



Independent Reasonable Assurance Report

To the Directors of **Perpetual Trustee Company Limited**

Opinion

We have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement relating to **Perpetual's Discretionary Services** (the **MDA services**) documented measures of **Perpetual Trustee Company Limited** (the **MDA Operator**) as operator of the MDA services in order to form an opinion on the MDA Operator's compliance with its obligations relating to the provision of MDA services in accordance with the **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Corporations (Managed Discretionary Account Services) Instrument 2016/968** (the **Instrument**) and the **Corporations Act 2001** (the **Act**) during the year ended **30 June 2024**, as detailed in the attached **Internal Controls Report** (the **Report**) dated **28 August 2024**.

In our opinion, in relation to the provision of MDA services (as defined in the Instrument and the Instrument):

- Perpetual Trustee Company Limited has complied, in all material respects, with the documented measures detailed in the attached Internal Controls Report dated 28 August 2024 during the year ended 30 June 2024; and
- those documented measures met the conditions of subparagraph 912 AEE (a) of the Instrument and the *Corporations Act 2001* relating to the provision of MDA services at all times during the year ended 30 June 2024.

The report on the documented measures under subparagraph 912AEE(a) of the Instrument comprises:

- internal control systems, policies and procedures that comply with the conditions of the Instrument; and
- the Directors' assertions about the design and operation of the documented measures are included in the Directors' declaration.

Use of this Assurance Report

This report has been prepared for the Directors of the MDA Operator and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. This report is prepared for the MDA Operator to comply with the requirements in the Instrument and may not be suitable for another purpose. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report, to any person other than the Directors of the MDA Operator and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, or for any other purpose than that for which it was prepared. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Managements' responsibility for the Documented Measures

Management of the MDA Operator are responsible for:

- preparing, establishing and maintaining the documented measures of the MDA services that it operates in accordance with the Instrument and the Act;
- ensuring the adequacy of the internal control procedures contained in the documented measures including the internal controls systems, policies, procedures and compliance with them during the year ended 30 June 2024; and
- ensuring that the documented measures met the conditions of the Instrument and the Act.

The Directors of the MDA Operator are responsible for

- preparing the Directors' declaration on the Directors' assertions about the design and operation of the Documented Measures; and
- ensuring the MDA Operator's obligations to comply with the requirements of the Instrument and the Act are met via the Documented Measures.

Our responsibility

We conducted our reasonable assurance engagement in accordance with Australian Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3000 *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* and ASAE 3100 *Compliance Engagements*. We believe that the reasonable assurance evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In accordance with ASAE 3000 and ASAE 3100 we have:

- used our professional judgement to assess the risk of material misstatement and plan and perform the engagement to obtain reasonable assurance that the Documented Measures:
 - is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
 - meet the conditions of the Instrument;
- obtained an understanding of the design and operation of the internal control systems, policies, procedures and the compliance measures as described in the documented measures;
- examined on a test basis of evidence on whether the MDA Operator complied with the requirements of the Instrument and the Act as described in the documented measures;
- considered relevant internal controls implemented on the compliance activity to meet the requirements of the Instrument and the Act when designing our assurance procedures, however we do not express a conclusion on their effectiveness; and
- ensured that the engagement team possess the appropriate knowledge, skills and professional competencies.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that it will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Our Independence and Quality Management

We have complied with our independence and other relevant ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code). We have also complied with Auditing Standard ASQM 1 *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements* which requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Limitations of controls

Even if the controls are suitably designed and operating effectively, the documented measures may not meet the reporting requirements in the Instrument so that fraud, error or non-compliance with laws and regulations may occur and not be detected because of the inherent limitations of any internal control structure. Further, the internal control structure, within which the documented measures we have assured are designed to operate, has not been assured and no conclusion is expressed as to its design or operating effectiveness.

Any projection of the evaluation of the documented measures to future periods is subject to the risk that the procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with them may deteriorate.

A reasonable assurance engagement is not designed to detect all weaknesses in the documented measures, as it is not performed continuously throughout the year and the tests performed are on a sample basis.


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Sydney
16 September 2024