 14 day cooling-off period begins at the end of the fifth Business Day after units have been issued to you, or the date that you receive your investment confirmation, whichever is earlier.

You must instruct us in writing before the end of the cooling-off period if you are a retail investor and wish to exercise your cooling-off rights. You can send your written instructions to us by mail or by fax.

We will then pay the proceeds into your nominated bank account (we cannot accept new bank account details by fax) or send you a cheque.

Cooling-off rights do not apply to distribution reinvestments, or additional investments (including those made through a regular savings plan) or where a right is exercised in relation to your investment during the cooling-off period.

If you exercise your cooling-off rights, your money will be returned to you. The amount returned may be higher or lower than your original investment, reflecting market movements and the deduction of reasonable transaction and administrative costs, or any other amount that may be deducted under the legislation.

This may also have tax implications for you.

If you have invested through an IDPS then no cooling-off rights apply.

### Enquiries and complaints

We are committed to providing you with a high level of service.

If you have an enquiry or complaint, or you require further information about your investment in the Fund, please contact Ironbark Client Services.

We will acknowledge your complaint within 5 days and aim to resolve your complaint within 45 days.

If you are not satisfied with our response, you can refer the matter to the:

Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS)

GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001

Telephone: 1800 367 287

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

If you have invested through an IDPS then any complaints should be made to the operator of that service.

## 9 Other information

### PDS changes

We may change information in this PDS from time to time.

Where these changes are not materially adverse, this updated information and any continuous disclosure notices will be available at [maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds](http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds) or by contacting Ironbark Client Services. A paper copy of this updated information will be provided to you free of charge on request.

If we make a materially adverse change, we will issue a replacement PDS.

If there is a material increase in fees, we will give you at least 30 days prior notice in writing.

### No representation or guarantee

We make no representation or give any guarantee as to the future performance or success of, the rate of income from or capital return from, the recovery of money invested in, or the income tax or other taxation consequences of, any investment in the Fund, whether made on the basis of this PDS or otherwise.

### Disclosing entity

As a disclosing entity, the Fund is subject to regular reporting and continuous disclosure obligations. Copies of documents lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) may be obtained from, or inspected at, an ASIC office. You can also contact Ironbark Client Services on to request copies of the following documents, free of charge:

- the most recent annual financial report lodged with ASIC for the Fund
- any half-year financial report for the Fund lodged with ASIC after the lodgement of the above annual financial report
- any continuous disclosure notices that are lodged with ASIC for the Fund.

The documents above are also available at

[maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds](http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds).

**i** You should read the important information on investor rights, the Constitution, roles and responsibilities of an appointed representative, related party transactions and conflicts of interest, the Custodian and Administrator, protecting your privacy, and consents before making a decision. Go to [Section 9 Other information](#) in the 'Maple-Brown Abbott Funds: Additional Information Booklet – 2' located at [maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds](http://maple-brownabbott.com.au/funds). This information may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.