



Ironbark DWS (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund

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INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT
For the half-year ended 31 December 2023



Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund (formerly known as “Ironbark Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund”)

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Condensed Interim Financial Report - 31 December 2023

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Signed:

Dated: 11 March 2023

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31 December 2023**

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Directors' report

The directors of Ironbark Asset Management (Fund Services) Limited (the "Responsible Entity"), the Responsible Entity of Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund (the "Fund"), present their report together with the condensed interim financial statements of the Fund for the six months ended 31 December 2023 and the review report thereon.

The Fund was previously known as Ironbark Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund before changing its name to Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund on 1 December 2023.

Responsible Entity

The registered office and principal place of business of the Responsible Entity and the Fund is Level 14, 1 Margaret Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

Directors

The following persons held office as directors of the Responsible Entity of the Fund for the period from 1 July 2023 to the date of this report:

B Carpenter
A Donald
C Larsen
R Kellerman

Principal activities

The Fund is a registered managed investment scheme domiciled in Australia.

The Fund maintains its investment strategy by investing primarily in a diversified range of property securities listed primarily on recognised global stock exchanges (excluding Australia), but limited to three geographical regions, the Americas, Europe and Asia in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund did not have any employees during the interim period.

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

Review and results of operations

During the interim period, the Fund continued to invest in accordance with target asset allocations as set out in the governing documents of the Fund, the provisions of the Fund's Constitution and Product Disclosure Statement.

Results

The performance of the Fund, as represented by the results of its operations, was as follows:

	Six months ended	
	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Operating profit/(loss) (\$'000)	4,057	(6,335)
Distributions		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	-	90
Distributions (cents per unit)	-	0.1167
Unit price as at 31 December		
Application price (\$)	1.0323	0.9455
Redemption price (\$)	1.0261	0.9398

Directors' report (continued)

Significant changes in the state of affairs

In the opinion of the directors, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund that occurred during the interim period.

Events subsequent to reporting 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 condensed statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the six months ended on that date.

Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars

The Fund is an entity of a kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191* issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the Directors' report. Amounts in the Directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with that ASIC Corporations Instrument, unless otherwise indicated.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the Auditor's independence declaration as required under Section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 4.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors of the Responsible Entity.

DocuSigned by:

Brendan Carpenter

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Director

Sydney

7 March 2024



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

To the Directors of Ironbark Asset Management (Fund Services) Limited, as the Responsible Entity of **Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund (formerly known as "Ironbark Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund")**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the review of Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund (formerly known as "Ironbark Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund") for the half-year ended 31 December 2023 there have been:

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


KPMG



Nic Buchanan
Partner
Sydney
7 March 2024

Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund
Condensed statement of comprehensive income
For the six months ended 31 December 2023

Condensed statement of comprehensive income

	Six months ended	
	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Investment income		
Distribution and dividend income	1,223	1,654
Interest income	1	1
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	3,707	(6,388)
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)	(197)	(662)
Other operating income	-	1
Total investment income/(loss)	4,734	(5,394)
Expenses		
Management fees	325	400
Expense recovery fees	60	85
Transaction costs	25	31
Withholding taxes	267	424
Other operating expenses	-	1
Total operating expenses	677	941
Operating profit/(loss)	4,057	(6,335)
Other comprehensive income for the half-year	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year	4,057	(6,335)

The above condensed statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund
Condensed statement of financial position
As at 31 December 2023

Condensed statement of financial position

		As at	
		31 December	30 June
	Notes	2023	2023
		\$'000	\$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		815	430
Receivables	8	368	361
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold		137	166
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	<u>64,499</u>	<u>68,382</u>
Total assets		<u>65,819</u>	<u>69,339</u>
Liabilities			
Payables	9	376	512
Distributions payable	5	-	91
Due to brokers - payable for securities purchased		277	155
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	7	<u>101</u>	<u>69</u>
Total liabilities		<u>754</u>	<u>827</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity	4	<u>65,065</u>	<u>68,512</u>

The above condensed statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund
Condensed statement of changes in equity
For the six months ended 31 December 2023

Condensed statement of changes in equity

		Six months ended	
		31 December	31 December
	Notes	2023	2022
		\$'000	\$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the financial half-year	4	68,512	84,883
Comprehensive income for the half-year			
Operating profit/(loss) for the half-year		<u>4,057</u>	<u>(6,335)</u>
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		<u>4,057</u>	<u>(6,335)</u>
Transactions with unitholders			
Applications	4	2,009	2,417
Redemptions	4	(9,513)	(8,175)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	4	-	4
Distributions paid and payable	4	<u>-</u>	<u>(90)</u>
Total transactions with unitholders		<u>(7,504)</u>	<u>(5,844)</u>
Total equity at the end of the financial half-year		<u>65,065</u>	<u>72,704</u>

The above condensed statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund
Condensed statement of cash flows
For the six months ended 31 December 2023

Condensed statement of cash flows

	Six months ended	
	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Distributions and dividends received	926	1,251
Interest received	1	1
Other operating income received	-	10
Management fees paid	(320)	(410)
Expense recovery fees paid	(65)	(107)
Other operating expenses paid	(25)	(32)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	<u>517</u>	<u>713</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	37,778	45,554
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(30,202)	(39,867)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	<u>7,576</u>	<u>5,687</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from applications by unitholders	2,009	2,401
Payments for redemptions by unitholders	(9,626)	(8,437)
Distributions paid	(91)	(119)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	<u>(7,708)</u>	<u>(6,155)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	385	245
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year	<u>430</u>	<u>1,029</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year	<u>815</u>	<u>1,274</u>
Non-cash operating and financing activities		
Distributions paid reinvested	-	4
Total non-cash operating and financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>

The above condensed statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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1 General information

These condensed interim financial statements cover Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund (formerly known as “Ironbark Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund”) (the “Fund”) as an individual entity. The Fund is an Australian registered managed investment scheme under the *Corporations Act 2001* and was constituted on 23 September 2004. The Fund will terminate on 22 September 2084 unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the Fund’s Constitution.

The Responsible Entity of the Fund is Ironbark Asset Management (Fund Services) Limited (ABN 63 116 232 154) (AFSL 298626) (the “Responsible Entity”). The Responsible Entity’s registered office is Level 14, 1 Margaret Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

On 1 December 2023, the Fund changed its name to Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund, formerly known as Ironbark Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund.

The Fund maintains its investment strategy by investing primarily in a diversified range of property securities listed primarily on recognised global stock exchanges (excluding Australia), but limited to three geographical regions, the Americas, Europe and Asia in accordance with the provisions of the Fund’s Constitution.

The condensed interim financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on the date the Directors’ declaration was signed. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the condensed interim financial statements.

2 Basis of preparation

These condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The Fund is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the condensed interim financial statements.

These condensed interim financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements. Accordingly, these condensed interim financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 and any public announcements made in respect of the Fund during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

These condensed interim financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Fund’s functional currency.

Material accounting policies

The accounting policies applied in these condensed financial statements are the same as those applied to the Fund’s financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

(a) Use of estimates and judgement

Management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts. These estimates and associated assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and various other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Where applicable to the fair value measurement, the current changing market conditions are assessed and estimated. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The use of estimates and critical judgements in fair value measurement that can have significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is described in note 3.

(b) New standards, amendments and interpretations

(i) New standards, amendments and interpretations adopted by the Fund

There are no new accounting standards, amendments and interpretations that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2023 that would be expected to have a material impact on the condensed interim financial statements of the Fund.

2 Basis of preparation (continued)

(b) New standards, amendments and interpretations (continued)

(ii) *New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 January 2024 and have not been early adopted*

A number of new accounting standards, amendments and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 31 December 2023 reporting period and have not been early adopted in preparing these condensed interim financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material impact on the condensed interim financial statements of the Fund.

3 Fair value measurement

AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value hierarchy:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1);
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly (level 2); and
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (level 3).

(i) *Fair value in an active market (level 1)*

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is based on their quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. For the majority of these financial instruments, information provided by the independent pricing services is relied upon for valuation.

The Fund values its investments in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 of the condensed interim financial statements.

Financial assets and liabilities are priced at last traded prices.

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 asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

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

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of a substantially similar other instrument, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

The fair value of derivatives that are not exchange traded is estimated at the amount that the Fund would receive or pay to terminate the contract at the end of the reporting period taking into account current market conditions (volatility and appropriate yield curve) and the current credit worthiness of the counterparties. The fair value of a forward contract is determined as the net present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at appropriate market rates as at the valuation date.

Valuation models use observable data to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations require management to make estimates. Changes in the assumptions for these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments. 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.

3 Fair value measurement (continued)

(iii) Recognised fair value measurements

The following table presents the Fund's assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value as at 31 December 2023 and 30 June 2023.

As at 31 December 2023	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets				
Forward currency contracts	-	1,627	-	1,627
Equity securities	4,297	-	-	4,297
Unit trusts	58,575	-	-	58,575
Total	62,872	1,627	-	64,499
Financial liabilities				
Forward currency contracts	-	101	-	101
Total	-	101	-	101

As at 30 June 2023	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets				
Forward currency contracts	-	1,764	-	1,764
Equity securities	4,401	1	-	4,402
Unit trusts	62,216	-	-	62,216
Total	66,617	1,765	-	68,382
Financial liabilities				
Forward currency contracts	-	69	-	69
Total	-	69	-	69

The Fund held investments in listed equity securities and listed unit trusts as at 31 December 2023 (listed and unlisted equity securities and listed unit trusts as at 30 June 2023).

(iv) Transfers between levels

The Fund'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 the reporting period (30 June 2023: nil).

(v) 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 six months ended 31 December 2023 and year ended 30 June 2023.

(vi) Financial instruments not carried at fair value

The Fund did not hold any financial instruments which were not measured at fair value in the statement of financial position during the six months ended 31 December 2023 or year ended 30 June 2023 except for receivables and payables which are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Due to their short-term nature, the carrying amounts of receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair value.

Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund
Notes to the condensed interim financial statements
For the six months ended 31 December 2023
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4 Net assets attributable to unitholders

Movements in number of units and net assets attributable to unitholders during the six months ended 31 December 2023 were as follows:

	Six months ended			
	31 December 2023	31 December 2022	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
	Units '000	Units '000	\$'000	\$'000
Opening balance	71,162	83,033	68,512	84,883
Applications	2,077	2,467	2,009	2,417
Redemptions	(10,021)	(8,380)	(9,513)	(8,175)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	-	4	-	4
Distributions paid and payable	-	-	-	(90)
Operating profit/(loss) for the half-year	-	-	4,057	(6,335)
Closing balance	63,218	77,124	65,065	72,704

As stipulated within the Fund's Constitution, each unit represents a right to an individual share in the Fund and does not extend to a right to the underlying assets of the Fund. There are no separate classes of units and each unit has the same rights attaching to it as all other units of the Fund.

Daily applications and redemptions are reviewed relative to the liquidity of the Fund's underlying assets on a daily basis by the Responsible Entity. Under the terms of the Fund's Constitution, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer or adjust a redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unitholders.

5 Distributions to unitholders

	Six months ended			
	31 December 2023	31 December 2023	31 December 2022	31 December 2022
	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU
Distributions paid 31 December	-	-	4	0.1167
Distributions payable 31 December	-	-	<u>86</u>	0.1167
Total distributions	-	-	<u>90</u>	

Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund
Notes to the condensed interim financial statements
For the six months ended 31 December 2023
(continued)

6 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	As at	
	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Derivatives	1,627	1,764
Equity securities	4,297	4,402
Unit trusts	58,575	62,216
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	64,499	68,382

7 Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

	As at	
	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Derivatives	101	69
Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	101	69

8 Receivables

	As at	
	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Distributions and dividends receivable	350	339
Applications receivable	1	1
Other receivables	17	21
Total receivables	368	361

Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund
Notes to the condensed interim financial statements
For the six months ended 31 December 2023
(continued)

9 Payables

	As at	
	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Redemptions payable	202	315
Management fees payable	59	56
Expense recovery fees payable	71	78
Withholding tax payable	44	63
Total payables	376	512

10 Related party transactions

All transactions with related parties are conducted on normal commercial terms and conditions. From time to time, the Fund or its director-related entities may invest in or withdraw from the Fund. These investments or withdrawals are on the same terms and conditions as those entered into by other Fund investors and are trivial and domestic in nature.

There have been no significant changes to the related party transactions disclosed in the previous financial statements.

11 Events occurring after the reporting period

No significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period which would impact on the financial position of the Fund as disclosed in the condensed statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the six months ended on that date.

12 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

There were no outstanding contingent assets and liabilities or commitments as at 31 December 2023 and 30 June 2023.

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

- (a) the condensed interim financial statements and notes set out on pages 5 to 15 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the six months period ended on that date, and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund 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 for and on behalf of the Responsible Entity.

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Director

Sydney
7 March 2024



Independent Auditor's Review Report

To the unitholders of **Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund (formerly known as "Ironbark Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund")**

Opinion

We have reviewed the accompanying **Condensed Interim Financial Report** of Ironbark DWS Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund (formerly known as "Ironbark Global (ex-Australia) Property Securities Fund") (the Fund).

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the Condensed Interim Financial Report of the Fund does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the Interim period ended on that date; and
- complying with *Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

The **Condensed Interim Financial Report** comprises:

- Condensed statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023;
- Condensed statement of comprehensive income for the Interim period ended on that date;
- Condensed statement of changes in equity and Condensed statement of cash flows for the Interim period ended on that date;
- Notes 1 to 12 comprising material accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- The Directors' Declaration.

The **Interim period** is the 6 months ended on 31 December 2023.

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*. Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report* section of our report.

We are independent of the Fund 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 these requirements.



Responsibilities of the Directors for the Condensed Interim Financial Report

The Directors of Ironbark Asset Management (Fund Services) Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for:

- the preparation of the Condensed Interim 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 Condensed Interim Financial Report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility for the review of the Condensed Interim Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Condensed Interim 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 Condensed Interim Financial Report does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the Interim period ended on that date, and complying with *Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a Condensed Interim 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* 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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Nic Buchanan
Partner
Sydney
7 March 2024