

Associate Global Partners Limited and Controlled Entities

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APPENDIX 4D HALF-YEAR REPORT

HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Results for Announcement to the Market

Reporting period: 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022

Previous corresponding period: 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021

Results		\$'000	%		31 Dec 22 \$'000	31 Dec 21 \$'000
Revenue from ordinary activities	Down	954	27.3	to	2,539	3,493
Loss from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	Up	1,091	1,948.2	to	(1,147)	(56)
Net loss for the period attributable to members	Up	1,091	1,948.2	to	(1,147)	(56)

Dividends	Amount per security	Franked amount per security
Final dividend – no dividend is proposed	Nil	Nil
Interim dividend – no dividend is proposed	Nil	Nil

Record date for determining entitlements to the interim dividend	N/A
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NTA Backing	Current period	Previous corresponding period
Net tangible asset backing per ordinary share	6.4 cents	9.6 cents

Gain of control of subsidiaries	N/A
Date of gain of control	N/A
Loss of control of subsidiaries	N/A

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Appendix 4D

On 9 November 2022 Contango Asset Management Limited changed its name to Associate Global Partners Limited (AGP) and adopted the new ASX code, APL (formerly CGA). All references in this document to Associate Global Partners Limited, AGP or ASX: APL can be read as references to the former Contango Asset Management Limited or ASX:CGA, where relevant.

This information should be read in conjunction with the 2022 Annual Financial Report of Contango Asset Management Limited (ASX code: CGA) and its controlled entities and any public announcements made in the period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and ASX Listing Rules.

Additional information supporting the Appendix 4D disclosure requirements can be found in the Directors' Report and the consolidated financial statements for the half-year ended 31 December 2022.

The Interim Financial Report has been subject to review by Ernst & Young and is not qualified.

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The Interim Financial Report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2022 and any public announcements made by Associate Global Partners Limited (ASX code: APL) and its controlled entities during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and ASX Listing Rules.

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CORPORATE INFORMATION

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Corporate Governance Statement for APL can be found at the Shareholder Centre at www.associateglobal.com

Managing Director’s Report For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2022

Dear Shareholder,

I am pleased to present this report for Associate Global Partners Limited and its Controlled Entities (the **Group** or **AGP**) for the half-year to 31 December 2022 (**H1 FY2023**).

Overview of AGP

AGP is an independent, multi-boutique asset management firm that partners with, and promotes, high quality fund managers in the Australian managed investments industry.

AGP has developed a distribution platform that provides investment managers with an end-to-end distribution solution which promotes their brand and grows funds under management (**FUM**). AGP’s platform consists of an experienced distribution team and access to the highly sought-after direct channel through its unique investor database.

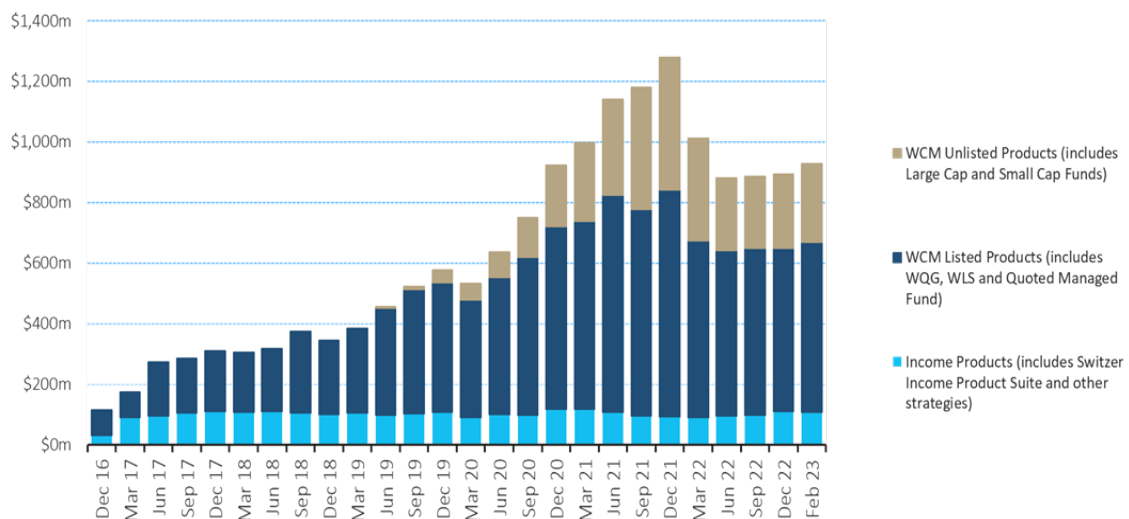
AGP continued to progress its strategic objectives in H1 FY2023. In a period of challenging market conditions, the Group grew its funds under management (FUM) by 0.11% over the half-year reporting period, recording net inflows of funds in both Q1 and Q2 of FY2023. The Group is undertaking several growth initiatives, including partnering with new managers, with the objective of growing FUM and achieving profitability in the near term, while continuing to invest in the business, by growing our team and improving our processes and capabilities.

Funds Under Management¹

Despite the worst equity market conditions in the last 50 years², the Group reported net inflows of \$17.9 million over the half year. The Group’s FUM grew to \$893 million at 31 December 2022 (30 June 2022: \$892 million).

The key driver of growth was inflows of funds into the suite of investment products managed by WCM Investment Management, LLC (**WCM**) and Woodbridge Capital (**Woodbridge**).

The chart below illustrates the strong growth in FUM from 31 December 2016 to 31 December 2022:

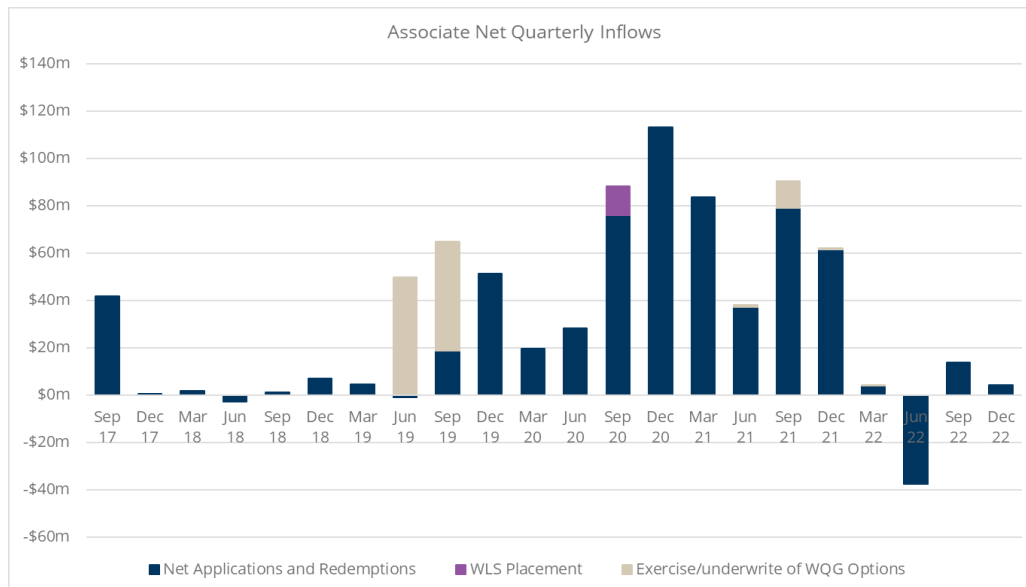


Since 31 December 2022, FUM has grown to \$951 million as at 16 February 2023. This is largely attributable to the stronger performance in global equity markets in early 2023.

¹ All FUM and flow information is approximate, rounded, and has not been audited. FUM information is provided by CGA’s appointed custodian, NAB Asset Servicing.

² MSCI All Country World Index (ex. Australia)

The chart below illustrates the continued strength of AGP’s quarterly net FUM inflows.



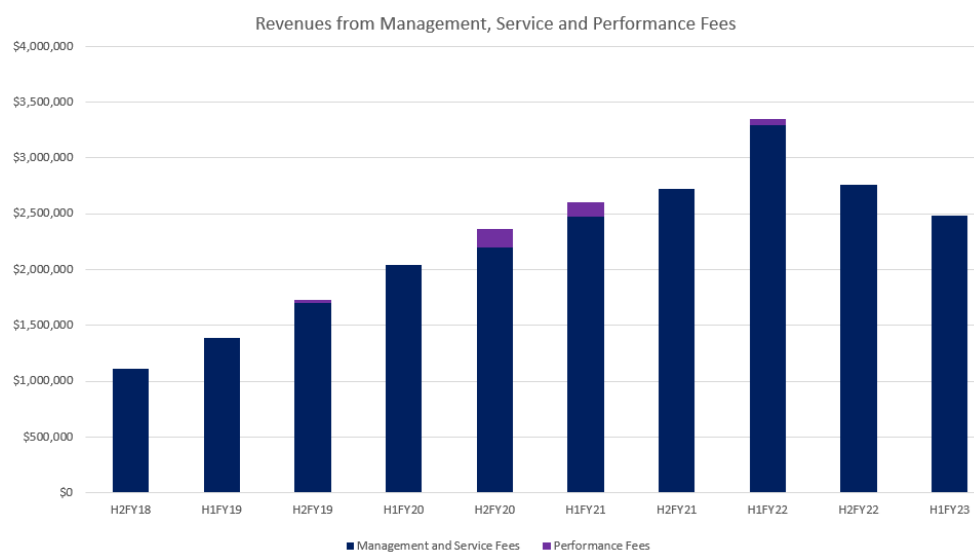
NB: Excludes WCM Global Long Short Limited selective buy-back in July 2021. Excludes payments and reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Source: Link Market Services and Link Funds Solutions.

Negative market sentiment in the first half of calendar 2022 resulted in the June 2022 quarter being the first quarter since June 2018 that the Group had experienced net outflows. These outflows were predominantly experienced across the WCM Small Cap product which was the strategy most affected by the market downturn.

Overview of Results and Operations

The Group’s total revenue for the half-year to 31 December 2022 was \$2,539,000 (31 December 2021: \$3,493,000). This result has been driven primarily by difficult market conditions and subsequently lower FUM over H1 FY 2023 following the global market pull back in the first half of calendar 2022. The Group’s net loss after tax for the half-year to 31 December 2022 was \$1,147,000 (31 December 2021: net loss after tax of \$56,000).

Investment management, service and performance fees for the half-year period totalled \$2,474,000 (31 December 2021: \$3,387,000). This represented a 27% decrease as a result of a fall in the Group’s FUM, decreased service fee revenue generated through the Group’s direct wholesale investor platform and lack of performance fees from the WCM International Small Cap Growth Fund (Managed Fund) compared with the previous corresponding period.



As at 31 December 2022, AGP’s balance sheet remained strong with cash of \$4.7 million and debt of \$1.25 million.

Global Equity Update

WCM is a global and international equities specialist with total FUM of over A\$105.5 billion (as at 31 December 2022). Based in Laguna Beach, California, WCM's investment process is based on the belief that corporate culture is the biggest influence on a company's ability to grow its competitive advantage or 'moat'. This investment process has resulted in the WCM Quality Global Growth Equity Strategy Composite outperforming the MSCI World Index by 3.8% per annum since inception in 2008.

AGP has an exclusive retail distribution arrangement to distribute WCM’s investment strategies into the Australian market. WCM’s superior investment performance has contributed to the Group’s growth in FUM and will continue to be a key factor in driving future inflows. Since partnering with AGP in June 2017, WCM now has over \$781 million (31 December 2022) in FUM in Australia across its suite of retail and wholesale products.

WCM Quality Global Growth Equity Strategy Composite³

WCM Quality Global Growth Equity Strategy Composite is WCM’s “large cap” strategy which delivered a return of 2.5% over the half-year period, underperforming its benchmark, the MSCI All Country World Index, by 1.4%.

The WCM Quality Global Growth Equity Strategy (ex-Australia) is accessible to Australian retail investors through the Group’s three investment products, being: a listed investment company, an exchange-traded managed fund, and an unlisted managed fund which offers both hedged and unhedged units.

Each investment product provides exposure to the same underlying portfolio of quality global companies managed by WCM.

Annualised returns of the WCM Quality Global Growth Equity Strategy Composite versus its benchmark are shown below²:



³ Source: WCM. Data as at 31 December 2022 in AUD. Performance presented is net of fees and includes the reinvestment of all dividends and income. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Returns for periods of more than one year are annualised. Inception date of the WCM Quality Global Growth Equity Strategy Composite is 31 March 2008. WCM applies the same investment principles, philosophy and execution approach of its WCM Quality Global Growth Equity Strategy Composite to WCM Global Growth Limited (WQG), the WCM Quality Global Growth Fund (Quoted Managed Fund) (WCMQ) and the WCM Quality Global Growth Fund (Managed Fund). It should be noted that due to certain factors, there may be variances between the investment returns demonstrated by each portfolio in the future. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. The benchmark for WCM Quality Global Growth Equity Strategy Composite is the MSCI All Country World Index (MSCI ACWI Index). For further information please refer to associateglobal.com.

WCM Global Growth Limited (WQG)

WQG is an ASX listed investment company. During the reporting period, the post-tax net tangible asset (NTA) value per share of the Company has increased from \$1.255 as at 30 June 2022 to \$1.258 as at 31 December 2022. The increased NTA was after the payment of a 3.0 cents per share dividend (100% franked) paid on 30 September 2022.

The Board of WQG was pleased to announce on 22 February 2023 that it had further enhanced WQG's progressive dividend policy through the introduction of quarterly dividend payments to shareholders.

Following payment of the FY2023 interim dividend payment of 3.25 cents per share on 31 March 2023, the WQG Board's present intention is to pay the following quarterly dividends, fully franked at a 30% tax rate:

- 1.64 cents per share for the quarter ending 31 March 2023, to be paid in June 2023;
- 1.66 cents per share for the quarter ending 30 June 2023, to be paid in September 2023;
- 1.68 cents per share for the quarter ending 30 September 2023, to be paid in December 2023; and
- 1.72 cents per share for the quarter ending 31 December 2023, to be paid in March 2024.

The increased fully franked FY2023 interim dividend and the new progressive quarterly dividend policy are important initiatives to add shareholder value as they will increase the amount and frequency of dividends and provide WQG shareholders with dividends sooner than would otherwise be the case.

WCM Quality Global Growth Fund (Quoted Managed Fund) (WCMQ)

WCMQ is an exchange-traded managed fund. It has been well supported in the direct and intermediary channels and is approved for use on several leading wealth platforms.

On 31 December 2022, WCMQ's FUM reached over \$297 million, growing by 8% from June 2022, predominantly due to the restructure of WCM Global Long Short Limited. See the section on the following page for further information.

WCM Quality Global Growth Fund (Managed Fund)

The WCM Quality Global Growth Fund (Managed Fund) is accessible to retail investors via several wrap platforms.

The fund also has Class B units which are hedged back into Australian dollars to reduce the risk associated with exposure to international currencies. The Class B units have been awarded a 'Recommended' rating by a leading research house.

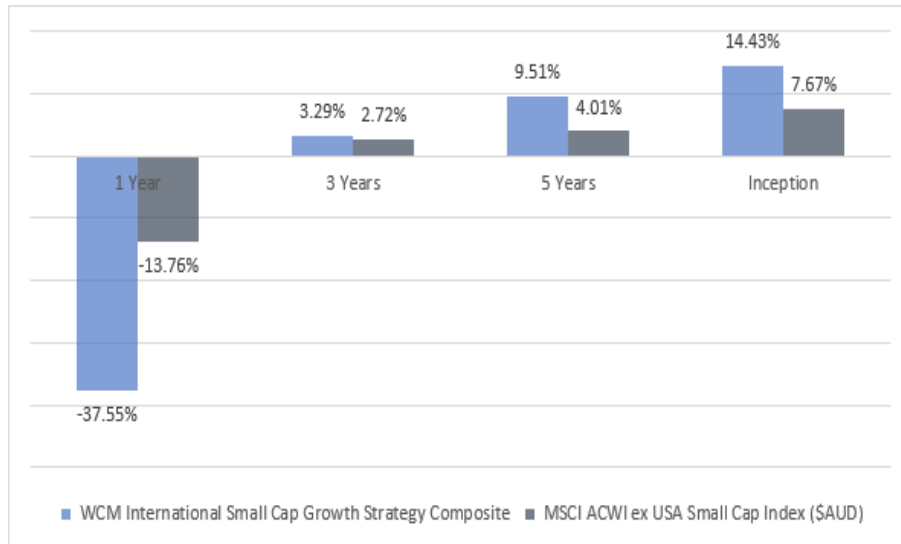
On 31 December 2022, the unhedged class of units had FUM of approximately \$77 million and the hedged class of units had FUM of approximately \$83 million, together representing growth in the WCM Quality Global Growth Fund (Managed Fund) by a combined total of \$13.8 million, up almost 10% from June 2023. Since 31 December 2022 to 16 February 2023, combined FUM has grown by approximately \$14.6m (over 9%) to \$174.7m.

WCM International Small Cap Growth Strategy Composite⁴

The WCM International Small Cap Growth Strategy Composite delivered a return of -0.4% during the six-month period to 31 December 2022, underperforming its benchmark, the MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index, by 5.9%.

The WCM International Small Cap Growth Strategy is available to wholesale investors via an unlisted managed fund.

Annualised returns of the WCM International Small Cap Growth Strategy Composite versus its benchmark are shown below³:



WCM International Small Cap Growth Fund (Managed Fund)

The WCM International Small Cap Growth Fund (Managed Fund) (**WCMS**) is a wholesale vehicle targeted at leading wealth managers and high net worth investors.

At 31 December 2022, WCMS had FUM of approximately \$84.7 million (30 June 2022: \$94.5 million), declining by 10% from June 2022 mainly due to market movements. However, since 31 December 2022, WCMS FUM has grown by approximately 8% to \$91 million as at 16 February 2023. The Company is currently in the process of allowing retail investors to access this Managed Fund, through the issuance of a Product Disclosure Statement in Q3 FY23.

WCM Global Long Short Limited (**WLS**) – Scheme of Arrangement Completion

On 12 December 2022, WLS shareholders voted at a Scheme of Arrangement (**Scheme**) Meeting to approve a restructure (**Restructure**) of WLS to address its share price discount to net asset value (NAV). Over 98% of votes cast by WLS shareholders were in favour of the Scheme and over 92% of WLS shareholders present and voting, voted in favour of the Scheme.

Under the terms of the Restructure:

- WLS shareholders exchanged their shares in WLS, a listed investment company, for units in the WCM Quality Global Growth Fund (Quoted Managed Fund) (ASX:WCMQ); and
- WLS became wholly owned by WCMQ.

⁴ Source: WCM. Data as at 31 December 2022 in AUD. Performance presented is net of fees and includes the reinvestment of all dividends and income. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Returns for periods of more than one year are annualised. WCM applies the same investment principles, philosophy, and execution approach of its WCM International Small Cap Growth Strategy Composite, which was created 31 December 2014, to the WCM International Small Cap Growth Fund (Managed Fund). The benchmark for WCM International Small Cap Growth Strategy Composite is the MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap Index. For further information please refer to AGP.com.au.

Upon Federal Court of Australia approval of the Scheme on 16 December 2022: WLS shares were suspended from ASX at the close of trading on 19 December 2022; new WCMQ units were issued for each WLS share on 30 December 2022 with \$22.7 million of FUM transferring from WLS to WCMQ; and WLS was delisted from ASX on 12 January 2023.

Woodbridge Capital

The Woodbridge Private Credit Fund has continued to attract interest from both financial advisers and direct investors, capitalising on the significant investor interest in private credit strategies emerging in the market. In the two full quarters since launch, the fund has been a positive contributor to the Group's total FUM. There is also a healthy pipeline for future growth.

The fund is available via several wealth management platforms including Netwealth, Mason Stevens, HUB24, Powerwrap and Macquarie Wrap. SQM Research has recently initiated coverage on the fund with a favourable rating.⁵

Since inception on 31 May 2022, the fund has delivered a return of 4.97%. The fund has an objective of returning 6-8% above the RBA cash rate to investors over a 12-month period⁶.

Income Funds Update

The Group manages two income products that are targeted at the direct and intermediary markets – the Switzer Dividend Growth Fund (Quoted Managed Fund) and the Switzer Higher Yield Fund (Managed Fund).

Switzer Dividend Growth Fund (Quoted Managed Fund) (SWTZ)

SWTZ is an income-focused exchange-traded managed fund with a mix of yield and quality companies. SWTZ continues to be marketed and promoted to the Group's direct investor channel.

Since April 2021, SWTZ has been managed by Blackmore Capital Pty Limited and has returned 5.3% compared with the 4.6% return for the benchmark ASX 200 Accumulation Index.

Over the six months to 31 December 2022, the fund delivered a return of 6.31%, compared with the benchmark return of 9.82%.

Over the past 12 months, SWTZ has paid a distribution yield of 5.89% or 7.84% including franking credits. Distribution yield is calculated as the distributions received over the 12 months to 31 December 2022 relative to the SWTZ unit price at the beginning of the period.

In the December 2022 quarter, a secondary market offer was concluded, offering the ability for investors to purchase new units in SWTZ directly without transacting through a broker. The offer was taken up by 197 investors and 764,615 new SWTZ units were issued on 16 December 2022.

Switzer Higher Yield Fund (Managed Fund) (SHYF)

SHYF is a floating-rate, zero-duration bond fund, managed by Coolabah Capital Institutional Investments since December 2020, which seeks to provide investors with an attractive cash yield with low-capital volatility, by investing in a portfolio of high quality and liquid fixed income securities.

The fund's units are quoted on the Cboe Australia Exchange (formerly Chi-X). Investors can purchase and redeem units in SHYF via their broker or directly with AGP Investment Management Limited, the responsible entity.

SHYF was the first fixed income product in Australia to launch as a quoted managed fund and just the third product to use this structure.

⁵ The rating contained in this document is issued by SQM Research Pty Ltd ABN 93 122 592 036 AFSL 421913. SQM Research is an investment research firm that undertakes research on investment products exclusively for its wholesale clients, utilising a proprietary review and star rating system. The SQM Research star rating system is of a general nature and does not take into account the particular circumstances or needs of any specific person. The rating may be subject to change at any time. Only licensed financial advisers may use the SQM Research star rating system in determining whether an investment is appropriate to a person's particular circumstances or needs. You should read the product disclosure statement and consult a licensed financial adviser before making an investment decision in relation to this investment product. SQM Research receives a fee from the Fund Manager for the research and rating of the managed investment scheme.

⁶ Source: Woodbridge Capital as at 31 December 2022. Fund performance is in AUD and calculated based on net asset value per unit after management fees and expenses and assumes that all distributions are reinvested in the Fund. Inception date is 31 May 2022.

Over the reporting period to 31 December 2022, SHYF returned 1.61% versus the benchmark, the RBA Overnight Cash Rate + 1.5%, which delivered 1.92%. Over the same period, the RBA Cash Rate returned 1.18%.

Growth in Retail Investor Base

As at 16 February 2023, total investors across AGP's product suite had increased to over 14,498 investors.

Change of Company Name

At the Group's Annual General Meeting held on 9 November 2022, 99.23% of votes cast by shareholders approved the special resolution to change the listed company name from Contango Asset Management Limited to **Associate Global Partners Limited**. Subsequently, the ASX ticker code of the Group has been changed to APL.

The Group and its Responsible Entity now operate under a single identity. This provides clarity for the Group's clients and investors, enables the Group to focus on its core objective of promoting its investment managers and positions the Group for future growth.

The word "Associate" means partnership and the Group's mission is to partner with investment managers and clients for the long term. As "Associate Global Partners Limited", the Group will continue to seek and build quality relationships, based on trust and the strength of its expertise, while always endeavouring to deliver exceptional service and results for clients.

The Year Ahead

AGP's strategic priorities for the remainder of this financial year and into the next include continued growth in our partnerships with best of breed investment managers and providing products that capture investor interest. In addition, in January 2023 the Group entered into a short-term arrangement with Haben Property Fund Pty Ltd, for the distribution of a closed end property fund through AGP's wholesale investor platform. The Group expects this transaction to be a positive contributor to revenue in H2 FY2023.

The Group's future results will be impacted by market movements and the Group's ability to grow and retain FUM across its increasing product range. This will be supported by the continued commitment to invest in the growth of the business, its people and capabilities, in a prudent manner while maintaining a focus on cost control and making effective savings where appropriate over the remainder of the 2023 financial year.

The Group now has an operating structure and business model positioned to grow FUM, build scale and lead to profitability. The Group's solid financial position will enable AGP to continue to invest in the establishment and support of its product suite, while exploring other new product and distribution opportunities.

Yours Sincerely



Marty Switzer
Managing Director

Associate Global Partners Limited and Controlled Entities

Directors' Report

The Directors of Associate Global Partners Limited (the Company) present their report on the Company and its controlled entities (the Consolidated Entity or the Group) for the half-year to 31 December 2022.

Directors

The following persons were Directors of the Company during the whole of the half-year to 31 December 2022 and up to the date of this report unless otherwise stated:

Nerida Campbell (Non-Executive Chair)
Martin Switzer (Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer)
Jason Billings (Non-Executive Director)
Ken Poutakidis (Non-Executive Director)

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Group during the half-year was the provision of funds management services to retail and wholesale clients.

Review of financial results and operations

The Group's total revenue for the half-year to 31 December 2022 was \$2,539,000 (31 December 2021: \$3,493,000). The Group's net loss after tax for the half-year to 31 December 2022 was \$1,147,000 (31 December 2021: net loss after tax of \$56,000). Refer to the Managing Director's Report on page 5 for further information on the Group's operations, including details on the Group's results, strategy and future outlook.

Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

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There were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Group during the half-year ended 31 December 2022 other than those matters stated in this report and the half-year financial report.

Significant events after the balance date

The Directors are not aware of any matter or circumstance that has arisen since 31 December 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (a) the Group's operations in future financial years;
- (b) the results of those operations in future financial years; or
- (c) the Group's state of affairs in future financial years.

Likely developments and expected results

Any further information on likely developments in the operations of the Group and the expected results of operations has not been included in this report because the Directors believe it would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Group.

Rounding

The amounts contained in this report and in the half-year financial report have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000 (unless otherwise stated) under the option available to the Company under *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*. The Company is an entity to which the legislative instrument applies.

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Directors' Report (continued)

Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under s 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 14.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



Nerida Campbell
Chair

Sydney
Dated this 23rd day of February 2023



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Auditor's independence declaration to the directors of Associate Global Partners Limited

As lead auditor for the review of the half-year financial report of Associate Global Partners Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2022, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review;
- b. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review; and
- c. No non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

This declaration is in respect of Associate Global Partners Limited and the entities it controlled during the financial period.

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads 'Ernst & Young'.

Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads 'Darren Handley-Greaves'.

Darren Handley-Greaves
Partner
23 February 2023

Associate Global Partners Limited and Controlled Entities

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2021 \$'000
Revenue			
Investment management fees		2,310	2,932
Service fees		164	358
Performance Fees		-	97
Interest income		65	3
Effective interest income on NAML receivable		-	103
Total revenue		2,539	3,493
Expenses			
Employee benefit expense	3	1,929	1,762
Professional services expense		342	264
Direct Fund expenses		608	688
Corporate & administration expenses	3	696	734
Depreciation and amortisation expense		57	56
Finance costs		54	45
Total expenses		3,686	3,549
Net loss before income tax		(1,147)	(56)
Income tax expense		-	-
Net loss after tax		(1,147)	(56)
Other comprehensive income, net of income tax			
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income		(1,147)	(56)

Earnings per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company:		
	Cents	Cents
Basic and diluted earnings per share	(2.38)	(0.12)

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Associate Global Partners Limited and Controlled Entities

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 31 December 2022

	Note	31 December 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		4,731	6,594
Trade and other receivables	4	1,689	1,232
Other assets	5	293	258
Total current assets		<u>6,713</u>	<u>8,084</u>
Non-current assets			
Other financial assets		96	96
Property, plant and equipment		32	20
Right-of-use assets	6	156	208
Goodwill	7	4,806	4,806
Total non-current assets		<u>5,090</u>	<u>5,130</u>
Total assets		<u>11,803</u>	<u>13,214</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	2,143	2,406
Provisions		209	256
Lease liabilities		146	142
Borrowings		750	829
Total current liabilities		<u>3,248</u>	<u>3,633</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions		80	29
Lease liabilities		76	150
Borrowings		502	502
Total non-current liabilities		<u>658</u>	<u>681</u>
Total liabilities		<u>3,906</u>	<u>4,314</u>
Net assets		<u>7,897</u>	<u>8,900</u>
Equity			
Issued capital	9	150,484	150,383
Reserves		99	56
Accumulated losses		(142,686)	(141,539)
Total equity		<u>7,897</u>	<u>8,900</u>

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Issued Capital	Share Option Reserves	Accumulated Losses	Total
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Equity - Balance at 1 July 2021		150,193	78	(140,897)	9,374
Loss for the period		-	-	(56)	(56)
Total comprehensive loss		-	-	(56)	(56)
Issue of share capital		103	-	-	103
Transfer from share option reserve		44	(44)	-	-
Share based payment expense		-	22	-	22
Balance at 31 December 2021		150,340	56	(140,953)	9,443
Equity - Balance at 1 July 2022		150,383	56	(141,539)	8,900
Loss for the period		-	-	(1,147)	(1,147)
Total comprehensive loss		-	-	(1,147)	(1,147)
Transfer from share option reserve	9	101	(101)	-	-
Share based payment expense		-	144	-	144
Balance at 31 December 2022		150,484	99	(142,686)	7,897

The Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2021 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		2,336	4,151
Payments to suppliers and employees		(4,044)	(4,569)
Interest received		65	3
Finance costs paid		(51)	(41)
Net cash outflow from operating activities		(1,694)	(456)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(17)	-
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(17)	-
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of lease liabilities		(73)	(36)
Net proceeds from issue of share capital		-	103
Repayment of borrowings		(79)	-
Net cash inflow from financing activities		(152)	67
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(1,863)	(389)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of period		6,594	5,525
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD		4,731	5,136

The Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2022

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

On 9 November 2022 Contango Asset Management Limited changed its name to Associate Global Partners Limited (AGP) and adopted the new ASX code, APL (formerly CGA). All references in this document to Associate Global Partners Limited, AGP or ASX: APL can be read as references to the former Contango Asset Management Limited or ASX:CGA, where relevant.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies adopted by Associate Global Partners Limited (the Company) and its controlled entities (the Consolidated Entity or the Group) in the preparation and presentation of the interim financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation of the interim financial report

These general purpose interim financial statements for the half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134: *Interim Financial Reporting*. The Group is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

This interim financial report is intended to provide users with an update on the latest annual financial statements of the Group. As such, it does not contain information that represents relatively insignificant changes occurring during the half-year within the Group. It is therefore recommended that this financial report be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2022, together with any public announcements made during the following half-year.

These interim financial statements were authorised for issue on the same date as the Directors' Declaration.

(b) Comparatives

Where necessary comparatives have been reclassified for consistency with current year disclosures.

(c) Changes in significant accounting policies

The interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the Group's last annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022. The accounting policies included in the Group's last annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 are the relevant policies for the purposes of comparatives.

NOTE 2: DIVIDENDS

No interim dividend has been declared or paid in respect to the half-year ended 31 December 2022 (31 December 2021: nil).

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2022

NOTE 3: CORPORATE & ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2021 \$'000
Marketing and distribution expense	192	179
Audit fees	91	76
Occupancy expense	23	17
Legal expenses	72	18
Listing and registry expense	40	60
IT, office and communication expense	40	31
Other expenses	238	353
Total corporate & administration expenses	696	734

Directors' fees like employee salaries are paid monthly through payroll which attract PAYG and super deductions. Share-based payment expenses are employee related expenses. For the half-year ended 31 December 2022, prior year comparatives for Directors' fees totalling \$129,000 and Share-based payment expenses totalling \$152,000 have been reclassified from Corporate & administration expense to Employee benefit expense to align to the 30 June 2022 disclosure.

NOTE 4: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	31 December 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Current		
Trade receivables	1,222	1,110
Accrued income	121	22
Other receivable	346	100
Total current trade and other receivables	1,689	1,232

NOTE 5: OTHER ASSETS

	31 December 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Current		
Prepayments	293	258
Total current other assets	293	258

NOTE 6: RIGHT-OF-USE ASSET

	31 December 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Leased office space		
Right-of-use asset	416	416
Accumulated amortisation	(260)	(208)
Total right-of-use asset	156	208

a Movements in carrying amounts of right-of-use asset

	31 December 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Opening balance at 1 July	208	312
Additions	-	-
Amortisation	(52)	(104)
Net carrying amount	156	208

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2022

NOTE 6: RIGHT-OF-USE ASSET (CONTINUED)

a Movements in carrying amounts of right-of-use asset (continued)

The Group leases an office space in Sydney, which has a lease term of four years and expires on 30 June 2024. The Group does not have any leases which contain variable lease payments.

b AASB 16 related amounts recognised in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2021 \$'000
Amortisation charge related to right-of-use asset	52	52
Interest expense on lease liabilities	3	4
	<u>55</u>	<u>56</u>

NOTE 7: GOODWILL

	31 December 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Goodwill		
At cost	8,636	8,636
Accumulated impairment loss	<u>(3,830)</u>	<u>(3,830)</u>
Total goodwill	<u>4,806</u>	<u>4,806</u>

a Movements in carrying amounts of goodwill

	Goodwill \$'000
Opening balance at 1 July 2022	4,806
Impairment loss	-
Closing balance at 31 December 2022	<u>4,806</u>

b Impairment testing

Goodwill acquired in a business combination is tested for impairment at least annually and when there is an indication that there may be impairment. The Group performed its annual impairment test in June 2022. For the purposes of impairment testing, goodwill arising from the acquisition of Switzer Asset Management Limited has been allocated to the Group's sole cash-generating unit, being its investment management business.

In assessing whether there may be an indication of impairment, the Directors have compared the Group's carrying value of the cash generating unit with the recoverable amount, being the cash generating unit's fair value less costs to sell. The Directors have not identified any indicators for impairment since 30 June 2022 to require impairment as at 31 December 2022.

NOTE 8: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	31 December 2022 \$'000	30 June 2022 \$'000
Current		
Trade payables	481	329
GST payable	157	454
Accrued expenses	1,505	1,623
Total current trade and other payables	<u>2,143</u>	<u>2,406</u>

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2022

NOTE 9: CONTRIBUTED EQUITY

Movements in ordinary share capital:

Details	Number of shares	\$'000
Opening balance at 1 July 2022	48,155,888	150,383
Vesting and conversion of performance rights	115,000	101
Closing balance at 31 December 2022	48,270,888	150,484

During the period, 115,000 performance rights issued to employees vested and converted to ordinary shares amounting to a value of \$100,500. Each share has the same right to receive dividends and the repayment of capital as all other ordinary shares in the Company and represents one vote at shareholders' meetings.

NOTE 10: SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

On 1 July 2022, the Company issued 280,000 performance rights to certain employees within the business. The expected life of the performance rights ranges from six to 18 months with the sole vesting condition being that the employee is employed by the Group on the vesting date.

Details	Number	Weighted Average Exercise Price \$
Movements in ordinary share capital:		
Performance rights outstanding as at 1 July 2022	115,000	-
Granted during the period	280,000	-
Vested and converted during the period ^{1,2}	(115,000)	-
Closing balance at 31 December 2022	280,000	-

1) 50,000 performance rights vested and were converted to ordinary shares on 15 July 2022

2) 65,000 performance rights vested and were converted to ordinary shares on 31 December 2022

NOTE 11: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Group has an existing marketing and distribution agreement with Switzer Financial Group Pty Limited and paid \$100,000 for this service during the half-year to 31 December 2022 (31 December 2021: \$100,000). There are no amounts outstanding at 31 December 2022.

NOTE 12: SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group operates solely in the business of providing investment management services. Revenue, profit, net assets and other financial information reported to and monitored by the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) for the single identified operating segment are the amounts reflected in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity and the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. The CODM has been identified as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.

NOTE 13: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Group has no material contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2022 (30 June 2022: none).

NOTE 14: EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER BALANCE DATE

The Directors are not aware of any matter or circumstance which are not otherwise dealt with in the financial statements that have significantly, or may significantly, affect the operations of the Group, the results of its operations or the state of the Group in subsequent years.

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2022

In the Directors' opinion

- 1 the financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 15 to 22, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - a complying with Accounting Standard 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
 - b giving a true and fair view of the Consolidated Entity's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- 2 there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Consolidated Entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



Nerida Campbell
Chair

Sydney
Dated this 23rd day of February 2023



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Independent auditor's review report to the members of Associate Global Partners Limited

Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Associate Global Partners Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (collectively the Group), which comprises the condensed statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, the condensed statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, condensed statement of changes in equity and condensed statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of the Group does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a) Giving a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2022 and of its consolidated financial performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- b) Complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity* (ASRE 2410). Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year financial report* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the 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 annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

Directors' responsibilities for the half-year financial report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year financial report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards



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and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

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A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads 'Darren Handley-Greaves' in a cursive style.

Darren Handley-Greaves
Partner
Sydney
23 February 2023