

# Ares Global Credit Income Fund

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## About this Product Disclosure Statement (PDS)

This product disclosure statement dated 11 December 2025 provides information to help investors and their advisers assess the merits of investing in the Class A class of units in the Ares Global Credit Income Fund (ARSN 639 123 112) (**Fund**). References in this PDS to the **Ares Global Credit Income Fund** or the **Fund** are to the Class A units in the Ares Global Credit Income Fund. No other class of units in the Ares Global Credit Income Fund is offered in this PDS. You should read this document in full before making an investment decision about the Fund. In addition you should also read the Target Market Determination (**TMD**) in conjunction with the PDS to ensure investment in this Fund aligns with your objectives, financial situation and needs. The information provided in this PDS is general information only and does not take account of your personal financial situation or needs. You should obtain financial advice tailored to your own personal circumstances before investing in the Fund.

In preparing this PDS we did not take into account your particular investment objectives, financial circumstances or needs. As investors' needs and aspirations differ, you should consider whether investing in the Fund is appropriate for you in light of your particular objectives, financial circumstances or needs. You should also obtain independent advice before investing in the Fund, particularly about matters such as taxation, retirement planning and investment risk tolerance.

### Important notices

Fidante Partners Limited (ABN 94 002 835 592, AFSL 234 668) (**Fidante, we, our, us, Responsible Entity**) is the responsible entity of the Fund and issuer of this PDS. Our ultimate parent is Challenger Limited (ABN 85 106 842 371). Fidante is a member of the Challenger Limited group of companies (**Challenger Group**). Investments in the Fund are subject to investment risk, including possible delays in repayment and loss of income or principal invested. Accordingly, the performance, the repayment of capital or any particular rate of return on your investments are not guaranteed by any member of the Challenger Group.

Fidante authorises the use of this PDS as disclosure to investors and potential investors who wish to access the Fund directly (**Direct Investors**), and through platforms that are an investor directed portfolio service (**IDPS**) or IDPS like scheme (**Indirect Investors**). Please refer to 'Indirect investors' in the "Additional information" section.

By investing in the Fund, you confirm that you have received a copy of the current PDS and TMD to which this investment relates, that you have read both documents and agree to the terms contained in them, and that you agree to be bound by the terms of the current PDS, TMD and the current Constitution (each as amended from time to time).

The offer or invitation to subscribe for units in the Fund under this PDS is only available to persons receiving this PDS in Australia or New Zealand and is subject to the terms and conditions described in this PDS. The information in this PDS is of a general nature and is based on our understanding of the Australian tax laws, as at the date of this document, as they relate to Australian resident individual taxpayers who hold their investment on capital account and does not take into account the tax treatment of New Zealand resident taxpayers.

We have appointed Ares Australia Management Pty Ltd (ABN 51 636 490 732, AFSL 537666) (**AWMS, Ares Wealth Management Solutions** or the **investment manager**) as the investment manager of the Fund. Ares Capital Management II LLC (**Ares**) has been appointed as sub-advisor of the Fund.

### Target Market Determination

The Target Market Determination (**TMD**) describes the type of customers who the product is likely to be appropriate for. It also specifies distribution conditions and restrictions that will help ensure the Fund is likely to reach customers in the target market. Each person should obtain and consider the Fund's TMD and this PDS before making a decision about whether to acquire or continue to hold the Fund to ensure this Fund aligns with your objectives, financial situation and needs.

### Updated information

The information in this PDS is up-to-date at the time of preparation. However, some information can change from time to time. If a change is considered materially adverse we will issue a supplementary PDS or a replacement PDS. For updated or other information about the Fund (such as a copy of the PDS, TMD or other information such as performance) that is not considered materially adverse, please contact your financial adviser, call the Fidante Investor Services Team on 1300 721 637 or visit our website [www.fidante.com](http://www.fidante.com). We will send you a copy of the updated information free of charge upon request.

**Consents:** AWMS and Ares have provided consent to the statements about them in the form and context in which they are included. AWMS and Ares were not otherwise involved in the preparation and distribution of this PDS and are not responsible for the issue of this PDS, nor are they responsible for any particular part of this PDS other than those parts that refer to them. AWMS and Ares have not withdrawn their consent before the date of this PDS.

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# About AWMS

Ares Wealth Management Solutions (**AWMS**) works with wealth managers, private banks, family offices and advisors across Australia and New Zealand to demystify the credit, private equity, real estate, and infrastructure asset classes by providing product-agnostic education and personalized support. AWMS makes the private markets more accessible to a broad set of investors through its suite of purpose-built investment solutions. AWMS has delegated the investment management of the Fund to Ares Capital Management II LLC (**Ares**) as its sub-adviser and will monitor Ares' performance of the investment management of the Fund.

## About Ares Capital Management II LLC

Ares is a leading global alternative investment manager offering clients complementary primary and secondary investment solutions across the credit, private equity, real estate and infrastructure asset classes. Ares is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Ares is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ares Management Corporation, which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and one of the largest global alternative asset managers. Ares investment groups collaborate with the goal of delivering innovative investment solutions and consistent and attractive investment returns for investors throughout market cycles. Ares has been appointed sub-adviser and will perform the investment management of the Fund, as well as some asset servicing middle office functions.

## About the Responsible Entity

Fidante is the Responsible Entity of the Fund. As Responsible Entity of the Fund, we issue units in the Fund and are legally responsible to the unitholders of the Fund for its operation.

Fidante is one of Australia's largest active investors, offering compelling strategies across equities, fixed income, and alternative assets, via partnerships with leading investment teams. We have appointed AWMS as the investment manager of the Fund under an investment management agreement. In addition to operating the Fund, we provide back office, administration, and support services to AWMS, allowing AWMS and Ares the freedom to focus on investing.

Neither we, nor any of our related entities, nor AWMS, nor Ares guarantee the repayment of your capital or the performance of your investment or any particular taxation consequences of investing.

## Significant features and benefits of the Fund

- **Attractive income:** the Fund aims to provide a stable income stream for investors by offering monthly distributions.
- **Focus on downside protection:** Ares believes protecting principal is key to superior performance and therefore places emphasis on dampening volatility and minimising defaults.
- **Dynamic asset allocation:** the Fund has the ability to dynamically allocate capital based on the best relative value opportunities across industries, issuers and regions within the credit spectrum.
- **Diversification:** the Fund provides access to diverse investment opportunities and asset classes which are generally unavailable to individual investors.
- **Leading global investment team:** the Fund offers access to a leading global investment team with 20+ years of experience investing in global credit markets. The experienced management team applies an integrated and collaborative approach using the scale and power of the platform to deliver compelling risk adjusted returns through market cycles.

# Features at a glance

		Refer to Section
<b>Minimum transaction requirements<sup>1</sup></b>		'Making, withdrawing and monitoring your investment'
Initial investment	\$10,000 or \$1,000 when a Regular Investment Plan is established.	
Additional investment	No minimum.	
Minimum withdrawal	No minimum.	
Minimum balance	No minimum.	
Indirect Investors	If you are an Indirect Investor, you need to comply with any minimum transaction and balance requirements of your platform operator.	
<b>Fees and costs</b>		'Fees and other costs'
Management fees and costs	The management fees and costs of the Fund are 0.75% p.a. of the net asset value of the Fund.	
<b>Buy/sell spread</b>	+0.30% / -0.30% of the investment and withdrawal amount.	
<b>Risks of investing in the Fund</b>	A degree of risk applies to all types of investments, including investments in the Fund. The significant risks are described in 'Risks of investing in managed investment schemes'.	'Risks of investing in managed investment schemes'
<b>Making and withdrawing your investment</b>		'Making, withdrawing and monitoring your investment'
Investment and withdrawing	Generally, you can invest or withdraw at any time subject to certain limits in the Constitution and this PDS.	
Transaction cut-off times	Valid transaction requests must be received by us prior to 3:00pm Sydney time to be processed that day and withdrawal requests will usually be paid within five business days.	
<b>Distribution payments</b>		'Additional information'
Frequency	The Fund generally pays distributions monthly; however, there may be periods in which reduced or no distributions are paid and we do not guarantee any level of distributions.	
Payment methods	Reinvested into the Fund as additional units or paid to your nominated account. For Indirect Investors, distributions will be paid to your platform operator as soon as practicable after the end of the distribution period.	
<b>Valuations and pricing</b>		'Additional information'
Valuing the Fund's assets	The Fund's assets are usually valued each NSW business day.	
Unit pricing	Unit prices are usually calculated each NSW business day.	
<b>Investor reporting</b>		'Making, withdrawing and monitoring your investment'
Transaction confirmations	We generally send transaction confirmations for investments and withdrawals.	
Regular reporting	We send quarterly periodic statements with details of transactions and fees paid.	
Annual tax reporting	We send an annual tax statement.	

<sup>1</sup> We may, at our discretion, accept lower minimum transaction and balance amounts.

# How we invest your money

<b>Investment return objective</b>	<p>The Fund aims to provide stable monthly income with a focus on downside protection across various market cycles by investing in a diversified portfolio of credit assets.</p>
<b>Minimum suggested investment timeframe</b>	<p>At least three to five years</p>
<b>Benchmark</b>	<p>Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index</p>
<b>Risk level</b>	 <p>Refer to 'Additional information about the Fund's investments' and 'Risks of investing in managed investment schemes' for further information about the Fund's risk.</p>
<b>Description of the Fund</b>	<p>The Fund is intended to be suitable for investors seeking to invest over the long term, with a preference for stable income and minimised risk of capital loss. Definitions of the important investment terms are provided in the 'Glossary'.</p> <p><b>Investment approach</b></p> <p>The Fund is a diversified multi-sector credit strategy with a focus on providing investors with steady monthly income from an actively managed portfolio of fixed income securities.</p> <p>Ares employs an opportunistic, flexible and untethered global credit investment strategy which seeks to take advantage of relative value opportunities within global credit markets in order to provide investors with a diversified portfolio of credit assets.</p> <p>The Fund seeks attractive risk-adjusted returns over full market cycles by creating and managing a portfolio with balanced exposures to multiple industry sectors and geographic regions. Ares looks to make tactical allocations across multiple segments of global credit markets and leverages the breadth of knowledge across all capabilities within the Ares investment platform.</p> <p>Ares takes both a bottom-up and top-down approach, with a deep focus on disciplined credit selection and active asset rotation, as well as current, and forward looking global macroeconomic and technical factors impacting each sector. Close monitoring of each investment within the Fund provides the basis for making buy, sell and hold decisions. In actively managing the Fund across complementary asset classes, Ares utilises a wide range of tools to impact performance and risk management, with greater opportunity to optimise relative value. Ares seeks to help investors navigate the credit cycle and change risk posture as necessary, which Ares believes affords more opportunity to generate alpha within the Fund.</p> <p><b>Investment universe and portfolio construction</b></p> <p>The Fund invests in a portfolio of global bonds, global syndicated loans (primary and middle market), global asset backed securities including but not limited to commercial mortgage backed securities and collateralised loan obligations, derivatives, cash and cash equivalents.</p> <p>The multi-asset framework is designed to capture real-time shifts in relative value across asset classes, market dislocations and idiosyncratic credit opportunities. The broad asset allocation ranges of the Fund provide for opportunistic shifts in allocation to take advantage of changes in market sentiment throughout the different stages of the credit cycle.</p> <p>The Fund has a minimum 50% exposure to investment grade securities.</p> <p>The Fund uses derivatives for risk and currency management purposes only. Please see 'How the Fund uses derivatives' for more information.</p> <p><b>Currency strategy</b></p> <p>The Fund aims to fully hedge any foreign currency exposure back to the Australian dollar. Please refer to 'Currency risk' in 'Risks of investing in managed investment schemes' for additional information.</p>

<b>Strategic asset allocation ranges<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Asset class</b>	<b>Min (%)</b>	<b>Max (%)</b>
	Global bonds	0	75
	Global syndicated loans	0	75
	Global asset backed securities (including but not limited to; commercial mortgage backed securities and collateralised loan obligations)	0	75
	Global investment grade securities	50	75
	Cash and cash equivalents <sup>2</sup>	0	30

<sup>1</sup>These are asset allocation ranges for the Fund. If market movements, investments into or withdrawals from the Fund, or changes in the nature of an investment, cause the Fund to move outside these ranges, or a limit set out in this PDS, this will be addressed by us, Ares or AWMS as soon as reasonably practicable. The Fund may also invest in derivatives for risk and currency management purposes only.

<sup>2</sup>Cash equivalents include securities with less than 12 months to maturity and Ares reasonably believes they can be readily converted to cash within 1 business day. Must have a credit rating of A or better by Standard & Poor's or an equivalent rating agency.

**Labour standards or environmental, social or ethical considerations**

While Ares takes into account labour standards and environmental, social and governance (**ESG**) considerations when selecting, retaining or realising underlying investments, it does not adhere to any particular set of standards nor does Ares have a predetermined view as to what constitutes a labour standard or an environmental, social or ethical consideration, as these are determined on a case-by-case basis. Ares consideration of ESG factors is detailed further in the "Additional information about the Fund's investments" section below.

**Changes to investment policy**

The Constitution permits a wide range of investments and gives us, as Responsible Entity, broad investment powers. We may change the investment manager and/or vary the investment objectives, strategies, benchmarks, asset allocation ranges and processes of the Fund. We will give unitholders written notice of any material variation which we believe they would not have reasonably expected.

## Additional information about the Fund's investments

### About the Fund's risk level

The risk level, also known as the Standard Risk Measure, is based on the estimated number of negative annual returns that a managed investment scheme may experience in any 20-year period. In other words, it is a measure of the expected variability of the return of the Fund.

The Fund's anticipated risk level is 'Medium to high risk' – the Fund offers the potential for favourable returns over the long term, with a proportion of returns coming from income, but may exhibit moderate levels of volatility over the short to medium term. The estimated number of negative annual returns in any 20-year period based on this risk level is approximately between 3 and 4. Note that this is an estimate only. Negative annual returns may or may not occur in consecutive years and, should they be negative, the estimate does not indicate the size of the potential negative return (which may vary considerably from strategy to strategy).

The stated risk levels are based on industry guidance and are designed to allow investors to compare investments with different investment strategies and characteristics. However, investment managers and investment administrators may employ different methodologies to determine a risk level and therefore may not be representative of the same considerations. Furthermore, it is not a complete assessment of the risks of investing, nor does it indicate if an investment strategy is designed to meet an investor's investment objectives.

For further information, or to ask about the methodology for determining the risk level, please call the Fidante Investor Services Team.

### Borrowings of the Fund

The Constitution allows for borrowing; however, we will generally not borrow on behalf of the Fund, except from time to time to cover short-term cash flow needs or if emergency or extraordinary situations arise. Borrowings may be from a variety of sources, including related entities. Where funds are borrowed from related entities, the terms are set on a commercial and arm's length basis and will be for reasonable remuneration.

The availability and terms of borrowings are subject to the market for borrowings (including market conditions in debt and other markets) and therefore borrowings may not always be available. Lenders may refuse to provide borrowings, renew an existing borrowing facility or refuse to renew on commercially acceptable terms. This may be for reasons specific to the Fund or due to market-wide events.

We may change the lending financial institution (if any) from time to time and may also seek to vary the terms of any borrowing facility where it is believed it would be in the best interests of unitholders.

### Asset allocation ranges

The Fund gains exposure to various investment markets and asset classes by investing into direct assets and/or indirectly via managed funds. References to asset allocations are references to the exposure of the Fund, not necessarily the physical unit or security held.

Refer to 'How we invest your money' for strategic asset allocations for the Fund.

If market movements, investments into or withdrawals from the Fund, or changes in the nature of an investment cause the Fund to exceed these asset allocations, or a limit set out in the PDS, this will be addressed by us, Ares or AWMS as soon as reasonably practicable.

### Making investments directly or indirectly

The Fund may make investments directly or indirectly by investing in other funds (including funds related to, or managed by, a related entity) that have investment objectives and authorised investments that are consistent with the Fund. This structure helps to minimise transaction costs and can enhance diversification.

### Allocation of investments

Because of the size of the Ares investment management business some investment opportunities may not be large enough to provide for an allocation across all Ares portfolios. To the extent an investment opportunity is limited, Ares has no obligation to allocate all or any portion of such opportunity to the Fund before allocating to itself or any other client of Ares.

However, Ares must adhere to its allocations policy when allocating investments and divestments of the Fund.

### How the Fund uses derivatives

The Fund may at times invest in or obtain exposure to derivatives, such as futures and options, foreign exchange forwards and swaps.

The term 'derivative' is used to describe any financial product that has a value that is derived from another security, liability, or index.

Derivatives may be used to gain exposure when they offer a more cost-effective way of purchasing the underlying security. Derivatives can be used to implement investment decisions (including hedging), managing the duration of the Fund, and as a risk management tool (such as managing the effect of interest rates or foreign currency movements). They may also be used to adjust or implement investment decisions and to gain, or avoid,

exposure to a particular market rather than purchasing physical assets. The Fund will primarily use derivatives to hedge currency, credit and interest rate risk.

The Constitution permits the use of derivatives; however Ares does not intend to gear the Fund through the use of derivatives. If market movements, investments into or withdrawals from the Fund, or changes in the nature of an investment result in the Fund being geared through derivatives, this will be addressed by Ares or us as soon as reasonably practicable. Where the Fund uses derivatives, Ares aims to manage the Fund so as to keep sufficient liquid assets in the Fund to meet all obligations associated with the derivatives.

The use of derivatives may expose the Fund to certain risks. Please refer to 'Derivative risk' for more information.

### **Labour standards or environmental, social or ethical considerations**

The Responsible Entity (Fidante) does not itself take into account labour standards and environmental, social and ethical considerations for the purposes of selecting, retaining or realising investments.

The Responsible Entity has delegated the investment management of the Fund to AWMS under the investment management agreement. AWMS has subsequently delegated investment decisions for the purposes of selecting, retaining or realising investments for the Fund to Ares who operates the Fund in accordance with the sub-advisory agreement. Fidante's parent Challenger Limited is a member of The PRI Association (**PRI**), a leading promoter of responsible investment practices supported by the United Nations.

Fidante incorporates consideration of environmental, social and governance (**ESG**) considerations when selecting, appointing and monitoring investment managers. Fidante does not adhere to any particular set of labour standards or environmental, social and ethical considerations.

#### **Sub-adviser of the Fund**

AWMS has delegated the investment management for the Fund to Ares who operates the Fund in accordance with the sub-advisory agreement. This delegation includes how ESG considerations are incorporated in the Fund's investment process.

Ares takes into account labour standards and environmental, social and ethical considerations when selecting, retaining or realising investments. Ares does not adhere to a particular set of standards and nor does Ares have a predetermined view as to what constitutes a labour standard or an, environmental, social or ethical consideration but is supportive of the United Nations-backed Principles of Responsible Investment framework. Ares will consider general factors such as (but not limited to) labour relations, workplace health and

safety, climate change, water scarcity, energy security, ageing demographics, potential environmental impacts, quality of environmental management systems.

Ares monitors its investments on an ongoing basis, however the timeframe for monitoring and reviewing investments is not fixed. Ares maintains a strong sell discipline in relation to investments that no longer meet its investment criteria, which includes consideration of ESG factors.

For more information on Ares' ESG Policy please contact [info@fidante.com.au](mailto:info@fidante.com.au).

# Risks of investing in managed investment schemes

All investments carry risk. Different strategies carry different levels of risk depending on the assets that make up the strategy. Generally, assets with the potential for the highest long-term returns may also carry the highest level of risk.

When investing in an MIS, it is important to note that the value of assets in the MIS and the level of returns will vary. No return is guaranteed. Future returns may differ from past returns and investors may lose some or all of their money invested. Additionally, laws (including tax laws) that affect MIS may change in the future, which may have an adverse effect on the returns of MIS.

The level of acceptable risk will vary across investors and will depend upon a range of factors such as age, investment timeframe, where other parts of the investor's wealth is invested and the investor's level of risk tolerance.

New Zealand investors need to be aware there are differences in how securities are regulated under Australian laws. For example, the disclosure of fees may be different and the rights, remedies and compensation arrangements available to New Zealand investors may differ.

The risks set out in this section are general only and are not exhaustive. Prospective investors should consider obtaining independent financial advice to determine if an investment in the Fund is appropriate in light of their financial situation, objectives and needs.

## Risks of investing in managed investment schemes

Risk	Explanation
<b>Asset backed securities risk</b>	<p>The value of asset backed securities are affected by the value and cashflow of the underlying collateral. Asset backed securities are subject to more structural and legal complexities than other fixed income securities.</p> <p>Risks associated with asset backed securities include credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. These risks could impact the timing and size of the cashflows paid by the securities and could negatively impact the returns of the securities.</p>
<b>Collateralised loan obligation (CLO) risk</b>	<p>CLOs issue securities in tranches with different payment characteristics and different credit ratings. The rated tranches of securities issued by CLOs ("CLO Securities") are generally assigned credit ratings by one or more nationally recognised statistical rating organisations. The subordinated (or residual) tranches do not receive ratings. Below investment grade tranches of CLO Securities typically experience a lower recovery, greater risk of loss or deferral or non-payment of interest than more senior tranches of the CLO.</p> <p>The riskiest portion of the capital structure of a CLO is the subordinated (or residual) tranche, which bears the bulk of defaults from the loans in the CLO and serves to protect the other, more senior tranches from default in all but the most severe circumstances. Since it is partially protected from defaults, a senior tranche from a CLO typically has higher ratings and lower yields than the underlying securities, and can be rated investment grade. Despite the protection from the subordinated tranche, CLO tranches can experience substantial losses due to actual defaults, increased sensitivity to defaults due to collateral default and disappearance of protecting tranches, market anticipation of defaults and aversion to CLO Securities as a class. The risks of an investment in a CLO depend largely on the collateral and the tranche of the CLO in which the Fund invests.</p> <p>The CLOs in which the Fund invests may have issued and sold debt tranches that will rank senior to the tranches in which the Fund invests. By their terms, such more senior tranches may entitle the holders to receive payment of interest or principal on or before the dates on which the Fund is entitled to receive payments with respect to the tranches in which the Fund invests. Also, in the event of insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganisation or bankruptcy of a CLO, holders of more senior tranches would typically be entitled to receive payment in full before the Fund receives any distribution. Therefore, the Fund may not receive back the full amount of its investment in a CLO.</p> <p>The Fund has a 5% limit on subordinated (or residual) tranches of CLO Securities.</p> <p>Please also refer to 'Asset backed securities risk', 'Collateral risk' and 'Credit risk' for more information.</p>

<b>Collateral risk</b>	The Fund enters into derivatives arrangements that require it to deliver (or 'post') collateral to the derivative counterparty or clearer. As a result, the Fund may be exposed to certain risks in respect of that collateral including the credit risk of the counterparty or clearer.
<b>Counterparty risk</b>	The Fund is, to a certain extent, reliant on external counterparties in connection with its operation and investment activities. There is a risk with these arrangements that the other party to a contract (such as derivatives contract, physical security or foreign exchange contract trade) may fail to perform its contractual obligations either in whole or part (refer to 'Credit risk' for more information). In such circumstances, any collateral lodged with counterparties related to these derivatives may also be at risk. This may result in the investment activities of the Fund being adversely affected.
<b>Credit risk</b>	<p>The risk that the issuer of the fixed income security (e.g. asset backed security, corporate bond, corporate loan or derivative counterparty) is unable or unwilling to make interest and/or capital repayments in full and/or on time, or may not meet other financial obligations. Fixed income securities are subject to legal, political, macro-economic, industry and business risks which may lead to a loss of capital or interest payments.</p> <p>Losses may be complete or partial and may occur at any time depending on the extent of financial deterioration, the position of the fixed income security in the capital structure of the issuer or whether the fixed income security has security of assets in the case of default.</p> <p>Fixed income securities may be assigned a credit rating from rating agencies such as S&amp;P Global Ratings or Moody's Investor Services or may be unrated. A credit rating is only an opinion of creditworthiness that is subject to change. Credit risk is generally considered to be lower with investment grade credit quality fixed income securities and moves increasingly higher, the further down the credit quality spectrum.</p> <p>Deterioration in the creditworthiness of an issuer is likely to lead to volatility in the fixed income security secondary market price. A downgrade in credit rating may impact the spread causing the value of a fixed income security to fall.</p> <p>Core to Ares' investment process is real-time monitoring of portfolio metrics, market technicals, and credit developments to effect rebalancing trade activity and sell discipline. They partner with their quantitative risk and research team to calculate investment analytics and portfolio metrics, and to run stress tests and scenario analyses, utilising their multi-asset risk management system.</p> <p>The Fund has a minimum exposure of 50% to investment grade securities.</p>
<b>Currency risk</b>	<p>Some investments held by the Fund may be denominated in a currency different to Australian Dollars. The value of these investments may fluctuate in Australian dollar terms because of fluctuations in currency exchange rates.</p> <p>As an example, a rise in the Australian dollar relative to other currencies may negatively impact investment value or returns. Conversely, a decline in the Australian dollar relative to other currencies may positively impact investment returns.</p> <p>Ares adopts currency hedging strategies in an aim to reduce, or remove completely, the impact of these currency movements on the value of the investment. However, it should be noted that such hedging strategies could also reduce the potential for increased gains where the value of that currency increases relative to the Australian dollar. Please refer to 'Currency strategy' under 'How we invest your money' for information on Ares' currency management strategy.</p>
<b>Derivative risk</b>	<p>The value of a derivative is linked to the value of an underlying asset and can be volatile. While the use of derivatives offers the opportunity for higher gains, it can also magnify losses to the Fund. Risks associated with using derivatives might include the value of the derivative failing to move in line with that of the underlying asset, potential illiquidity of the derivative, the Fund not being able to meet payment obligations as they arise or the risk that the other party with whom the derivative contract is held will fail to perform its contractual obligations. Refer to 'Counterparty risk' and 'Collateral risk'.</p> <p>Ares does not intend to gear the Fund through the use of derivatives. Ares aims to keep derivative risk to a minimum by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• constantly monitoring the Fund's use of derivatives;</li> <li>• aiming to ensure that the Fund keeps sufficient liquid assets to meet all obligations, costs, liabilities and potential losses associated with derivatives; and</li> <li>• entering into derivative contracts with reputable counterparties.</li> </ul> <p>Refer to 'How the Fund uses derivatives' for further information on how derivatives are used.</p>

<b>Fixed income security risk</b>	<p>A fund investing in fixed income securities may experience a decline in income where market interest rates are falling and securities are reinvested at a lower yield. The impact of interest rate risk will largely depend on the term to maturity of the security. Refer to 'Interest rate risk' for further information.</p> <p>There are a number of additional risks which can result in significant variability in investment returns and a loss of income or capital value, including market risk and credit risk. The level of credit risk will generally depend on the creditworthiness of the security issuer. Refer to 'Credit risk' for further information.</p> <p>Investors are also exposed to risks associated with the terms and conditions of the individual financial security.</p>
<b>Fund risk</b>	<p>Fund risk refers to specific risks associated with the Fund, such as termination, changes to fees, or changes in government policies (including taxation, investment sanctions, regulations and laws) that may affect the Fund or investors in the Fund. We may close the Fund to further investments if, for example, we consider it appropriate given the investment objective and investment strategy of the Fund. We may also terminate the Fund by notice to unitholders.</p> <p>Your investment in the Fund is governed by the terms of the Constitution and the PDS of the Fund (each as amended from time to time), the Corporations Act (where applicable), and other laws. The value or tax treatment of an investment in the Fund or its underlying assets, or the effectiveness of the Fund's trading or investment strategy may also be adversely affected by changes in government policies (including taxation), regulations and laws, or changes in generally accepted accounting policies or valuation methods. Such changes could also make some investors consider the Fund to be a less attractive investment option than other investments, prompting greater than usual levels of withdrawals, which could have adverse effects on the Fund.</p> <p>There is also a risk that investing in the Fund may give different results from holding the underlying assets of the Fund directly because of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• income or capital gains accrued in the Fund at the time of investing; and</li> <li>• the consequences of investment and withdrawal decisions made by other investors in the Fund; for example, a large level of withdrawals from the Fund may lead to the need to sell underlying assets which would potentially realise income and/or capital gains.</li> </ul> <p>We aim to manage these risks by monitoring the Fund and by acting in investors' best interests. In the event of winding up the Fund, we will realise all the Fund's assets, which will generally result in the crystallisation of tax positions (both income and capital) at that time.</p>
<b>High yield bond risk</b>	<p>High yield bonds rated sub-investment grade, or bonds which are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality with sub-investment grade bonds, may be more volatile than higher-rated bonds of similar maturity. High yield bonds may be subject to greater levels of credit default. High yield bonds may be less liquid and more difficult to sell at an advantageous time or price or to value than higher-rated bonds.</p>
<b>Interest rate risk</b>	<p>The market price of fixed income securities (such as bonds) can be affected by movements in interest rates. For example, when interest rates rise, the capital value of the bond tends to fall and vice versa. Generally, the longer the maturity (or duration) of the bond, the greater the impact that a given change in interest rates will have on the value of that bond.</p>

**Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will not have adequate cash resources to meet its short-term financial commitments as they fall due (including meeting the Fund's objective and investors' expectations for payment of redemptions).

Liquidity risk may also occur due to the absence of an established market or a shortage of buyers for an investment which can result in a loss if the holder of the investment needs to sell it within a particular timeframe.

Liquidity risk can also occur due to pandemics and other widespread public health emergencies such as the outbreak of COVID-19 which may cause volatility and declines in markets for financial assets (refer to 'Market risk' below) which in turn may impact the liquidity of the Fund.

Certain investments may be typically less liquid than other investments or pose a higher risk of becoming illiquid during times of market stress. The less liquid the investment, the more difficult it may be to sell the investment when it is desirable to do so or to realise what the investment manager perceives to be fair value in the event of a sale.

If an investor or a group of investors in a fund with exposure to less liquid assets seek to make large withdrawals, then selling assets to meet those withdrawals may result in a detrimental impact on the price we receive for those assets. In certain circumstances, we may suspend or otherwise restrict withdrawals (refer to 'Withdrawal risk') to allow sufficient time for a more orderly liquidation of assets to meet the withdrawals.

**Market risk**

The Fund may experience investment losses due to factors that result in market volatility and disruption and affect the overall performance of the financial markets. These events may include changes in spreads, macro-economic, regulatory, social and political conditions, weather events, terrorism, changes in technology, the environment and market sentiment and pandemics and other widespread public health emergencies including outbreaks of infectious diseases such as COVID-19.

Often assets from less developed regions or markets display higher levels of volatility of investment return than assets in mature markets.

**Operational risk**

The day to day operations of the Fund may be adversely affected by circumstances beyond our reasonable control, such as a failure of technology or infrastructure, pandemics and other widespread public health emergencies including outbreaks of infectious diseases such as COVID-19 or natural disasters. A breakdown of administrative procedures and risk control measures implemented by us or by any of our service providers, including with respect to cyber-security, may also adversely affect the operation and performance of the Fund .

**Service provider risk**

The Fund may be reliant on external service providers in connection with their operation, such as the fund administrator, custodian, registry provider and any sub-advisory managers appointed in respect of the Fund. There is a risk with these arrangements that the service providers may default in the performance of their obligations or seek to terminate the services with the result that the Fund may be required to seek an alternative supplier and, in the interim, investment activities and other functions of the Fund may be affected.

In addition to the general service provider risk above, there are also certain risks associated with Ares as sub-adviser of the Fund.

Ares, its respective partners, controlling persons, employees, agents, representatives and advisors are not in any way prohibited from spending substantial business time in connection with other businesses and activities (and receiving compensation in connection therewith), including without limitation managing investments other than the Fund. There is a risk that any advice or other actions taken for other funds may have a material impact (positive or negative) on the holdings of the Fund. The investment policies, fee arrangements and other circumstances relevant to the Fund may also be similar to or vary significantly from such arrangements for other clients of AWMS or Ares.

AWMS and Ares have policies designed to manage conflicts of interest, and must adhere to these policies when performing the investment management function of the Fund.

**Withdrawal risk**

If a situation occurs where the assets that the Fund invests in are no longer able to be readily bought and sold, or market events reduce the liquidity of a security or asset class, there is a risk that the generally intended timeframe of 5 business days for meeting withdrawal requests may not be able to be met. This is because it may take longer to sell these types of investments at an acceptable price. In this case, withdrawals from the Fund may take significantly longer than the generally applicable timeframe and may need to be suspended (see 'Suspending withdrawals' for more information).

The maximum timeframe in which we, as Responsible Entity, have to meet a withdrawal request is set out in the Constitution. Where the Fund is not liquid (as defined in the Corporations Act), you may only withdraw when we make an offer to withdraw to all investors, as required by the Corporations Act. Please refer to 'Additional information about withdrawing' for further information about an investor's ability to withdraw when the Fund is liquid, including the timeframes, and an investor's ability to withdraw if the Fund is not liquid.

# Fees and other costs

## 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 fees. Ask the fund or your financial adviser.

## TO FIND OUT MORE

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)** Moneysmart website ([www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au)) has a managed funds fee calculator to help you check out different fee options.

This section shows fees and other costs that you may be charged. These fees and costs may be deducted from your money, from the returns on your investment or from the assets of the managed investment scheme as a whole. Taxes are set out in another part of this document. You should read all the information about fees and costs because it is important to understand their impact on your investment.

### Fees and costs summary

Ares Global Credit Income Fund		
Type of fee or cost	Amount <sup>7</sup>	How and when paid
<b>Ongoing annual fees and costs</b>		
<p><i>Management fees and costs</i><sup>1,2,3,4</sup></p> <p>The fees and costs for managing your investment</p>	<p>The management fees and costs of the Fund are 0.75% p.a. of the net asset value of the Fund</p>	<p>The amount quoted is made up of the following three components:</p> <p>Management fees, which are calculated and accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears from the Fund's assets on or around the last business day of the month.</p> <p>Indirect costs (if any), which are deducted from the Fund's assets, accrued daily in the net asset value, and then paid as and when due.</p> <p>Recoverable expenses, which may be abnormal operating expenses (if any) that, if charged, will be deducted from the Fund's assets, and paid as incurred; and/or normal operating expenses and investment expenses, which are paid out of the management fee.</p>
<p><i>Performance fees</i><sup>5</sup></p> <p>Amounts deducted from your investment in relation to the performance of the product</p>	<p>Nil</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p><i>Transaction Costs</i><sup>6</sup></p> <p>The costs incurred by the scheme when buying or selling assets</p>	<p>The net transaction costs incurred by the Fund for the last financial year were approximately 0.00% p.a. of the net asset value of the Fund</p>	<p>Transaction costs are deducted from the assets of the Fund as and when they are incurred (where not otherwise recovered through the buy/sell spread).</p>

<b>Member activity related fees and costs (fees for services or when your money moves in or out of the scheme)</b>		
<i>Establishment fee</i> The fee to open your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Contribution fee</i> The fee on each amount contributed to your investment	Nil	Not applicable
<i>Buy-sell spread</i> An amount deducted from your investment representing costs incurred in transactions by the scheme	Estimated to be +0.30%/-0.30% of the investment or withdrawal amount	Charged at time of transaction and paid into the Fund when you invest in or withdraw from the Fund. The buy/sell spread is reflected in the unit price and is not separately charged to the investor.
<i>Withdrawal fee</i> The fee on each amount you take out of your investment	Nil	Not applicable
<i>Exit fee</i> The fee to close your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Switching fee</i> The fee for changing your investment options	Nil	Not applicable

- 1 Unless otherwise stated, all fees and costs are quoted gross of income tax and any Goods and Services Tax (GST) and reduced by any input tax credits (ITCs) or reduced input tax credits (RITCs) as applicable. Where available, the prescribed RITC rate is currently 55% or 75%, depending on the nature of the fee or cost incurred. Due to the impact of GST, ITC and RITC calculations, actual fees may vary slightly from those stated and may be rounded to two decimal places.
- 2 For certain wholesale clients (as defined in the Corporations Act) we may, at our discretion, negotiate, rebate or waive all or part of our fees. Please refer to 'Can fees be different for different investors?' in 'Fees and other costs'.
- 3 All estimates of fees and costs in this section are based on information available as at the date of this PDS and reflect the Responsible Entity's reasonable estimates of the typical fees for the current financial year. The costs component of management fees and costs reflect the actual amount incurred for the last financial year and the Responsible Entity's reasonable estimates where information was not available as at the date of this PDS (adjusted to reflect a 12-month period where applicable). All figures have been rounded to two decimal places. Please refer to 'Management fees and costs' under the heading 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' for more information on management fees and costs.
- 4 Please refer to 'Other payments' under the heading 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' for more information on costs that may be payable.
- 5 While a performance fee is chargeable under the Constitution, we have elected not to charge it and we have not charged it over the previous 5 financial year(s). Please refer to 'Performance fee' under the heading 'Additional explanation of fees and costs' for further information on performance fees.
- 6 Transaction costs are the costs associated with the buying and selling of the Fund's assets. These costs include brokerage, settlement costs, clearing costs, stamp duty and other government taxes or charges and include the transactional and operational costs incurred by the underlying assets. Transaction costs are recovered from the assets of the Fund as and when they are incurred. The amount quoted reflects the transaction costs not recovered by the buy/sell spread for the last financial year (adjusted to reflect a 12 month period where applicable), including our reasonable estimates where information about actual costs was unavailable at the date of this PDS.
- 7 'Nil' means there is an entitlement under the Constitution but we have elected not to charge it. 'Not applicable' means there is no entitlement for us to charge this fee.

## Example of annual fees and costs for the Fund

This table gives an example of how the ongoing annual fees and costs in the Fund can affect your investment over a 1-year period. You should use this table to compare this product with products offered by other managed investment schemes.

<b>EXAMPLE - Ares Global Credit Income Fund</b>		<b>BALANCE OF \$50,000 WITH A CONTRIBUTION OF \$5,000 DURING YEAR</b>
Contribution Fees	Nil	For every additional \$5,000 you put in, you will be charged \$0
<b>Plus</b> Management fees and costs	0.75% p.a. of the net asset value of the Fund	<b>And</b> , for every \$50,000 you have in the Fund, you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$375 each year.
<b>PLUS</b> Performance fees	Nil	<b>And</b> , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment in performance fees each year.
<b>PLUS</b> Transaction costs	0.00% p.a. of the net asset value of the Fund	<b>And</b> , you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$0 in transaction costs.
<b>EQUALS</b> Cost of the 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 of and costs of: \$375  <b>What it costs you will depend on the investment option you choose and the fees you negotiate.</b>

**!** This example assumes that the \$5,000 contribution is made at the end of the year and the value of the investment is otherwise consistent, therefore the management fees and costs associated above are calculated using the \$50,000 balance only. Please note that this is just an example. In practice, actual investment balances will vary daily and the actual fees and expenses we charge are based on the value of the Fund, which also fluctuates daily. Additional fees may apply. Please note that this example does not capture all the fees and costs that may apply to you such as the buy/sell spread. For a detailed explanation about all of the fees and costs that apply see the fees and costs summary above.

## Additional explanation of fees and costs

### Management fees and costs

The costs component of management fees and costs in the 'Fees and costs summary' reflects the actual amount incurred for last financial year and the Responsible Entity's reasonable estimates where information was not available as at the date of this PDS (adjusted to reflect a 12 month period). All figures have been rounded to two decimal places.

You should refer to the Fund's website at [www.fidante.com](http://www.fidante.com) from time to time for any updates which are not materially adverse to investors.

The total management fees and costs for the Fund, outlined in the 'Fees and costs summary' above include the management fee, indirect costs and recoverable expenses. They do not include the performance fees (if payable), the Fund's buy/sell spread or the transaction costs of underlying assets (as set out below).

The Fund's management fees and costs are payable from the Fund's assets (generally those being referable to the relevant class) and are not paid directly from your account. Each of these are explained further below.

For details of the maximum fees permitted under the Constitution, please refer to 'Maximum allowable fees'.

### Management fee

This is the fee charged for managing the investments, overseeing the Fund's operations and providing access to the Fund. The management fee of the Fund is 0.75% p.a. of the net asset value of the Fund. It is calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of the net asset value of the Fund and payable monthly in arrears.

### Indirect costs

Indirect costs are those amounts paid from the assets of the Fund that we know or, where required, reasonably estimate will reduce, whether directly or indirectly, the return of the Fund or the amount or value of the income of, or property attributable to, the Fund or an interposed vehicle in which the Fund invests. Indirect costs do not include the management fee, performance fee, or recoverable expenses as set out in this section. For example, indirect costs include charges of an underlying fund where the Fund invests in assets indirectly, and costs associated with certain over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives which the Fund may be exposed to.

If the Fund invests in assets indirectly, that is by investing in other managed funds, certain indirect costs may be deducted from the assets of the underlying fund in which the Fund invests. Such costs will generally be accrued daily in the underlying fund and paid periodically.

Indirect costs of the Fund are estimated to be 0.00% p.a. of the Fund's net asset value, based on the actual amount incurred for the previous financial year and the

Responsible Entity's reasonable estimate of such costs where information was not available as at the date of this PDS or where the Responsible Entity was unable to determine the exact amount.

### Recoverable expenses

#### *Normal operating expenses*

We currently pay the normal operating expenses of the Fund (e.g. custody fees, audit fees, accounting fees, legal and regulatory fees) from the management fee and will not, without notice, recover these from the Fund's assets.

#### *Abnormal expenses*

We may recover abnormal expenses (such as costs of unitholder meetings, changes to the Constitution and defending or pursuing legal proceedings) from the Fund's assets. Whilst it is not possible to estimate such expenses with certainty, we anticipate that the events that give rise to such expenses will not occur regularly. In circumstances where such events do occur, we may decide not to recover these abnormal expenses from the Fund's assets.

The management fees and costs set out in the 'Fees and costs summary' above include abnormal expenses of 0.00% p.a. of the net asset value of the Fund, which is the amount actually incurred by the Fund for the previous financial year including the Responsible Entity's reasonable estimates where information was unavailable at the date of this PDS. If abnormal expenses are charged, they will be recovered from the Fund's assets when they are incurred. The amount quoted is not an indication or guarantee of the amount that may be charged in the future. At the date of this PDS, there is no intention to hold a unitholder meeting nor are we aware of any legal proceedings the Fund may be a part of that may require us to recover associated abnormal expenses from the Fund.

#### *Investment expenses*

We currently pay the standard investment management costs of the Fund from the management fee.

### Performance fee

While a performance fee is chargeable under the Constitution, the Responsible Entity has elected not to charge a performance fee.

### Transaction costs

Transaction costs are the costs associated with the buying and selling of the Fund's assets. These costs include brokerage, settlement costs, custody and bank charges (where applicable), OTC derivative costs, clearing costs, stamp duty and other government taxes or charges and include underlying security buy/sell spreads and the transaction costs incurred to acquire or sell the underlying assets.

The total gross transaction costs incurred by the Fund for the last financial year were approximately 0.00% p.a. of the net asset value of the Fund, including the Responsible Entity's reasonable estimates where information was unavailable at the date of this PDS. The transaction costs shown in the 'Fees and costs summary' are net of any amount recovered by the buy/sell spread. The net transaction costs of the Fund (representing the total gross transaction costs minus the total amount recovered through the buy/sell spread of (+0.30%/-0.30%) incurred for the last financial year were 0.00% p.a. of the net asset value of the Fund, including the Responsible Entity's reasonable estimates where information was unavailable at the date of this PDS.

Transaction costs are not included in the management fees and costs. Instead they are paid from the assets of the Fund as and when they are incurred and therefore (where not otherwise recovered through the buy/sell spread) are an additional cost to you.

### **Total fees and costs**

Based on the estimated costs outlined in this section, the estimated total of the amounts for management fees and costs, performance fees and net transaction costs is estimated as 0.75% p.a. of the net asset value of the Fund. The dollar figure of these estimated total management fees and costs, performance fees and net transaction costs based on an investment balance of \$50,000 is \$375.

### **Buy/sell spreads**

The buy/sell spread is a type of transaction cost that the Responsible Entity may charge to investors to recover some or all of the transaction costs of the Fund. The purpose of the buy/sell spread is to ensure that only those investors transacting in the Fund's units at a particular time bear the Fund's costs of buying and selling the Fund's assets as a consequence of their transaction.

The buy/sell spread for the Fund is stated as a percentage of the investment or withdrawal amount and is the difference between the investment unit price and the withdrawal unit price. It reflects an estimate of the transaction costs expected to be incurred in buying and selling the Fund's assets as a result of investments and withdrawals made by investors.

This estimate may take into account factors such as (but not limited to) historical transaction costs and anticipated levels of investments and withdrawals. It is expected that brokerage will make up the vast majority of transaction costs.

The current buy/sell spread of the Fund is +0.30%/-0.30%; however a different buy/sell spread may apply if the estimate changes.

We have discretion to waive or reduce the transactional and operational costs on investments or withdrawals where no or reduced costs are incurred. We will provide notification to unitholders of any changes to buy/sell spread transaction costs on the Fidante website.

Any difference between total gross transaction costs and the amounts recovered from the buy/sell spread from transacting investors is an additional cost that is borne by all investors of the Fund.

Please note that while the buy/sell spread is an additional cost to you, it is not a fee paid to us or AWMS. It is paid to the Fund and is reflected in the Fund's unit price.

### **Buy/sell spread example**

- The current buy spread on an investment in the Fund is +0.30%. Therefore, the cost of an investment of \$50,000 into the Fund would be \$150.
- The current sell spread on a withdrawal from the Fund is -0.30%. Therefore, the cost on a withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Fund would be \$150.

Please note that this is just an example. In practice, actual transaction costs will depend on the amount you invest or withdraw.

### **Investing in related entity funds**

The Fund may gain investment exposure through other unlisted funds operated by related entities. Where the Fund invests in an unlisted fund operated by us we ensure that there is no duplication of fees. Instead, adjustments are made so that our management fee will be no greater than the Fund's management fee.

### **Can fees be different for different investors?**

Yes; we may negotiate, rebate, or waive fees for wholesale clients (as defined in the Corporations Act), where permitted by law. We do not negotiate fees with retail investors.

### **Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs are the costs associated with borrowing money or securities. The Fund may enter into borrowing facilities and, if so, the costs of a borrowing facility would be deducted from the Fund and not paid for by us from the fees we receive. Borrowing costs are not part of transaction costs, and are not shown in the 'Fees and costs summary'.

### **Government charges and GST**

Government taxes such as stamp duty and Goods and Services Tax (**GST**) may apply to the Fund or your investment. Unless otherwise stated, all fees and costs are quoted inclusive of any GST and net of any input tax credits (**ITCs**) or reduced input tax credits (**RITCs**) that are expected to be available to the Fund.

Where RITCs are available, the prescribed rate is currently 55% or 75%, depending on the nature of the fee or cost incurred. Please refer to 'How managed investment schemes are taxed' for additional information on GST.

### Other Payments

We may pay fees from our resources to some platform operators because they make the Fund available through their investment service. These fees may be rebated to the Indirect Investor investing in the Fund through the service or in some circumstances may be retained by the operator and include:

- for each platform operator, product access payments of up to \$20,000 p.a.; and/or
- where permitted by law, fund manager payments of up to 0.55% p.a. of the amount invested in the Fund.

These payments are made from our own resources so that they are not an additional cost to the Fund or its unitholders.

### Maximum allowable fees

The Constitution allows certain maximum fees (see table below), and allows for expenses of the Fund (whether normal or abnormal expenses), such as registry, audit, taxation, advice, investment management and offer document costs to be paid directly from the Fund.

Fee	Maximum amount
<b>Contribution fee</b> (currently not charged)	5.00% of the contribution amount
<b>Management fee</b> (currently charged at 0.75% p.a.)	3.00% p.a. of the net asset value of the Fund
<b>Withdrawal fee</b> (currently not charged)	5.00% of the withdrawal amount
<b>Performance fee</b> (currently not charged)	20% of the difference between the Fund's daily return (after fees and expenses and after adding back any distributions paid) and the performance benchmark (being the daily return of the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index).
<b>Switching fee</b> (currently not charged)	Contribution fee plus \$50 (CPI adjusted each year)

The Constitution does not place any limit on the amount of the expenses that can be paid from the Fund.

### Can fees change?

All fees can change without investor consent. Reasons for this might include changing economic conditions and changes in regulation. We will give unitholders 30 days' written notice of any proposed increase in fees. We cannot charge more than the Constitution allows. If we wish to raise fees above the amount allowed for in the Constitution, we would first need to obtain the

approval of unitholders. We also reserve the right to waive or reduce any of the fees and costs described in this PDS without prior notice.

### Indirect (or alternative form) remuneration

We may provide benefits to other financial services intermediaries where the law permits. If we do, we will provide these benefits from our own resources so that they are not an additional cost to the Fund or its unitholders.

We maintain a register (in compliance with the relevant regulatory requirements) summarising alternative forms of remuneration that are paid or provided to Australian financial services licensees and/or their representatives. Registers are publicly available and if you would like to review our register, please contact us.

### Tax

Information about tax is set out in the 'How managed investment schemes are taxed' section.

# Making, withdrawing, and monitoring your investment

Each person should obtain and consider the Fund's PDS and TMD before making a decision about whether to acquire or continue to hold units in the Fund. A copy of the Fund's PDS and TMD can be obtained from your financial adviser, by calling the Fidante Investor Services Team on 1300 721 637, or at [www.fidante.com](http://www.fidante.com). The information in the table below applies to Direct Investors only. If you are an Indirect Investor, you will need to comply with any requirements set by your platform operator. Please refer to 'Indirect Investors' for further information.

Please note that when making an investment, (whether initial or additional investments) the funds must come from an account held in your name. Similarly, withdrawals/distributions from your investment must also be paid to an account held in your name. Please note that 3rd party payments are not accepted.

	Minimum amounts <sup>1</sup>	How to lodge your request	More information
<b>Initial investment</b>	\$10,000	<p>You can invest in the Fund directly by following these two easy steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Read and understand this PDS and TMD both available on our website or in hard copy on request; and</li> <li>2 Complete and submit the online application form on our website by clicking "Invest Online". Please note paper application forms are available on our website or in hard copy on request.</li> </ol> <p>Investments can be made from an account held in your name via direct debit, BPAY or electronic funds transfer. All direct debits and BPAY payments are subject to the Direct Debit Service Agreement and BPAY Service Agreement available on the Fidante website.</p>	'Additional information about making an investment' and 'Customer Identification Program'
<b>Additional one-off investments</b>	No minimum	<p>Once you have made your initial investment in the Fund, you can make additional one-off investments and/or regular monthly investments via the Regular Investment Plan.</p> <p>You can make additional investments in the Fund by following these two easy steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Ensure you have read and understood the most recent copy of the Fund's PDS and TMD both available on our website or in hard copy on request; and</li> <li>2 Complete and submit the online application form on our website by clicking "Invest Online". Please note paper application forms are available on our website or in hard copy on request.</li> </ol> <p>Investments can be made from an account held in your name via direct debit, BPAY or electronic funds transfer. All direct debits and BPAY payments are subject to the Direct Debit Service Agreement and BPAY Service Agreement available on the Fidante website.</p>	'Additional information about making an investment'
<b>Regular Investment Plan</b>	No minimum per month	<p>The Regular Investment Plan (RIP) enables you to invest in the Fund each month via direct debit from a nominated account.</p> <p>You can set up an RIP at the time of making your application.</p>	'Regular Investment Plan'
<b>Withdrawals</b>	No minimum	<p>Direct Investors can request a withdrawal by lodging a Fidante Withdrawal Request Form or in writing. A withdrawal request, either in whole or in part, once received by us may not be withdrawn without our agreement. Withdrawals can only be made to a bank account held in your name.</p>	'Additional information about withdrawing'
<b>Transferring ownership</b>	No minimum	<p>Subject to conditions as required by law or that we, from time to time, prescribe.</p>	'Transferring ownership'

1. We may accept lower minimum transaction amounts at our discretion.

## Additional information about making an investment

### Initial Investments

When you make your initial investment in the Fund, we will email you a confirmation letter and log-in details to the secure online portal InvestorServe where you can manage your investment. Please refer to 'Keeping you informed' for more information.

Each person should obtain and consider the Fund's PDS and TMD before making a decision about whether to invest or continue to hold the Fund. A copy of the Fund's PDS and TMD can be obtained from your financial adviser, by calling the Fidante Investor Services Team on 1300 721 637, or at [www.fidante.com](http://www.fidante.com).

### Direct Investors

Details of how to make your initial investment are outlined in the 'Making, withdrawing, and monitoring your investment' table. Once you have made your initial investment in the Fund, you can make additional one-off investments and/or regular monthly investments via the Regular Investment Plan.

### Indirect Investors

If you are an Indirect Investor you must complete the documentation which the platform operator requires. Please contact the relevant platform operator directly with any enquiries.

### Additional one-off investments

Once you have made your initial investment in the Fund, you can make additional one-off investments and/or regular monthly investments via the Regular Investment Plan.

Each person should obtain and consider the Fund's PDS and TMD before making a decision about whether to make additional investments in the Fund. A copy of the Fund's PDS and TMD can be obtained from your financial adviser, by calling the Fidante Investor Services Team on 1300 721 637, or at [www.fidante.com](http://www.fidante.com).

### Direct Investors

Details of how to make your additional investment are outlined in the 'Making, withdrawing, and monitoring your investment' table.

### Indirect Investors

If you are an Indirect Investor you must complete the documentation which the platform operator requires. Please contact the relevant platform operator directly with any enquiries.

### Regular Investment Plan

The Regular Investment Plan (**RIP**) enables you to invest in the Fund each month via direct debit from a nominated account held in your name.

### Direct Investors

You can set up an RIP via our online application process.

Your nominated account will be debited on or around the next business day after the 14th day of each month for the specified amount. Your application to commence an RIP must be received at least three business days before the 14th day of the month in which you wish your instructions to take effect. Participation in the RIP will be renewed annually by continuing to make contributions.

Units will be issued on the basis of information contained in the PDS and this document current at the time the contributions are made. Should a replacement PDS or additional important information be issued, we will notify you and inform you of any changes or updates if you continue to participate in the RIP. You can amend, suspend, or cancel your RIP at any time.

You should ensure that we receive your instructions to amend, suspend or cancel your RIP at least three business days before the 14th day of the month in which you wish your instructions to take effect. Any request received after this may result in the change not being effective until the following month.

If two consecutive debits are dishonoured due to insufficient funds, we will suspend your RIP.

Please ensure you have considered the Fund's PDS and TMD before making a decision about whether to set up an RIP. A copy of the Fund's PDS and TMD can be obtained from your financial adviser, the Fidante Investor Services Team on 1300 721 637, or at [www.fidante.com](http://www.fidante.com).

### Indirect Investors

RIP is not available to Indirect Investors.

### Incomplete or rejected application forms

Under the Constitution, we can accept or reject any application for units and are not required to give any reason or grounds for such a refusal.

Monies from incomplete applications will generally be held on trust for a maximum period of 30 days in a non-interest bearing account commencing on the day we receive the monies. After this period, your funds will be returned to the source of payment.

Once we receive your completed application form, the monies held will be divided by the next determined unit price to calculate the number of units that will be allocated to you.

### Customer Identification Program

#### Direct Investors

As part of the application process, we will electronically verify your identity (including, where applicable, the identity of any beneficial owners or related persons). If electronic verification can't be undertaken, we may ask you for additional identity verification documents and/or information.

In certain circumstances we may require the identity verification documentation to be certified.

Where the Application Form is signed under Power of Attorney we will also require a certified copy of the Power of Attorney document and a specimen signature of the attorney.

We may, where required, pass any information we collect and hold about you or your investment to the relevant government authority.

If any documentation requested by us is not in English, it must be accompanied by an original copy of an English translation prepared by an accredited translator.

If we do not receive all required valid customer identity verification information and/or documents, we will not be able to commence your investment. We will contact you as soon as possible if we require more information. We may also seek to re-verify your identity or collect additional information at any time after your investment has commenced.

### **Indirect Investors**

Indirect Investors should refer to their platform operator for details of their customer identification program.

## **Additional information about withdrawing**

### **How to make a withdrawal**

#### **Direct Investors**

Direct Investors can request a withdrawal by lodging a Fidante Withdrawal Request Form or in writing. A withdrawal request, either in whole or in part, once received by us may not be withdrawn without our agreement. Withdrawals can only be made to an Australian bank account held in your name.

We will require the following information when you make your withdrawal request:

- your account number;
- the full name(s) in which your investment account is held;
- the amount (dollars or units) you wish to withdraw;
- method of payment; and
- a daytime telephone number.

If you originally invested via direct debit and you make a withdrawal within the first three months of making your investment, we will only pay the withdrawal proceeds to the account that was debited when making your initial investment.

#### **Indirect Investors**

You must complete the withdrawal documentation required by the platform operator.

## **Processing your withdrawal**

While withdrawals are normally processed and paid within five business days of receiving your valid withdrawal request, we may take significantly longer than this in certain circumstances (please refer to 'Delay of withdrawal payments').

For Direct Investors, we can make withdrawal payments by direct credit to your nominated account. You agree that if the type of payment you request results in bank fees being charged, we may deduct those fees from your withdrawal proceeds before remitting the net amount to you.

Generally, if the payment for your withdrawal is returned to us and remains outstanding for 1 month, we may reinvest the proceeds in the Fund. Any reinvestment of a withdrawal amount will be processed using the investment unit price current at the time of the reinvestment transaction. For more information on unit prices, refer to 'How unit prices are calculated' below.

We may determine that some or all of the withdrawal amount consists of income (which may include net capital gains), rather than capital of the Fund.

We will advise you when this is the case as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year in which the withdrawal occurred.

We have the discretion to transfer assets referable to the Fund to you (instead of cash) in payment (partly or fully) of the proceeds of your withdrawal request less any costs for the transfer.

We have the right to compulsorily redeem units in issue, if we give at least 30 days prior written notice to affected investors.

## **Delay of withdrawal payments**

Withdrawals are normally processed and paid within five business days of receiving a valid withdrawal request; however, we do not guarantee this timeframe and we may take significantly longer to pay withdrawals in certain circumstances.

Withdrawals may be delayed in the following circumstances:

- under the Constitution, we have 21 days to satisfy a valid withdrawal request;
- under the Constitution, we can suspend withdrawals for up to 60 days (refer to 'Suspending withdrawals' below);
- we can also spread withdrawal payments, generally over four months (refer to 'Spreading withdrawals' below); or
- if the Fund becomes illiquid, we are not required to pay withdrawals unless we offer to do so in

accordance with the Corporations Act (refer to 'If the Fund becomes illiquid' below).

Where multiple delays are applicable, timeframes may apply cumulatively.

Additionally, if we did not receive all required identity verification documents at the time of investment or your withdrawal request is incomplete, we may not process your withdrawal request until these documents are received or further requirements are met.

### **Suspending withdrawals**

We may suspend withdrawal requests for up to 60 days where:

- it is impracticable for us or we are unable to calculate the Fund's net asset value (and hence unit prices) for example because of:
  - an inability to value the assets of the Fund due to (without limitation) closure of, or trading restrictions or suspensions on, stock, commodities, futures or securities exchanges, or over-the-counter market on which any significant portion of the assets of the Fund are listed, quoted, traded or dealt, or due to an emergency, natural disasters, acts of terrorism, insurrection, civil disorder, war, military operations or other state of affairs, or on declaration of a moratorium in a country where the Fund invests (or the Fund has exposure through any assets of the Fund (including any derivative) in which the Fund invests) or under the Corporations Act;
- we reasonably estimate that we must sell 5% or more (by value) of all the Fund's assets to meet withdrawals;
- there have been, or we anticipate there will be, withdrawal requests that will require us to realise a significant amount of the Fund's assets that would be disadvantageous to remaining investors (such as placing capital gains tax burden on remaining investors or resulting in a material diminution in the value of the assets of the Fund);
- we reasonably consider it to be in the interests of investors to do so; or
- the law otherwise permits.

Any withdrawal requests received during a period of suspension, or for which a unit price has not been calculated or confirmed prior to the commencement of a period of suspension, will be deemed to have been received immediately after the end of the suspension period.

### **Spreading withdrawals**

Under the Constitution, we may, if we consider it to be fair to all unitholders, spread the redemption of some or all of the relevant units across more than one redemption date. Generally, we may spread a withdrawal request where:

- we receive a withdrawal request for the value of 5% or more of the number of units on issue;

- we receive, on any day, withdrawal requests that in total represent 10% or more of the number of units on issue;
- there have been, or we anticipate that there will be, withdrawal requests for 10% or more of the total units on issue in the Fund and we consider that if those requests are met rapidly this may either place a disproportionate expense or capital gains tax burden on remaining investors or meeting the requests would impact negatively on the price we could achieve in selling Fund assets or otherwise disadvantage remaining investors.

When we spread withdrawals, we may determine that a withdrawal request is four separate requests, each for a quarter (or as close to a quarter as we determine) of the total number of units in the original withdrawal request.

Each of the four (deemed) withdrawal requests will be deemed to be received by us on the same business day of the month (or next business day, if not a business day or if that day does not occur in that month) in each of the four succeeding months following the original withdrawal request.

### **If the Fund becomes illiquid**

If the Fund is not liquid (as defined in the Corporations Act), unitholders will only be able to withdraw from the Fund if we make an offer of withdrawal to unitholders. If we do make such an offer, unitholders may only be able to withdraw part of their investment. There is no obligation for us to make withdrawal offers.

Under the Corporations Act, the Fund is regarded as liquid if liquid assets account for at least 80% of the value of the assets of the Fund. Liquid assets generally include money in an account or on deposit with a bank, bank-accepted bills, marketable securities and property of the kind prescribed under the Corporations Act.

As at the date of this PDS, the Responsible Entity expects that the Fund will be liquid.

## **Additional information about transactions**

### **Transferring ownership**

#### **Direct Investors**

You can generally transfer some or all of your investment to another person in such a manner and subject to such conditions as required by law and that we, from time to time, prescribe. We are not obliged to register a transfer that does not meet these criteria, or where there is an amount payable to us by the transferee or the transferor (as applicable) in respect of the units being transferred. We recommend that you obtain your own professional advice regarding your position before transferring some or all of your investment, as tax and social security laws are complex and subject to change, and investors' individual circumstances vary.

Please contact us for further information about transferring units.

### **Indirect Investors**

Contact the platform operator if you wish to transfer your units.

## **Transaction cut-off times**

### **Direct Investors**

Generally, if your valid investment or withdrawal request is received in our Sydney office before 3:00pm Sydney time on a New South Wales business day (referred to as the transaction cut-off time), it will usually be processed using the unit price determined as at the close of business on that day. If your valid investment or withdrawal request is received after the transaction cut-off time, or on a non-business day, it will usually be processed using the applicable unit price calculated as at the close of business on the next business day.

### **Indirect Investors**

You should contact your platform operator for information regarding transaction cut-off times.

## **Online transacting terms and conditions**

### **Direct Investors**

You should understand that a person without your authority could login to your account via InvestorServe and, by pretending to be you, make changes to your account.

We take care when acting on instructions. In doing so, we have in place internal policies and procedures designed to reduce the risk that fraud may be committed in relation to your account. We currently only allow withdrawals to be made via the Fidante Withdrawal Request Form or in writing.

In using the online transacting facility, you agree that we are not responsible to you for any fraudulently completed communications and that we will not compensate you for any losses if we have complied with internal policies and procedures, and we have not been negligent, fraudulent or dishonest.

We will only act on completed communications that we receive.

If the details of the bank account quoted at the time of making a withdrawal do not match the nominated bank account we have on file, the withdrawal will not proceed. You can change your bank account details online via InvestorServe or in writing. If you lodge a withdrawal request within 90 days of changing your bank account on file, we will follow up with a call before processing the request.

We may cancel or vary these requirements by giving you notice in writing.

### **Indirect Investors**

You should contact the platform operator for information regarding how to transact.

## **Changes to permitted transactions**

We can vary the minimum investment amounts for the Fund at any time and can also change the application or withdrawal transaction cut-off time. Under the Constitution, we can refuse applications for any reason. Where we consider it to be in the interests of unitholders (such as an inability to value the Fund), we may suspend application or withdrawal requests. Any application or withdrawal requests received during the period of suspension, or for which a unit price has not been calculated or confirmed prior to the commencement of a period of suspension, will be deemed to have been received immediately after the end of the suspension period.

## **Keeping you informed**

You can access your account information through the secure online access system InvestorServe, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. InvestorServe is a secure online service which provides access to up-to-date information about your investments.

Through InvestorServe you can:

- view your account balances and transaction histories;
- view all confirmations and statements relating to the Fund and your investment (this includes distribution and tax statements, transaction confirmations) ;
- view your quarterly periodic statement;
- view and change your contact details and distribution payment preference;
- select the way you would prefer us to communicate with you; and
- if applicable, set up, modify or cancel your Regular Investment Plan.

At any time, you may request a paper copy of any statement or confirmation by calling the Fidante Investor Services Team on 1300 721 637. We recommend that you check all statements and transaction confirmations carefully. If there are any discrepancies, please contact us or your financial adviser.

### **Indirect Investors**

Please contact the platform operator for information regarding your investment in the Fund.

## **Keeping us informed**

### **Direct Investors**

Our records about you are important.

Please ensure your personal details on your account are up to date. You can update these details via InvestorServe at any time. This includes a new postal address, a change of name or new bank account details. We will send you confirmation of any changes that you request us to make to your personal details.

### Indirect Investors

As an Indirect Investor, you should notify the platform operator of any changes to your personal details.

### What happens if you choose not to disclose certain information?

If you choose not to disclose certain information, the following may apply:

- Account details: we will not be able to pay withdrawal proceeds or income distributions to you.
- Tax residency information: we may not be able to process your request, or we may be required to notify the ATO.
- Incomplete application form: unless otherwise agreed, we will not be able to process your investment request.
- If you do not provide all relevant identity verification documents, we will not be able to process your investment request.

For Australian resident investors, if you choose not to disclose your TFN, TFN exemption or ABN, we may have to deduct tax at the highest marginal tax rate plus Medicare levy (and any other levies we are required to deduct, from time to time) from any amounts attributed or distributed to you (refer to 'Tax File Number' in 'How managed investment schemes are taxed').

### Up-to-date information about the Fund

You can obtain up-to-date Fund performance, actual asset allocations and Fund size information from the Fund's regular report available at [www.fidante.com](http://www.fidante.com).

A paper copy of any updated information will be given to you, without charge, on request by contacting us.

If the Fund is a "disclosing entity" under the Corporations Act, it will be subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations. Copies of documents lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) in relation to the Fund may be obtained from, or inspected at, an ASIC office.

You can obtain copies of the Fund's most recent annual financial report by visiting the Fidante website. A paper copy of the Fund's annual financial reports, any continuous disclosure notices, and any half yearly financial report will also be given to you, without charge, on request.

As Responsible Entity of the Fund, we may be subject to continuous disclosure obligations that require us to make material information available to investors. You can obtain a copy of the Fund's continuous disclosure information by visiting the Fidante website.

## How to exercise cooling-off rights

The repayment of your investment under the cooling-off right is subject to an adjustment for market movements (both positive or negative) during the period in which the investment has been held. We may also deduct a reasonable charge for our administration costs.

### Direct Investors

If you are a Direct Investor and you wish to exercise the cooling off rights, we must receive your written instructions at our office before the expiry of the cooling-off period. This cooling-off right must be exercised within 14 days from the earlier of:

- when you receive confirmation of your investment; or
- the end of the fifth business day after the day on which your units were issued or sold to you.

### Indirect Investors

If you are an indirect investor, you should seek advice from your financial adviser or platform operator about the cooling-off rights (if any) that might apply to your investment in or through the platform.

### Wholesale clients

These cooling-off rights do not apply to wholesale clients (as defined in the Corporations Act). Please note that as an investor in the Fund you will not necessarily be a wholesale client for the purposes of the Corporations Act.

## Additional information about making a complaint

As part of our commitment to providing quality service to our Investors, we endeavour to resolve all complaints quickly and fairly. Our policy is to acknowledge any complaint within 24 hours or as soon as practical after receiving it and investigate, properly consider, and decide what action (if any) to take and to provide a final response to you within 30 calendar days for standard complaints. If you have a particular complaint regarding your investment, please do not hesitate to contact us by calling the Fidante Investor Services Team on 1300 721 637 or by writing or emailing to:

### Complaints and Disputes Resolution Officer

C/- Fidante  
GPO Box 3993  
Sydney NSW 2001

E: [info@fidante.com.au](mailto:info@fidante.com.au)

If you are not satisfied with our response or how the complaint has been handled (or we have not responded within 30 days) you may contact the following external dispute resolution scheme.

**The Australian Financial Complaints Authority  
(AFCA)**

GPO Box 3

Melbourne VIC 3001

Tel: 1800 931 678

[www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)

email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)

AFCA provides fair and independent financial services complaint resolution that is free to consumers.

New Zealand investors must send all complaints in writing to the Financial Markets Authority, New Zealand.

Indirect Investors may either contact the platform operator or us with complaints relating to the Fund. Complaints regarding the operation of the platform should be directed to them. If a complaint is first raised with the platform operator and an Indirect Investor is not happy with how the complaint has been handled, the Indirect Investor will need to raise that with the platform operator or the platform operator's external dispute resolution service.

# How managed investment schemes are taxed

The Australian tax commentary below is of a general nature and is based on our understanding of the Australian tax laws, as at the date of this document, as they relate to Australian resident individual taxpayers who hold their investment on capital account. It does not take into account the Australian or New Zealand tax treatment of New Zealand resident taxpayers. Any information contained therein should be used as a guide only and does not constitute professional taxation advice as individual circumstances may differ. Fidante is not a registered tax (financial) adviser and is not licensed or authorised to provide tax advice. We recommend that you obtain your own professional advice regarding your position, as tax and social security laws are complex and subject to change, and investors' individual circumstances vary.

## Taxation of the Fund

The Attribution Managed Investment Trust (**AMIT**) legislation applies to qualifying Managed Investment Trusts (**MITs**) that make an irrevocable election to become an AMIT. The Responsible Entity has elected for the Fund to be an AMIT.

An AMIT must attribute its taxable income to investors on a fair and reasonable basis, and investors are advised of their share of the taxable income via an AMIT Member Annual Statement (**AMMA Statement**). The Fund will generally not be liable to pay income tax on its taxable income on the basis that it will attribute all determined trust components (i.e. assessable income, exempt income and non-assessable non-exempt income) to members each year. If the Fund were to cease being an AMIT, it should also generally not be liable to pay income tax on the basis that unitholders are presently entitled to the Fund's distributable income.

Other key features of the AMIT regime include: income character retention; deemed fixed trust status; an ability for adjustments and errors at the trust level to be carried forward and dealt with in the year in which they are discovered; adjustments (upwards and downwards) made to investors' cost bases for CGT purposes, and their costs for revenue purposes, where there are differences between the amount distributed and the amount attributed on an AMMA Statement; and clarification of the treatment of tax deferred distributions.

The MIT capital account election regime permits eligible MITs to make an irrevocable election to adopt capital account treatment for certain types of assets (broadly shares, units and real property) for income years to which the election applies. In view of the investment management approach adopted in respect of the assets held in relation to the Fund, we, as Responsible Entity of the Fund, do not intend to make an irrevocable election in respect of the Fund and the assets held by the Fund will be held on revenue account rather than capital

account. Accordingly, it is not expected that the Fund will attribute net realised capital gains to investors. Rather any net realised gains derived by the Fund will be attributed as ordinary income.

Additionally, there is arm's length income legislation that applies to MITs. Under this legislation, excess income generated by a MIT from non-arm's length arrangements may be determined to be subject to tax at 30%. It is not expected that the arm's length income provisions will impact the Fund.

The Taxation of Financial Arrangement (**TOFA**) provisions apply on a mandatory basis to qualifying taxpayers in respect of certain financial arrangements. Broadly, the TOFA provisions recognise certain gains and losses on financial arrangements on an accruals basis, which may result in a taxing point prior to the realisation of the investment. As at the date of this document, we, as Responsible Entity of the Fund, have not made an election to apply one of the elective methods under TOFA.

Tax losses incurred by the Fund will remain in the Fund and can be applied to reduce the Fund's income in future years (subject to the Fund satisfying the specific provisions of the trust loss carry forward legislation).

## Tax position of Australian resident investors

You will generally be required to include in your assessable income your attributed income of the Fund. There may be instances where your attributed share of the taxable income of the Fund exceeds the distribution you receive from the Fund.

Where investors disagree with the allocation of taxable income in an AMMA Statement, they may give a 'member choice' to the Commissioner of Taxation. In the event investors make a member choice, the Constitution provides that the investors will indemnify us for all costs and liabilities incurred as a result of the member choice.

CGT cost base reductions or uplifts may occur where taxable income attributed is either less than or greater than, respectively, the total of both cash distributed and tax offsets attributed for an income year. Where cost base reductions or uplifts occur, this will affect the CGT position of the investment. For those investors who have a zero cost base in their units, or where the total cost base reduction amount exceeds the cost base of their units, a capital gain may arise to these investors for that year. Investors should maintain records of their cost base adjustments. You may also be entitled to tax offsets (franking credits and/or foreign tax offsets) attributed by the Fund. Provided investors satisfy certain provisions of the Tax Act, investors may be able to utilise these offsets against their tax liability on the taxable

components of the distributions. In order to claim the amount of tax offsets, investors must include the amount of the offsets in their assessable income.

We will advise each investor of their share of tax offsets in the AMMA Statement.

The disposal of units (for instance by withdrawal or transfer) may give rise to a capital gains tax liability or a capital loss. Investors who have held their units on capital account for more than 12 months may be entitled to a capital gains tax discount.

### **Non-resident account holder reporting requirements**

As a result of an increased international focus on account holder data exchange, a number of countries have legislated that financial institutions (which includes us) identify and report certain information about the financial accounts of investors. The regimes include the United States Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (**FATCA**) and the OECD's Common Reporting Standard (**CRS**). To comply with our obligations under various reporting legislation we will provide to the ATO such data as required in respect of your investment with us. This will be required if you are a US citizen or a foreign tax resident of any jurisdiction outside of Australia. If we have attempted to confirm your tax status with you but have been unable to do so, we may still be required to notify the ATO.

### **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

GST is not payable on the issue, withdrawal or transfer of units in the Fund, as these are input-taxed financial supplies for GST purposes. However, GST will generally be incurred on various acquisitions made by the Fund, including the acquisition of investment management services. In certain specified circumstances, the Fund may be entitled to input tax credits (**ITCs**), or reduced input tax credits (**RITCs**) at the prescribed percentage of 55% or 75% depending on the acquisition. Any available ITCs or RITCs effectively reduce the non-recoverable GST cost incurred.

### **Tax File Number**

On your application form you may provide us with your Tax File Number (**TFN**), or TFN exemption. Alternatively, if you are investing in the Fund in the course of an enterprise, you may quote an Australian Business Number (**ABN**). It is not compulsory for you to quote a TFN, exemption or ABN, but if you do not, we are required to deduct tax from your attributed or distributed amounts at the highest marginal tax rate plus the Medicare levy (and any other levies we are required to deduct, from time to time). The collection of TFNs is authorised, and their use is strictly regulated, by tax and

privacy laws. Non-residents are generally exempt from providing a TFN, however may be required to provide other information.

# Additional information

## How unit prices are calculated

Unit prices are determined in accordance with the Constitution and are usually calculated each NSW business day. The calculation of both the investment unit price and the withdrawal unit price is based on the net asset value (**NAV**) adjusted by the buy/sell spread. For information on buy/sell spreads, refer to 'Buy/sell spreads' in 'Additional explanation of fees and costs'.

For investment and withdrawal unit prices, the NAV is the value of all the Fund's assets attributed to the Fund less the value of the Fund's liabilities at the valuation time. When calculating the NAV, we must use the most recent valuations of the Fund's assets and the most recent determination of the liabilities. Where more than one class is on issue, the investment and withdrawal prices will be calculated for the relevant class using the NAV that is referable to that particular class.

The Fund's assets and liabilities are usually valued each NSW business day.

Generally, for unit pricing purposes, listed securities are valued using the last available market close price quoted on the relevant exchange. Other assets are generally valued at recoverable value. Any income entitlements, cash at bank, and any amount of Goods and Services Tax (**GST**) recoverable by the Fund from the Australian Taxation Office are also included in asset values used to calculate the investment and withdrawal unit prices.

Generally, for unit pricing purposes, liabilities are valued at cost. Liabilities also include an accrual for management costs (which includes management fees up to and including the calculation date) and for costs (if any) that an investor would ordinarily incur when investing in the Fund's underlying assets.

Where we receive a valid transaction request before the transaction cut-off time of 3:00pm (Sydney time) on a NSW business day, the unit price will generally be determined at the next valuation time after that transaction cut-off time. This is typically referred to as 'forward pricing'.

In rare circumstances, we may suspend unit pricing where, acting in accordance with our Responsible Entity obligations to unitholders, we consider it impracticable to calculate a NAV.

We have a Unit Pricing Permitted Discretions Policy. The policy sets out how we will exercise any discretions in relation to unit pricing (such as, for example, how often we determine unit prices and valuation methodology). If we depart from our policy, we are also required to record details of this departure. You can obtain a copy of this policy or any recorded departures free of charge by calling us.

## Additional information about distributions

If we pay a distribution, as a Direct Investor you may choose to have your distribution reinvested in additional units in the Fund, or paid directly to your nominated account with an Australian financial institution. Unless you have indicated otherwise, we will reinvest your distributions.

As an Indirect Investor you should contact your platform operator for distribution payment or reinvestment options.

The price of units issued on reinvestment of distributions is the investment price for units next determined after the close of business on the last day of the distribution period. There is no buy/sell spread reflected in this investment price. The amount of each distribution may vary. Your share of any distribution depends on how many units you hold at the end of the relevant period as a proportion of the total number of units in the relevant class on issue at that time and the amount of distributable income referable to those units and that class.

As distributable amounts are a component of the unit price, unit prices normally fall by the distribution amount following a distribution.

The amount of income distributed each year will generally be the distributable income received by the Fund, unless we decide to distribute a different amount. Any net capital gains derived by the Fund during the financial year are generally distributed in the June distribution period.

If you invest just prior to a distribution payment, you may receive some of your investment back immediately as income. Conversely, if you withdraw from the Fund just before a distribution, you might turn income into a capital gain or reduce your capital losses.

Generally, if any distribution payments are returned to us and remain outstanding for 1 month, we may reinvest those distributions and amend your future distribution method to reinvest.

Generally, if any distribution payments made by electronic transfer of funds is unsuccessful three times, the money may be reinvested and your future distribution payment method will be updated to re-invest.

Any reinvestment of an unclaimed or returned distribution will be processed using the investment unit price current at the time of the reinvestment transaction.

Under the Constitution, we have the power to make reinvestment of distributions compulsory. At the date of this document, we have no intention of making distribution reinvestment compulsory. We also have the

discretion to transfer assets of the Fund to you (instead of cash) in payment (partly or fully) for a distribution amount.

If you wish to change your distribution payment instructions, please follow the process outlined below.

#### **Direct Investors**

Please log into InvestorServe to update your details.

#### **Indirect Investors**

Please contact your platform operator for the documentation required.

## **How the Fund is governed**

The Constitution, together with the Corporations Act and other laws, governs the way in which the Fund operates, including the rights, responsibilities and duties of the Responsible Entity and unitholders.

### **The Constitution**

The Constitution contains the rules relating to a number of issues including:

- unitholder rights;
- the process by which units are issued and redeemed;
- the calculation and distribution of income;
- the investment powers of the Responsible Entity;
- the Responsible Entity's right to claim indemnity from the Fund and charge fees and expenses to the Fund;
- the creation of other classes of units; and
- the termination of the Fund.

The Constitution allows for different classes of units to be established and all rights, entitlements, obligations, assets, liabilities and calculations of a unit are referable to that class of units.

It is generally thought that unitholders' liabilities are limited to the value of their holding in the Fund. It is not expected that a unitholder would be under any obligation if a deficiency in the value of the Fund was to occur. However, this view has not been fully tested at law.

Unitholders can inspect a copy of the Constitution at our head office or we will provide a copy free of charge, on request.

We may alter the Constitution if we reasonably consider the amendments will not adversely affect unitholders' rights. Otherwise (subject to any exemption under the law), we must obtain unitholder approval at a meeting of unitholders.

We may retire or be required to retire as Responsible Entity if unitholders pass a resolution approving our removal.

### **Termination**

The Constitution, together with the Corporations Act, governs how and when the Fund may be terminated. We may terminate the Fund at any time by written notice to unitholders. On termination, a unitholder is entitled to a share of the net proceeds of our realisation of the assets in proportion to the number of units they hold in the Fund.

### **Unitholder meetings**

The conduct of unitholder meetings and unitholders' rights to requisition, attend and vote at those meetings are subject to the Corporations Act and (to the extent applicable) the Constitution.

### **Compliance plan and compliance committee**

We have lodged the Fund's compliance plan with ASIC and established a compliance committee for the Fund with a majority of external members. The compliance plan sets out how we will ensure compliance with both the Corporations Act and the Constitution.

The compliance committee's role is to monitor compliance with the compliance plan. It must also regularly assess the adequacy of the compliance plan and report any breaches of the Corporations Act or the Constitution to us. If we do not take appropriate action to deal with the breach, the compliance committee must report the breach to ASIC.

The Fund and the compliance plan are required to be audited annually.

### **Other parties**

We have engaged a third party registry provider that is responsible for maintaining the register of unitholders which includes all details of an investor's account and investments. The registry provider is responsible for sending all correspondence related to unitholders investments as well as providing customer service support.

We have also engaged a third party fund administrator that is responsible for back office, fund accounting, and other administrative services, including unit price calculations, distribution calculations and performance reporting.

In addition we have also appointed a third party custodian to hold the assets of the Fund. The custodian has no independent discretion with respect to the holding of assets and is subject to performance standards.

We have also appointed a registered company auditor. The auditor's role is to provide an audit of the financial statements of the Fund each year, as well as performing a half-yearly review (if required), and to provide an opinion on the financial statements.

## Related parties

We may enter into transactions with, and use the services of, any of our related bodies corporate (as defined in the Corporations Act). Such arrangements will be based on arm's length commercial terms and will be for reasonable remuneration. We, AWMS, Ares, or any of our respective related bodies corporate, or any director, officer or employee of any of them may invest in the Fund.

## Other important information

### Indirect Investors

Investors accessing the Fund through platforms that are an IDPS or IDPS like scheme do not become unitholders in the Fund, nor do they acquire the rights of a unitholder. It is the platform operator that acquires those rights and can exercise or decline to exercise them on behalf of Indirect Investors.

To invest, Indirect Investors need to complete the documentation which their platform operator requires. Before investing please ensure you read and understand the Fund's PDS and TMD as well as the platform operator's documentation as that explains their services and fees.

Please contact the relevant platform operator directly with any enquiries.

### New Zealand Investors

This offer to New Zealand investors is a regulated offer made under Australian and New Zealand law. In Australia, this is Chapter 8 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (Aust) and regulations made under that Act. In New Zealand, this is subpart 6 of Part 9 of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 and Part 9 of the Financial Markets Conduct Regulations 2014. Please refer to 'Important Information for New Zealand Investors'.

## Privacy

We collect personal information from you and, if relevant, from your financial adviser. We may take steps to verify the information collected. Where you provide us with personal information about someone else (for example, your power of attorney, or related persons including the beneficial owners connected with your investment) you must have their consent to provide their personal information to us.

We will use your personal information to:

- process your application;
- provide and administer your investment and send you information;
- improve and personalise our products and services;
- conduct product and market research;

- inform you about other products and services that may be useful to you; and
- comply with our obligations under the law, including with respect of anti-money laundering, financial services and taxation laws.

If you decide not to provide certain information, we may not be able to process your investment or future withdrawal requests, or will have to deduct tax from any amounts attributed or distributed to you at the highest marginal tax rate plus the Medicare levy (and any other levies we are required to deduct, from time to time).

### Disclosing your information

We disclose your information to your financial adviser. In addition, we may disclose information we hold about you:

- if you consent to the disclosure;
- if the disclosure is required or authorised by law;
- to our appointed registry services provider or organisations acting on our behalf (for example, external mail houses we may use to mail correspondence);
- to professional service firms that provide services to us such as legal and audit services, or data or information services;
- to related companies and/or the investment manager that may also provide you with a financial product or financial service;
- to electronic identity verification service providers, in order for identity information (about you or related persons connected with your investment) to be verified against relevant government and other databases, for the purpose of complying with anti-money laundering laws;
- in some circumstances, to digital service providers, such as Facebook, Google and LinkedIn, to develop a better understanding of our current and prospective customers and advisers (please refer to the Privacy Policy for additional information); or
- otherwise in accordance with our Privacy Policy.

From time to time we or our related companies may contact you to tell you about other products and services that might be useful to you, including financial, superannuation, investment, insurance and funds management products and services. Please contact us if you do not want to receive any of this kind of marketing material.

For information on how you can correct or update the personal information we hold about you refer to 'Keeping us informed' in this PDS and our 'Privacy Policy' available at [www.fidante.com](http://www.fidante.com) and our third party registry providers privacy policy for more information.

Our Privacy Policy contains further details about our handling of personal information and about how you can request access to it or lodge a complaint if you believe your personal information has been misused, and how we deal with complaints.

We do not normally receive any personal information about you when you invest in the Fund through a platform operator. For details on the collection, storage and use of personal information by a platform operator you should contact them directly. The information we collect and store from platform operators is used to establish and administer its investments. If we do receive any personal information we will deal with it in accordance with our Privacy Policy.

# Glossary

Investment term	Explanation
<b>active management</b>	A style of investment management that seeks to generate returns through active asset allocation and security selection within each asset class rather than by tracking an index.
<b>asset backed security (ABS)</b>	A security that is collateralised or secured by a pool of assets such as loans, leases, credit card debt, etc. Refer to 'Credit risk' for more information.
<b>bottom-up approach</b>	An investment approach where the focus of the analysis is on individual security selection with less emphasis on broad economic and market cycle themes.
<b>cash</b>	Cash and cash equivalents includes cash, deposits and investment grade securities with less than 12 months to maturity and the manager reasonably believes can be readily converted to cash within one business day. Must have a credit rating of A or better by Standard & Poor's or an equivalent rating agency.
<b>collateralised loan obligation (CLO)</b>	An ABS backed by a pool of debt securities that are generally senior secured syndicated loans.
<b>commercial mortgage backed security (CMBS)</b>	An ABS backed by a pool of commercial property mortgages.
<b>Constitution</b>	The constitution of the Ares Global Credit Income Fund, as amended from time to time.
<b>corporate bond</b>	<p>An issuer of corporate bonds ("Corporate Bonds") typically pays the investor a fixed rate of interest and must repay the amount borrowed on or before maturity.</p> <p>The investment return of Corporate Bonds reflects interest on the security and changes in the market value of the security. The market value of a Corporate Bond generally may be expected to rise and fall inversely with interest rates.</p> <p>The value of intermediate and longer-term Corporate Bonds normally fluctuates more in response to changes in interest rates than does the value of shorter-term Corporate Bonds. The market value of a Corporate Bond may also be affected by investors' perceptions of the creditworthiness of the issuer, the issuer's performance and perceptions of the issuer in the market place (see 'credit risk' for more information).</p>
<b>credit investment</b>	A debt security or derivative that has credit risk.
<b>fixed income security</b>	A fixed income security is a debt security that makes interest payments based on a fixed rate that is set at the time of issuance. The market value of fixed income securities can be affected by changes in market interest rates.
<b>forward contract</b>	A contract between two parties to buy or sell a specified underlying asset, at a particular time in the future at a previously agreed upon price.
<b>futures</b>	An agreement between two parties to buy or sell a specified quantity of a specified underlying asset, at a particular time in the future and at a price agreed when the agreement is made.
<b>high yield bond</b>	A corporate bond that is rated below investment grade.
<b>investment grade securities</b>	Debt securities are generally assigned a credit rating of BBB-/Baa3 or better by the credit rating agencies. The credit ratings assigned by rating agencies represent an assessment of the borrower's creditworthiness, that is, its ability to make interest and principal payments. Higher rated borrowers with an investment grade rating generally allow companies to reduce the interest rates that they pay on their debt when compared with lower rated borrowers.
<b>macroeconomic factors</b>	Relating to the behaviour of the economy as a whole, focusing on factors such as changes in inflation, unemployment, economic growth rates which impact government policies, political developments, monetary policy, among other factors.
<b>option</b>	An agreement between two parties that conveys the right, but not the obligation, to the holder of the option to either buy or sell a specific asset at an agreed price and within an agreed period of time. If the option is not exercised during that time, the money paid for it is forfeited.
<b>swap</b>	A contract between two parties to exchange one stream of periodic cash flows for another.

Investment term	Explanation
<b>syndicated loans</b>	<p>Senior, secured corporate loans (“Syndicated Loans”) generally benefit from liens on collateral and typically pay interest at rates that are determined periodically on the basis of a floating base lending rate, plus a spread. Syndicated Loans are typically made to U.S. and, to a lesser extent, non-U.S. corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies and other business entities which operate in various industries and geographical regions.</p> <p>Borrowers may obtain Syndicated Loans, among other reasons, to refinance existing debt, engage in acquisitions, pay dividends, recapitalize, complete leveraged buyouts and for general corporate purposes. Syndicated Loans rated below investment grade are sometimes referred to as "leveraged loans".</p> <p>The Fund may invest in Syndicated Loans through assignments of or, to a lesser extent, participations in Syndicated Loans.</p>
<b>top-down approach</b>	<p>An investment approach that focuses on broader macroeconomic and market cycle factors that drive the levels and direction of global credit markets in an attempt to identify investment sectors that are forecasted to outperform the market (not the individual company or companies).</p>

# Important information for New Zealand investors

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This offer and the contents of the offer document are principally governed by Australian rather than New Zealand law. In particular, the Corporations Act and the regulations made under that Act set out how the offer must be made.

There are differences in how financial products are regulated under Australian law. For example, the disclosure of fees for managed investment schemes is different under the Australian regime.

The rights, remedies, and compensation arrangements available to New Zealand investors in Australian financial products may differ from the rights, remedies, and compensation arrangements for New Zealand financial products.

Both the Australian and New Zealand financial markets regulators have enforcement responsibilities in relation to this offer. If you need to make a complaint about this offer, please contact the Financial Markets Authority, New Zealand (<http://www.fma.govt.nz>). The Australian and New Zealand regulators will work together to settle your complaint.

The taxation treatment of Australian financial products is not the same as for New Zealand financial products.

If you are uncertain about whether this investment is appropriate for you, you should seek the advice of an appropriately qualified financial adviser.

This offer may involve a currency exchange risk. The currency for the financial products is not New Zealand dollars. The value of the financial products will go up or down according to changes in the exchange rate between that currency and New Zealand dollars. These changes may be significant.

If you expect the financial products to pay any amounts in a currency that is not in New Zealand dollars, you may incur significant fees in having the funds credited to a bank account in New Zealand dollars.

The dispute resolution process described in this offer document is available only in Australia and is not available in New Zealand.

## Contact details for New Zealand Investors

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