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Directors' report

The directors of Morningstar Investment Management Australia Limited (ABN 54 071 808 501) the "Responsible Entity", the Responsible Entity of Morningstar Balanced Real Return Fund (the "Fund"), present their interim report together with the interim financial statements of the Fund, for the half-year ended 31 December 2024.

Principal activities

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

During the half-year, the Fund continues to invest funds in accordance with its investment return objectives and investment strategies as set out in the current product disclosure statements (PDS) and in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund did not have any employees during the half-year ended 31 December 2024 (30 June 2024: Nil).

There were no material changes in the nature of the Fund's activities during the half-year ended 31 December 2024 .

Directors

The following persons held office as directors of the Responsible Entity during the half-year or since the end of the half-year and up to the date of this report:

Christopher Galloway (director)
Craig Hutcheson (director)
Joanne Brady (director)

Review of results and operations

The investment policy of the Fund continues to be that detailed in the current PDS and in accordance with the provisions of the governing documents of the Fund.

Results

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

	Half-year ended	
	31 December 2024 \$'000	31 December 2023 \$'000
Operating profit/(loss)	12,306	6,977
<i>Distribution - Class A</i>		
Distributions paid and payable	949	-
Distribution (cents per unit)	0.4086	-
<i>Distribution - Class B</i>		
Distributions paid and payable	24	-
Distribution (cents per unit)	0.4182	-
<i>Distribution - Class Z</i>		
Distributions paid	-	-
Distribution (cents per unit)	0.5985	-

Directors' report (continued)

Material changes in state of affairs

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

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2024 that has materially affected, or may materially affect:

- (i) the operations of the Fund in future financial periods, or
- (ii) the results of those operations in future financial periods, or
- (iii) the state of affairs of the Fund in future financial periods.


Rounding of amounts

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

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on page 3.

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



Director

Sydney

13 March 2025



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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Morningstar Investment Management Australia Limited as Responsible Entity for Morningstar Balanced Real Return Fund

As lead auditor for the review of the half-year financial report of Morningstar Balanced Real Return Fund for the half-year ended 31 December 2024, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

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

Ernst & Young

Elliott Shadforth
Partner
13 March 2025

Morningstar Balanced Real Return Fund
Interim statement of comprehensive income
For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

		Half-year ended	
		31 December	31 December
		2024	2023
		\$'000	\$'000
Note			
<i>Investment income</i>			
	Interest income	36	12
	Trust distributions	1,758	408
4	Changes in fair value of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	11,036	6,955
	Fee rebates from related schemes	56	7
	<i>Total investment income/(loss)</i>	12,886	7,382
<i>Expenses</i>			
9	Management fees	540	404
9	Performance fees	3	-
9	Custody fees	8	-
	Transaction costs	2	-
9	Other operating expenses borne by Responsible Entity	27	-
	Other operating expenses	-	1
	<i>Total operating expenses</i>	580	405
	<i>Net operating profit/(loss) attributable to unitholders before finance costs</i>	12,306	6,977
<i>Financing costs attributable to unitholders</i>			
5	Distributions to unitholders	(973)	-
6	(Increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders	(11,333)	(6,977)
	<i>Net profit/(loss) attributable to unitholders after finance costs</i>	-	-
	Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year	-	-
	<i>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year</i>	-	-

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

Morningstar Balanced Real Return Fund
Interim statement of financial position
As at 31 December 2024

		As at	
		31 December	30 June
		2024	2024
	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		9,826	5,755
Deposits held with brokers for margin		1,491	1,028
Receivables		649	5,978
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	7	<u>238,991</u>	<u>222,502</u>
Total assets		<u>250,957</u>	<u>235,263</u>
Liabilities			
Distribution payable	5	524	5,109
Payables		262	581
Financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	8	<u>1,166</u>	<u>18</u>
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)		<u>1,952</u>	<u>5,708</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders - liability	6	<u>249,005</u>	<u>229,555</u>

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

Morningstar Balanced Real Return Fund
Interim statement of changes in equity
For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

The Fund's net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as a liability under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*. As such, the Fund has no equity and no items of changes in equity have been presented for the current or comparative period.

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

Morningstar Balanced Real Return Fund
Interim statement of cash flows
For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

	Half-year ended	
	31 December	31 December
	2024	2023
Note	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Cash flows from operating activities</i>		
Transaction costs of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	(2)	-
Interest received	36	12
Trust distributions received	6,301	14
Management fees paid	(529)	(395)
Custody fees paid	(8)	-
Other expenses paid	(27)	(1)
RITC received/(paid)	(1)	-
Fee rebates received	52	-
	<u>5,822</u>	<u>(370)</u>
<i>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</i>		
<i>Cash flows from investing activities</i>		
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	15,458	21,056
Purchase of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	(19,980)	(28,051)
	<u>(4,522)</u>	<u>(6,995)</u>
<i>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities</i>		
<i>Cash flows from financing activities</i>		
Proceeds from applications by unitholders	29,919	29,750
Payments for redemptions by unitholders	(22,131)	(15,616)
Distributions paid	(5,407)	(4,116)
	<u>2,381</u>	<u>10,018</u>
<i>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</i>		
<i>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</i>	<u>3,681</u>	<u>2,653</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year	5,755	6,869
Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	390	(43)
	<u>9,826</u>	<u>9,479</u>
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year</i>		
Supplementary non-cash flow information:		
In-specie transfer*	192,990	111,980
Distribution to unitholders reinvested	637	392

* As part of the fund-flattening restructuring to reduce the interfunding layer, in-specie transfer has been carried out from one investment vehicle to another within the same fund.

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

1 General information

These interim financial statements cover Morningstar Balanced Real Return Fund (the “Fund”) as an individual entity. The Fund was constituted on 27 March 2000 and was incorporated in Australia.

The Responsible Entity of the Fund is Morningstar Investment Management Australia Limited (the “Responsible Entity”). The registered office of the Responsible Entity is Level 3, International Tower 1, 100 Barangaroo Avenue, Barangaroo, Sydney NSW 2000.

On 5 May 2016, the Attribution Managed Investment Trust (“AMIT”) regime, applying to Managed Investment Trusts was enacted under the Tax Laws Amendment (New Tax System for Managed Investment Trusts) Act 2016. The AMIT regime allows MITs that meet certain requirements to make an irrevocable choice to be an AMIT. With its introduction, the Responsible Entity has amended the Scheme’s Constitution to allow the Scheme to operate as an AMIT, effective from 1 July 2017. The Responsible Entity is therefore no longer contractually obligated to pay distributions, however it is obligated to attribute taxable income to Unitholders for each financial year.

The financial statements of the Fund for the half-year ended 31 December 2024 were approved and authorised for issue by the directors on 13 March 2025. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

2 Basis of preparation and material accounting policies

The accounting policies applied in these interim financial statements are the same as those applied to the Fund’s financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

(a) Basis of preparation

This general purpose interim financial report for the half-year ended 31 December 2024 has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The half-year financial report does not include all notes normally included within the annual financial report and therefore cannot be expected to provide a full understanding of the financial position and financial performance of the Fund as that given by the annual financial report. As a result, this financial report should be read in conjunction with the most recent annual financial report of the Fund and any public announcement in respect of the Fund during the half-year.

The interim financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for investments in financial assets and financial liabilities which have been measured at fair value.

The interim statement of financial position is presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and are not distinguished between current and non-current. All balances are expected to be recovered or settled within twelve months, except for financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. The amount expected to be recovered or settled within twelve months in relation to these balances cannot be reliably determined.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$’000) unless otherwise stated under the option available to the Fund under ASIC Corporations Instrument 2016/191.

The Fund is for-profit entity for the purposes of preparing financial statements.

(b) Changes in accounting standards

The Fund has adopted all mandatory standards and amendments for the half-year beginning 01 July 2024. Adoption of these standards and amendments has not had any material effect on the financial position or performance of the Fund.

There are no standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the financial half-year beginning 01 July 2024 that would be expected to have a material impact on the Fund.

3 Financial risk management

(a) Fair Values of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial assets and liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss are measured initially at fair value excluding any transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability. Transaction costs on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are expensed immediately.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from the changes in the fair value are presented in the statements of comprehensive income within 'Changes in fair value of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss' in the period in which they arise.

- Fair value in an active market

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is based on their quoted market prices at the reporting date without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. Financial assets are priced at current bid prices, while financial liabilities are priced at current asking prices.

- Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market

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

Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on management's best estimates and the discount rate used in a market rate at the reporting date applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions.

Where other pricing models are used, inputs are based on market data at the reporting date. Fair values for unquoted equity investments are estimated, where possible, using applicable pricing/earnings ratios for similar listed companies adjusted to reflect the specific circumstances of the issue.

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

Investments in other unlisted investment funds are recorded at the redemption value per unit as reported by the managers of such funds.

(b) Fair value hierarchy

The Fund classifies fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the subjectivity of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

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

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the Responsible Entity. The Responsible Entity considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

The table below sets out the Fund's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy at 31 December 2024 and 30 June 2024.

As at 31 December 2024	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets				
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss				
Derivatives	40	1	-	41
Listed unit trusts	771	-	-	771
Unlisted unit trusts	-	238,179	-	238,179
Total	811	238,180	-	238,991
Financial liabilities				
Financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss				
Derivatives	260	906	-	1,166
Total	260	906	-	1,166
 As at 30 June 2024	 Level 1 \$'000	 Level 2 \$'000	 Level 3 \$'000	 Total \$'000
Financial assets				
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss				
Derivatives	42	47	-	89
Listed unit trusts	864	-	-	864
Unlisted unit trusts	-	221,549	-	221,549
Total	906	221,596	-	222,502
Financial liabilities				
Financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss				
Derivatives	14	4	-	18
Total	14	4	-	18

Investments, whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and therefore classified within level 1, include active listed unit trusts, active listed equities, exchange traded derivatives, currency contracts, money market securities, government bonds and listed corporate debt.

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within level 2. These include certain unlisted corporate debt and floating rate notes, warrants, swaps, certain unlisted unit trusts, and certain listed equities. As level 2 investments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non transferability, which are generally based on available market information.

The Fund's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the year.

The Fund recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period during which the transfer has occurred.

There were no transfers between levels for recurring fair value measurements during the half-year ended 31 December 2024 (30 June 2024:Nil).

4 Changes in fair value of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss

	Half-year ended	
	31 December 2024 \$'000	31 December 2023 \$'000
Financial instruments		
Net realised gain/(loss) on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	731	(7,195)
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	<u>10,305</u>	<u>14,150</u>
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	<u>11,036</u>	<u>6,955</u>

5 Distributions to unitholders

The distributions during the half-year were as follows:

	31 December 2024		31 December 2023	
	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU
Class A				
Distribution paid				
- September	438	0.1915	-	-
Distribution payable				
- December	<u>511</u>	<u>0.2171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>949</u>	<u>0.4086</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Class B				
Distribution paid				
- September	11	0.1945	-	-
Distribution payable				
- December	<u>13</u>	<u>0.2237</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>24</u>	<u>0.4182</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Class Z				
Distribution paid				
- September	-	0.2735	-	-
Distribution payable				
- December	<u>-</u>	<u>0.3250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>0.5985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

6 Net assets attributable to unitholders

(a) Movements in number of units and net assets attributable to unitholders during the half-year were as follows:

Class A				
	31 December 2024 No.'000	31 December 2024 \$'000	31 December 2023 No.'000	31 December 2023 \$'000
Opening balance	226,826	223,315	178,487	167,239
Applications	28,870	29,443	29,923	28,332
Redemptions	(20,424)	(20,746)	(15,843)	(14,971)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	149	147	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders	-	11,041	-	6,728
Closing balance	235,421	243,200	192,567	187,328

Class B				
	31 December 2024 No.'000	31 December 2024 \$'000	31 December 2023 No.'000	31 December 2023 \$'000
Opening balance	6,407	6,235	6,546	6,058
Applications	321	321	910	849
Redemptions	(1,052)	(1,052)	(455)	(428)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	4	4	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders	-	292	-	249
Closing balance	5,680	5,800	7,001	6,728

Class Z				
	31 December 2024 No.'000	31 December 2024 \$'000	31 December 2023 No.'000	31 December 2023 \$'000
Opening balance	6	5	5	4
Closing balance	6	5	5	4

As stipulated within the Fund's Constitution, each unit represents a right to an individual share in the Fund and does not extend to a right in the underlying assets of the Fund. There are three classes of unitholders in the Fund being Class A; Class B; and Class Z.

(b) Capital risk management

The Fund manages its net assets attributable to unitholders as capital, notwithstanding net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as a liability. The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can significantly change on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily applications and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders.

Management monitors the Fund's redemptions and assesses the impact of requests for large redemptions on remaining unitholders. Where the impact is material, management may decide to pay a special distribution and/or may delay payment of the redemption amount.

7 Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss

	31 December 2024 Fair value \$'000	30 June 2024 Fair value \$'000
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss		
Derivatives		
Forward currency contracts	1	47
Australian share price index futures	-	5
International fixed interest futures	-	37
International share price index futures	40	-
Total derivatives	<u>41</u>	<u>89</u>
Unlisted unit trusts		
Units in unlisted Australian equity trusts	209,239	193,611
Units in unlisted Australian fixed interest trusts	18,523	17,168
Units in unlisted International equity trusts	10,417	10,770
Total unlisted unit trusts	<u>238,179</u>	<u>221,549</u>
Listed unit trusts		
International listed trusts	771	864
Total listed unit trusts	<u>771</u>	<u>864</u>
Total financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	<u>238,991</u>	<u>222,502</u>

8 Financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss

	31 December 2024 Fair value \$'000	30 June 2024 Fair value \$'000
Derivatives		
Forward currency contracts	907	4
Australian share price index futures	121	14
International share price index futures	65	-
International fixed interest futures	73	-
Total derivatives	<u>1,166</u>	<u>18</u>
Total financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss	<u>1,166</u>	<u>18</u>

9 Related party transactions

Responsible Entity

The Responsible Entity of the Fund is Morningstar Investment Management Australia Limited (ABN 54 071 808 501). The registered office of the Responsible Entity is Level 3, International Tower 1, 100 Barangaroo Avenue, Barangaroo, Sydney NSW 2000.

Parent Entities

The immediate Australian Parent Entity of the Responsible Entity is Morningstar Group Australia Pty Limited. The ultimate parent is Morningstar Inc, a company incorporated in the US.

Key management personnel

(a) Directors

The following persons held office as directors of the Responsible Entity during the half-year or since the end of the half-year and up to the date of this report:

Christopher Galloway (director)

Craig Hutcheson (director)

Joanne Brady (director)

(b) Other key management personnel

In addition to the Directors noted above, Morningstar Investment Management Australia Limited, the Responsible Entity of the Fund, is considered to be key management personnel with the authority for the strategic direction and management of the Fund.

Related party transactions

All related party transactions are conducted on normal commercial terms and conditions. The transactions during the half-year and amounts payable at 31 December 2024 and 30 June 2024 between the Fund and the Responsible Entity are as follows:

	31 December 2024 \$	31 December 2023 \$
Fees incurred by the Responsible Entity	<u>577,777</u>	<u>404,382</u>
	31 December 2024 \$	30 June 2024 \$
Fees payable to the Responsible Entity	<u>97,904</u>	<u>83,958</u>

Key management personnel unitholdings

At 31 December 2024, no key management personnel held units in the Fund (30 June 2024: Nil).

Key management personnel remuneration

Key management personnel are paid by a related party of the Responsible Entity. Payments made from the Fund to the Responsible Entity do not include any remuneration amounts directly attributable to key management personnel.

Key management personnel loan disclosures

The Fund has not made, guaranteed or secured, directly or indirectly, any loans to the key management personnel or their personally related entities at any time during the reporting period (30 June 2024: Nil).

9 Related party transactions (continued)

Investments

The Fund held investments in the following funds which were also managed by the Responsible Entity or its related parties:

Fund Name	31 December 2024			
	Units held Units	Fair value of Investment \$	Interest held %	Distribution received/ receivable \$
Morningstar Australian Bonds Fund	48,137,721	41,770,063	9.79	-
Morningstar Australian Shares Fund	5,252,158	7,121,769	1.92	150,753
Morningstar Australian Shares High Alpha Fund	6,239,112	6,684,585	2.16	65,557
Morningstar Cash Fund	25,280,845	25,393,850	10.41	221,627
Morningstar Diversified Alternatives Fund	26,910,587	18,479,231	19.14	-
Morningstar Global Listed Infrastructure (Hedged) Fund	3,848,554	3,772,237	6.74	18,508
Morningstar Global Opportunities Fund	7,884,037	40,580,480	3.66	370,457
Morningstar Global Property Securities (Hedged) Fund	7,284,528	7,285,111	7.01	38,618
Morningstar International Bonds (Hedged) Fund	29,741,509	26,511,582	4.98	-
Morningstar International Shares (Unhedged) Fund	16,059,809	19,411,491	2.55	192,449
Morningstar International Shares High Opportunities (Unhedged) Fund	5,926,937	12,228,278	4.71	37,787
		<u>209,238,677</u>		<u>1,095,756</u>

Fund Name	30 June 2024			
	Units held Units	Fair value of Investment \$	Interest held %	Distribution received/ receivable \$
Morningstar Australian Bonds Fund	46,641,095	39,415,923	9.81	488,591
Morningstar Australian Shares Fund	6,042,182	7,817,073	2.16	201,933
Morningstar Australian Shares High Alpha Fund	5,909,019	5,870,493	1.99	325,788
Morningstar Cash Fund	23,509,194	23,285,387	12.10	718,312
Morningstar Diversified Alternatives Fund	26,910,587	18,535,205	20.04	-
Morningstar Global Listed Infrastructure (Hedged) Fund	3,664,094	3,227,664	7.41	143,211
Morningstar Global Opportunities Fund	7,950,389	37,380,664	3.82	3,702,783
Morningstar Global Property Securities (Hedged) Fund	6,979,897	6,741,184	6.67	266,608
Morningstar International Bonds (Hedged) Fund	28,299,235	24,774,282	5.00	-
Morningstar International Shares (Unhedged) Fund	16,347,447	17,644,126	2.48	664,376
Morningstar International Shares High Opportunities (Unhedged) Fund	4,916,682	8,919,107	3.79	336,832
		<u>193,611,108</u>		<u>6,848,434</u>

The principal activity of the fund is denoted by the name of the fund.

10 Events subsequent to the reporting period

No material events have occurred since the end of the reporting period which would impact on the financial position of the Fund disclosed in the interim statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the half-year ended on that date.

11 Contingent assets, contingent liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets, contingent liabilities or commitments as at 31 December 2024 (30 June 2024: Nil).

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 4 to 16 of Morningstar Balanced Real Return Fund are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows, for the financial period ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134, *Interim Financial Reporting*, the *Corporations Act 2001* and other mandatory financial reporting requirements.
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Director

Sydney

13 March 2025



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Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Morningstar Balanced Real Return Fund (the "Fund"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

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

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its financial performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity* (ASRE 2410). Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year financial report* section of our report. We are independent of Morningstar Investment Management Australia Limited as the Responsible Entity of the Fund in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

Directors' responsibilities for the half-year financial report

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

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

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.



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A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elliott Shadforth'.

Elliott Shadforth
Partner
Sydney
13 March 2025