

Interim Financial Report

BlackRock Investment Funds

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Condensed Financial Report - For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

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Directors' Report

The directors of BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited (ABN 13 006 165 975) (the "Responsible Entity"), the Responsible Entity of BlackRock Investment Funds (the "Funds"), present their interim report together with the condensed financial statements of the Funds, for the half-year ended 31 December 2023 and the auditor's report thereon.

These condensed financial statements have been prepared for the BlackRock Investment Funds (which comprise of BlackRock Australian Share Fund, BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus, BlackRock Balanced Fund and BlackRock Equity Fund) as they are disclosing entities under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Fund Objectives

BlackRock Australian Share Fund

The Fund aims to provide a return (before fees, costs and taxes) that significantly exceeds the S&P/ASX 300 TR Index (Benchmark) over the medium to long term.

BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus

The Fund aims to provide a return (before fees, costs and taxes) that significantly exceeds the S&P/ASX 300 TR Index (Benchmark) over the medium to long term.

BlackRock Balanced Fund

The Fund aims to outperform peer performance consistent with a "growth' oriented investment strategy encompassing: a broadly diversified exposure to Australian and international assets, active asset allocation, security selection and risk management; and flexibility to deviate meaningfully from the strategic asset allocation to help manage total portfolio risk. The Fund aims to outperform its benchmark indices over a 5-year rolling period, before fees.

BlackRock Equity Fund

The Fund aims to provide a return (before fees, costs and taxes) that significantly exceeds the S&P/ASX 300 TR Index (Benchmark) over the medium to long term.

Responsible Entity

The registered office and principal place of business of the Responsible Entity and the Fund is Level 37 Chifley Tower, 2 Chifley Square, Sydney NSW 2000.

Principal Activities

The Funds invest in accordance with the provisions of the Funds' Constitutions.

The Funds did not have any employees during the half-year ended 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: Nil).

There were no significant changes in the nature of the Funds' activities during the half-year ended 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: Nil).

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:

Director	Date appointed
M S McCorry	Appointed 2 December 2009
J Collins	Appointed 29 July 2015
A Landman	Appointed 3 February 2020
I Davila	Appointed 5 March 2020

Review and Results of Operations

During the half-year, the Funds continued to invest funds in accordance with target asset allocations as set out in the governing documents of the Funds and in accordance with the provisions of the Funds' Constitutions.

Directors' Report (continued)

Review and Results of Operations (continued)

Results

The performance of the Funds, as represented by the results of their operations, were as follows:

	BlackRock Australian Share Fund		BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus	
	Half-year ended		Half-year ended	
	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Profit/(loss) for the half-year	6,553	6,597	2,630	2,514
Distributions paid and payable	1,015	787	409	303

	BlackRock Balanced Fund		BlackRock Equity Fund	
	Half-year ended		Half-year ended	
	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Profit/(loss) for the half-year	696	653	866	790
Distributions paid and payable	30	-	134	97

Returns

The table below demonstrates the performance of the Funds as represented by the total return.

	Returns*		
	1 July 2023	1 July 2022	1 July 2021
	to	to	to
	31 December	31 December	31 December
	2023	2022	2021
	%	%	%
BlackRock Australian Share Fund	6.95	6.37	(1.13)
BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus	6.95	6.36	(1.11)
BlackRock Balanced Fund	4.58	4.01	4.45
BlackRock Equity Fund	6.95	6.36	(1.01)

* Returns (after fees) are calculated on the assumption that all distributions are reinvested in the Funds, and include the effect of compounding.

Significant Changes in State of Affairs

In the opinion of the directors, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Funds that occurred during the financial half-year under review.

Rounding of Amounts

The Funds are registered schemes 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 directors' report and financial statements. Amounts in the directors' 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.

Directors' Report (continued)

Additional Disclosure

The Funds have applied the relief available in ASIC Corporations (Disclosing Entities) Instrument 2015/839 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission in the preparation of this report. This class order allows registered schemes with a common responsible entity to include their multiple financial statements in adjacent columns in a single financial report.

The Funds have applied for the relief available in ASIC Corporations (Directors' Report Relief) Instrument 2016/188 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission in the preparation of this report. Accordingly, the additional information otherwise required to be included in the directors' report has been disclosed in Notes 5 and 6 of the financial statements.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

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

The condensed financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 01 March 2024.

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



Director

J Collins

Sydney

01 March 2024

1 March 2024

The Board of Directors
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited
Level 37 Chifley Tower, 2 Chifley Square
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Directors

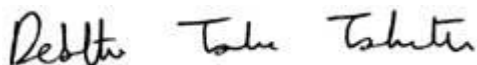
Auditor's Independence Declaration to BlackRock Australian Share Fund, BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus, BlackRock Balanced Fund, and BlackRock Equity Fund (collectively "BlackRock Investment Funds" or the "Funds")

In accordance with section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited as Responsible Entity of BlackRock Investment Funds.

As lead audit partner for the review of the half year financial report of BlackRock Investment Funds for the half year ended 31 December 2023, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- The auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the review and
- Any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Yours faithfully



DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU



Neil Brown
Partner
Chartered Accountants

Condensed Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

	Notes	BlackRock Australian Share Fund		BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus	
		Half-year ended		Half-year ended	
		31 December 2023	31 December 2022	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Investment income					
Interest income		1	-	-	-
Distributions from related schemes		1,405	1,341	565	514
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss (including any FX gains/(losses))	4	5,540	5,810	2,222	2,212
Total net investment income/(loss)		6,946	7,151	2,787	2,726
Expenses					
Management fees		391	554	156	212
Custody movement fees		2	-	1	-
Total operating expenses		393	554	157	212
Profit/(loss) for the half-year		6,553	6,597	2,630	2,514
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year		6,553	6,597	2,630	2,514

The above Condensed Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Condensed Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income (continued)

	Notes	BlackRock Balanced Fund		BlackRock Equity Fund	
		Half-year ended		Half-year ended	
		31 December 2023 \$'000	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2023 \$'000	31 December 2022 \$'000
Investment income					
Distributions from related schemes		98	-	135	96
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss (including any FX gains/(losses))	4	666	724	731	694
Fee rebates from related schemes		-	-	51	67
Total net investment income/(loss)		764	724	917	857
Expenses					
Management fees		67	71	51	67
Custody movement fees		1	-	-	-
Total operating expenses		68	71	51	67
Profit/(loss) for the half-year		696	653	866	790
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year		696	653	866	790

The above Condensed Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Condensed Statements of Financial Position

		BlackRock Australian Share Fund		BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus	
		As at		As at	
		31 December 2023	30 June 2023	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents		154	169	62	66
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	7	99,272	98,701	39,976	38,885
Receivables		<u>1,064</u>	<u>908</u>	<u>488</u>	<u>344</u>
Total assets		<u>100,490</u>	<u>99,778</u>	<u>40,526</u>	<u>39,295</u>
Liabilities					
Distribution payable	5	860	582	347	229
Payables		<u>133</u>	<u>227</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>75</u>
Total liabilities		<u>993</u>	<u>809</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>304</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity	6	<u>99,497</u>	<u>98,969</u>	<u>40,075</u>	<u>38,991</u>
		BlackRock Balanced Fund		BlackRock Equity Fund	
		As at		As at	
		31 December 2023	30 June 2023	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents		20	24	1	1
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	7	15,991	15,020	13,207	12,647
Receivables		<u>103</u>	<u>1,386</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>113</u>
Total assets		<u>16,114</u>	<u>16,430</u>	<u>13,358</u>	<u>12,761</u>
Liabilities					
Distribution payable	5	30	1,709	134	150
Payables		<u>22</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
Total liabilities		<u>52</u>	<u>1,772</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>169</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity	6	<u>16,062</u>	<u>14,658</u>	<u>13,206</u>	<u>12,592</u>

The above Condensed Statements of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Condensed Statements of Changes in Equity

	Notes	BlackRock Australian Share Fund		BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus	
		Half-year ended		Half-year ended	
		31 December 2023	31 December 2022	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the financial half-year		98,969	97,458	38,991	37,059
Comprehensive income for the half-year					
Profit/(loss) for the half-year		6,553	6,597	2,630	2,514
Other comprehensive income for the half-year		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year		6,553	6,597	2,630	2,514
Transactions with unitholders					
Applications	6	4	19	7	9
Redemptions	6	(5,572)	(2,962)	(1,392)	(936)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	6	558	5,559	248	2,317
Distributions paid and payable	5	(1,015)	(787)	(409)	(303)
Total transactions with unitholders		(6,025)	1,829	(1,546)	1,087
Total equity at the end of the financial half-year		99,497	105,884	40,075	40,660

	Notes	BlackRock Balanced Fund		BlackRock Equity Fund	
		Half-year ended		Half-year ended	
		31 December 2023	31 December 2022	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the financial half-year		14,658	16,149	12,592	11,901
Comprehensive income for the half-year					
Profit/(loss) for the half-year		696	653	866	790
Other comprehensive income for the half-year		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the half-year		696	653	866	790
Transactions with unitholders					
Applications	6	8	19	-	1
Redemptions	6	(595)	(619)	(245)	(102)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	6	1,325	128	127	506
Distributions paid and payable	5	(30)	-	(134)	(97)
Total transactions with unitholders		708	(472)	(252)	308
Total equity at the end of the financial half-year		16,062	16,330	13,206	12,999

The above Condensed Statements of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Condensed Statements of Cash Flows

	BlackRock Australian Share Fund		BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus	
	Half-year ended		Half-year ended	
	31 December 2023 \$'000	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2023 \$'000	31 December 2022 \$'000
Notes				
<i>Cash flows from operating activities</i>				
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	6,061	3,559	1,514	1,236
Interest received	1	-	-	-
Distributions received from related schemes	166	1,844	41	475
Other income received	-	4	-	1
Management fees paid	(397)	(567)	(158)	(216)
Operating expenses paid	(11)	-	(4)	-
<i>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</i>	5,820	4,840	1,393	1,496
<i>Cash flows from financing activities</i>				
Proceeds from applications by unitholders	4	19	7	81
Payments for redemptions by unitholders	(5,660)	(2,989)	(1,361)	(1,105)
Distributions paid	(179)	(1,885)	(43)	(480)
<i>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</i>	(5,835)	(4,855)	(1,397)	(1,504)
<i>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</i>				
	(15)	(15)	(4)	(8)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year	169	212	66	88
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year</i>	154	197	62	80
Non cash operating activities	990	6,862	417	2,834
Non cash financing activities	558	5,559	248	2,317

The above Condensed Statements of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Condensed Statements of Cash Flows (continued)

	Notes	BlackRock Balanced Fund		BlackRock Equity Fund	
		Half-year ended		Half-year ended	
		31 December 2023 \$'000	31 December 2022 \$'000	31 December 2023 \$'000	31 December 2022 \$'000
<i>Cash flows from operating activities</i>					
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss		708	615	270	229
Purchases of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss		-	(52)	-	-
Distributions received from related schemes		368	85	-	-
Fee rebates from related schemes received		-	-	51	68
Management fees paid		(69)	(71)	(51)	(68)
Operating expenses paid		(1)	-	-	-
<i>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</i>		<u>1,006</u>	<u>577</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>229</u>
<i>Cash flows from financing activities</i>					
Proceeds from applications by unitholders		8	19	-	1
Payments for redemptions by unitholders		(634)	(559)	(247)	(102)
Distributions paid		(384)	(39)	(23)	(128)
<i>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</i>		<u>(1,010)</u>	<u>(579)</u>	<u>(270)</u>	<u>(229)</u>
<i>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</i>					
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year		24	23	1	1
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year</i>		<u><u>20</u></u>	<u><u>21</u></u>	<u><u>1</u></u>	<u><u>1</u></u>
Non cash operating activities		<u>976</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>871</u>
Non cash financing activities	6	<u>1,325</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>506</u>

The above Condensed Statements of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

1 Statement of Compliance

The condensed financial statements are general purpose financial statements prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and *AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting*. Compliance with *AASB 134* ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard *IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting*.

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

2 Basis of Preparation and Accounting Policies

These condensed financial statements include financial statements for BlackRock Australian Share Fund, BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus, BlackRock Balanced Fund and BlackRock Equity Fund (the "Funds") as individual entities. The Funds were constituted on 11 October 1983, 26 May 1988, 22 November 1985 and 6 December 1983, respectively.

The Funds are a registered schemes 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 directors' report and financial statements. Amounts in the directors' 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.

The accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in the preparation of the half-year financial statements are consistent with those adopted and disclosed in the Funds' 2023 annual financial report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

There are no new standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the financial half-year beginning 1 July 2023 that would be expected to have a material impact on the Funds.

3 Financial Risk Management

(a) Fair Values of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The carrying amounts of the Funds' assets and liabilities at the end of each reporting period approximate their fair values.

Financial assets and liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss are measured initially at fair value. Transaction costs on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are expensed immediately. Subsequent to initial recognition, all instruments held at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value with changes in their fair value recognised in the Condensed Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

The carrying value of other receivables (less impairment provision) and payables are assumed to approximate their fair value. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Funds for similar financial instruments.

(i) Fair value in an active market

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is based on their last traded prices at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs.

The Funds value their investments in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2 of the annual financial report for financial year ended 30 June 2023. For the majority of their investments, the Funds rely on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of their investments.

The quoted market price used for financial assets and financial liabilities held by the Funds is the last traded market price. Where the last traded price does not fall within the bid-ask spread, an assessment is performed by the Responsible Entity to determine the appropriate valuation price to use that is most representative of fair value.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service or regulatory agency and those prices represent actual regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

(ii) 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 other instrument, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

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

3 Financial Risk Management (continued)

(a) Fair Values of Financial Assets and Liabilities (continued)

(ii) Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (continued)

For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the end of the reporting period. Fair values for unquoted equity investments are estimated, if possible, using applicable price/earnings ratios for similar listed companies adjusted to reflect the specific circumstances of the issuer.

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

Investments in other unlisted unit trusts are recorded at the net asset value per unit as reported by the Responsible Entity of such funds.

(b) Fair Value Hierarchy

The Funds classify 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 judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgment 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.

The following tables present the Funds' financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy at 31 December 2023 and 30 June 2023.

As at 31 December 2023	BlackRock Australian Share Fund			Total \$'000
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	
Financial assets				
Units in related schemes	-	99,272	-	99,272
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>99,272</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,272</u>

As at 30 June 2023	BlackRock Australian Share Fund			Total \$'000
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	
Financial assets				
Units in related schemes	-	98,701	-	98,701
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>98,701</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,701</u>

3 Financial Risk Management (continued)

(b) Fair Value Hierarchy (continued)

As at 31 December 2023	BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus			Total \$'000
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	
Financial assets				
Units in related schemes	-	39,976	-	39,976
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>39,976</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,976</u>

As at 30 June 2023	BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus			Total \$'000
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	
Financial assets				
Units in related schemes	-	38,885	-	38,885
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>38,885</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,885</u>

As at 31 December 2023	BlackRock Balanced Fund			Total \$'000
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	
Financial assets				
Units in related schemes	-	15,991	-	15,991
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>15,991</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,991</u>

As at 30 June 2023	BlackRock Balanced Fund			Total \$'000
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	
Financial assets				
Units in related schemes	-	15,020	-	15,020
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>15,020</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,020</u>

As at 31 December 2023	BlackRock Equity Fund			Total \$'000
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	
Financial assets				
Units in related schemes	-	13,207	-	13,207
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>13,207</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,207</u>

As at 30 June 2023	BlackRock Equity Fund			Total \$'000
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	
Financial assets				
Units in related schemes	-	12,647	-	12,647
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>12,647</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,647</u>

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

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 investment grade corporate bonds, certain listed equities, certain unlisted unit trusts, and over-the-counter derivatives. 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.

3 Financial Risk Management (continued)

(b) Fair Value Hierarchy (continued)

Investments classified as level 2 are units in related schemes. The fair value of the units held in related schemes is determined by the unit price released as at the reporting date by the Responsible Entity for the related schemes.

The Funds' assets and liabilities not measured at fair value on a recurring basis (but fair value disclosures are required) at 31 December 2023 and 30 June 2023 have been classified as level 2. The carrying amounts of these assets and liabilities approximate their fair values as at the end of the reporting date.

Investments classified within level 3 have significant unobservable inputs, as they are infrequently traded. As observable prices are not available for these securities, the Responsible Entity has used valuation techniques to derive fair value.

The Funds did not hold any level 3 instruments during the half-year ended 31 December 2023 (30 June 2023: Nil).

There were no transfers between levels for recurring fair value measurements during the half-year ended 31 December 2023 (30 June 2023: Nil).

4 Net Gains/(Losses) on Financial Instruments Held at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

The net gains/(losses) recognised in relation to financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss:

	BlackRock Australian Share Fund		BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus	
	Half-year ended		Half-year ended	
	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Net gains/(losses) on financial assets and liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss (including any FX gains/(losses))	<u>5,540</u>	<u>5,810</u>	<u>2,222</u>	<u>2,212</u>
	<u><u>5,540</u></u>	<u><u>5,810</u></u>	<u><u>2,222</u></u>	<u><u>2,212</u></u>

	BlackRock Balanced Fund		BlackRock Equity Fund	
	Half-year ended		Half-year ended	
	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Net gains/(losses) on financial assets and liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss (including any FX gains/(losses))	<u>666</u>	<u>724</u>	<u>731</u>	<u>694</u>
	<u><u>666</u></u>	<u><u>724</u></u>	<u><u>731</u></u>	<u><u>694</u></u>

5 Distributions to Unitholders

The distributions during the half-year were as follows:

	BlackRock Australian Share Fund			
	Half-year ended			
	31 December		31 December	
	2023		2022	
	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU
Distributions paid - 30 September	155	0.21	-	-
Distributions payable - 31 December	<u>860</u>	<u>1.21</u>	<u>787</u>	<u>1.00</u>
	<u><u>1,015</u></u>		<u><u>787</u></u>	

5 Distributions to Unitholders (continued)

BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus				
Half-year ended				
31 December		31 December		
2023		2022		
\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	
Distributions paid - 30 September	62	0.25	-	-
Distributions payable - 31 December	<u>347</u>	<u>1.39</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>1.15</u>
	<u><u>409</u></u>		<u><u>303</u></u>	
BlackRock Balanced Fund				
Half-year ended				
31 December		31 December		
2023		2022		
\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	
Distributions payable - 31 December	<u>30</u>	<u>0.21</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>30</u></u>		<u><u>-</u></u>	
BlackRock Equity Fund				
Half-year ended				
31 December		31 December		
2023		2022		
\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU	
Distributions payable - 31 December	<u>134</u>	<u>1.43</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>1.00</u>
	<u><u>134</u></u>		<u><u>97</u></u>	

6 Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders

Under AASB 132 *Financial instruments: Presentation*, puttable financial instruments that meet the definition of a financial liability to be classified as equity where certain strict criteria are met. The Funds shall classify a financial instrument as an equity instrument from the date when the instrument has all the features and meets the conditions.

Units are classified as equity when they satisfy the following criteria under AASB 132 *Financial instruments: Presentation*:

- the puttable financial instrument entitles the holder to a pro-rata share of net assets in the event of the Funds' liquidation;
- the puttable financial instrument is in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments and class features are identical;
- the puttable financial instrument does not include any contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset, or to exchange financial instruments with another entity under potentially unfavourable conditions to the Funds, and it is not a contract settled in the Funds' own equity instruments; and
- the total expected cash flows attributable to the puttable financial instrument over the life are based substantially on the profit or loss.

In addition to the instrument having all the above features, paragraph 16B of AASB 132 requires that the issuer have no other financial instrument or contract that has:

- Total cash flows based substantially on the profit or loss, the change in the recognised net assets or the change in fair value of the recognised and unrecognised net assets of the entity.
- The effect of substantially restricting or fixing the residual return to the puttable instrument holders.

The Funds meet the criteria set out under AASB 132 and net assets attributable to unitholders is classified as equity.

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

6 Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders (continued)

Movement in number of units and net assets attributable to unitholders during the half-year were as follows:

	BlackRock Australian Share Fund			
	31 December 2023	30 June 2023	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	No.'000	No.'000	\$'000	\$'000
Opening balance	74,583	76,519	98,969	97,458
Profit/(loss) for the half-year	-	-	6,553	6,469
Applications	3	38	4	52
Redemptions	(4,185)	(7,135)	(5,572)	(9,648)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	422	5,161	558	6,619
Distributions paid and payable	-	-	(1,015)	(1,981)
Closing balance	70,823	74,583	99,497	98,969

	BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus			
	31 December 2023	30 June 2023	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	No.'000	No.'000	\$'000	\$'000
Opening balance	25,613	25,362	38,991	37,059
Profit/(loss) for the half-year	-	-	2,630	2,473
Applications	4	42	7	66
Redemptions	(915)	(1,678)	(1,392)	(2,613)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	163	1,887	248	2,778
Distributions paid and payable	-	-	(409)	(772)
Closing balance	24,865	25,613	40,075	38,991

	BlackRock Balanced Fund			
	31 December 2023	30 June 2023	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	No.'000	No.'000	\$'000	\$'000
Opening balance	13,594	15,001	14,658	16,149
Profit/(loss) for the half-year	-	-	696	1,859
Applications	8	28	8	33
Redemptions	(548)	(1,554)	(595)	(1,802)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	1,230	119	1,325	128
Distributions paid and payable	-	-	(30)	(1,709)
Closing balance	14,284	13,594	16,062	14,658

	BlackRock Equity Fund			
	31 December 2023	30 June 2023	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	No.'000	No.'000	\$'000	\$'000
Opening balance	9,490	9,345	12,592	11,901
Profit/(loss) for the half-year	-	-	866	784
Applications	-	35	-	47
Redemptions	(186)	(345)	(245)	(476)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	96	455	127	583
Distributions paid and payable	-	-	(134)	(247)
Closing balance	9,400	9,490	13,206	12,592

6 Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders (continued)

Capital Risk Management

The Funds manage their net assets attributable to unitholders as capital. The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Funds are subject to daily applications and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders.

The Funds monitor the level of daily applications and redemptions relative to the liquid assets in the Funds. As of 31 December 2023 the capital of the Funds are represented in the net assets attributable to unitholders table.

In the event of a significant redemption, the Funds' Constitutions allow the delay of payment beyond the usual redemption timeframe but no later than the maximum number of days specified in the Constitutions for satisfying redemption requests. Further, in certain circumstances such as disrupted markets, the Constitutions allow payment to be delayed beyond the maximum number of days.

7 Financial Assets Held at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

	BlackRock Australian Share Fund		BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus	
	As at		As at	
	31 December 2023 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	31 December 2023 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Units in related schemes	<u>99,272</u>	<u>98,701</u>	<u>39,976</u>	<u>38,885</u>
Total financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	<u>99,272</u>	<u>98,701</u>	<u>39,976</u>	<u>38,885</u>

	BlackRock Balanced Fund		BlackRock Equity Fund	
	As at		As at	
	31 December 2023 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	31 December 2023 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Units in related schemes	<u>15,991</u>	<u>15,020</u>	<u>13,207</u>	<u>12,647</u>
Total financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	<u>15,991</u>	<u>15,020</u>	<u>13,207</u>	<u>12,647</u>

8 Events Occurring After the Reporting Period

No significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period up to the date of signing the Condensed Financial Report which would impact on the financial position of the Funds disclosed in the Condensed Statements of Financial Position as at 31 December 2023 or on the results and cash flows of the Funds for the half-year ended on that date.

Directors' Declaration

The directors of the Responsible Entity declare that:

- (a) In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Funds will be able to pay their debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (b) In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including compliance with accounting standards and giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Funds.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Responsible Entity made pursuant to s.303(5) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors of the Responsible Entity.



Director
J Collins

Sydney
01 March 2024

Independent Auditor's Review Report to the Unitholders of BlackRock Investment Funds

Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of BlackRock Australian Share Fund, BlackRock Australian Share Fund Plus, BlackRock Balanced Fund and BlackRock Equity Fund (collectively "BlackRock Investment Funds" or the "Funds"), which comprises the condensed statements of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the condensed statements of profit or loss and comprehensive income, the condensed statements of cash flows and the condensed statements of changes in equity for the half-year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration as set out on pages 5 to 18.

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

- Giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- 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*. Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Half-year Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Funds 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.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001* which has been given to the directors of BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited (the "Responsible Entity"), as Responsible Entity for the Funds, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's review report.

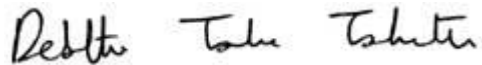
Directors' Responsibilities for the Half-year Financial Report

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 gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Half-year Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including giving a true and fair view of the Funds' financial position as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards 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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Melbourne, 1 March 2024

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