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The Responsible Entity of Chester High Conviction Fund is Copia Investment Partners Ltd (ABN 22 092 872 056) (AFSL 229 316).

The registered office of the Responsible Entity is North Tower, Level 47, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000.

Directors' report

The Directors of Copia Investment Partners Ltd, the Responsible Entity of Chester High Conviction Fund (the Trust), present their report together with the interim financial report of the Trust for the period ended 31 December 2025.

The Trust is an Australian Registered Managed Investment Scheme. Copia Investment Partners Ltd, the Responsible Entity of the Trust, is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The registered office of the Responsible Entity is North Tower, Level 47, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000.

Directors

The following persons held office as Directors of Copia Investment Partners Ltd during the period and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Bruce Robert Loveday	Director	
Samuel Baird Hobill Cole	Director	
Sally Anne McDow	Director	
Michael Voskresensky	Alternate Director	(Appointed 30 June 2025, Ceased 1 July 2025)

Principal activities and material changes in the state of affairs

The Asset Manager of the Trust is Chester Asset Management Pty Ltd (the Asset Manager).

The principal activity of the Trust during the period was to invest in accordance with the provisions of the Trust's governing documents. The investment strategy of the Trust is:

Trust name	Investment strategy
Chester High Conviction Fund	The Trust invests in the Australian Securities Exchange listed securities and cash deposits.

During the period, the Trust's investment administrator changed from Artega Investment Administration to State Street Global Advisors.

There were no other material changes in the nature of the Trust's activities or to the state of affairs of the Trust during the period.

Operating and financial review

The results of the operations of the Trust for the period include the distributions paid and payable on a cents per unit (CPU) basis. The CPU represents the distribution paid by the Trust to unitholders for each individual unit held in the Trust.

Directors' report (continued)

Operating and financial review (continued)

The results of the Trust were as follows:

	Half-year ended	
	31 December 2025	31 December 2024
Net profit/(loss) before finance costs for the period attributable to unitholders (\$'000)	96,043	28,368
Class A		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	-	3,050
Distributions paid and payable (CPU)	-	0.78
Class B		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	-	228
Distributions paid and payable (CPU)	-	0.76
Class C		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	-	-
Distributions paid and payable (CPU)	-	0.16
Class I		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	-	224
Distributions paid and payable (CPU)	-	0.21

Class C distributed \$116 in December 2024 (rounded to \$Nil) above.

Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars

Unless otherwise stated, monetary amounts contained in this report and the financial report have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000 under the option available to the Trust under Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Corporations Instrument 2016/191.

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.

Authorisation

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of the Responsible Entity.



Bruce Robert Loveday
 Director

Melbourne
 23 February 2026



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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Copia Investment Partners Ltd, as Responsible Entity for Chester High Conviction Fund

As lead auditor for the review of the half-year financial report of Chester High Conviction Fund for the half-year ended 31 December 2025, 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.

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Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brett Kallio'.

Brett Kallio
Partner
Melbourne
23 February 2025

Statement of comprehensive income

	Notes	Half-year ended	
		31 December 2025 \$'000	31 December 2024 \$'000
Income			
Interest income from financial assets measured at amortised cost		764	838
Dividend income		8,655	6,335
Distribution income		2,993	865
Other operating income		-	1
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		98,074	24,907
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)		-	18
Total net income		<u>110,486</u>	<u>32,964</u>
Expenses			
Management fees		5,749	3,161
Performance fees		6,373	-
Transaction costs		2,173	1,301
Other expenses		148	134
Total expenses		<u>14,443</u>	<u>4,596</u>
Net profit/(loss) before finance costs for the period attributable to unitholders		<u>96,043</u>	<u>28,368</u>
Finance costs attributable to unitholders			
Distributions to unitholders	3	-	(3,502)
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders	2	<u>(96,043)</u>	<u>(24,866)</u>
Net profit/(loss) after finance costs for the period attributable to unitholders		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period		-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period attributable to unitholders		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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

Statement of financial position

		As at	
	Notes	31 December 2025 \$'000	30 June 2025 \$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		38,643	67,009
Receivables	4	4,321	12,248
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	1,472,900	1,013,514
Total assets		1,515,864	1,092,771
Liabilities			
Distributions payable	3	-	80,494
Payables	6	13,946	19,611
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)		13,946	100,105
Net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability	2	1,501,918	992,666

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

Statement of changes in unitholder funds

	Note	Half-year ended	
		31 December 2025 \$'000	31 December 2024 \$'000
Classification of net assets attributable to unitholders as at 31 December		Liability	Liability
As at 1 July - Opening Balance		992,666	548,380
Applications for units		506,857	286,898
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions		5,051	2,889
Redemptions of units		(98,699)	(100,384)
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability		<u>96,043</u>	<u>24,866</u>
As at 31 December - Closing Balance	2	<u>1,501,918</u>	<u>762,649</u>

The statement of changes in unitholder funds should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of cash flows

	Half-year ended	
	31 December 2025 \$'000	31 December 2024 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	488,946	303,055
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(852,196)	(468,711)
Dividends received	8,242	5,887
Interest received	963	796
Distribution received	2,194	662
RITC received	361	274
Other income received	7	-
Management fees paid	(5,542)	(3,155)
Performance fees paid	(962)	-
Other expenses paid	(2,231)	(1,518)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	<u>(360,218)</u>	<u>(162,710)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from applications by unitholders	505,826	286,613
Payments for redemptions by unitholders	(98,531)	(100,420)
Distributions paid	(75,443)	(27,761)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	<u>331,852</u>	<u>158,432</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(28,366)	(4,278)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	<u>67,009</u>	<u>38,129</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	<u>38,643</u>	<u>33,851</u>

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

Notes to the financial statements

1 Basis of preparation and overarching material accounting policies

These interim financial statements cover the Chester High Conviction Fund (the Trust) as an individual entity. The Trust is an Australian registered managed investment scheme and was constituted on the below date. The Trust will terminate on the below date unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the Trust's Constitution.

Trust name	Constitution date	Termination date
Chester High Conviction Fund	28 March 2017	27 March 2097

These interim financial statements do not include all the notes and disclosures normally included in the annual financial statements. Accordingly, this report should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 and any public announcements made in respect of the Trust during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial report of the Trust for the period ended 31 December 2025 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 23 February 2026.

The nature of the operating and principal activities of the Trust are described in the Directors' report.

(a) Basis of preparation

Basis of preparation

These interim financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2025 have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Act 2001.

Furthermore, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trust is expected to generate sufficient funds to enable it to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

The 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, and in instances where a Trust treats unitholder funds as a liability, net assets attributable to unitholders. The amounts expected to be recovered or settled beyond twelve months after the end of each reporting period cannot be reliably determined.

Unless stated otherwise, the financial report is presented in Australian dollars and has been prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities except where otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards applicable to interim reporting as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the International Financial Reporting Standards applicable to interim reporting as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

New accounting standards and interpretations

There are no standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2025 that have a material impact on the amounts recognised in the prior periods or will affect the current or future periods.

Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to any changes in presentation made in this financial report.

1 Basis of preparation and overarching material accounting policies (continued)

Rounding of amounts

Unless otherwise stated, monetary amounts contained in this report and the Directors' report have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000 under the option available to the Trust under Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Corporations Instrument 2016/191.

(b) Summary of material accounting policies

The material accounting policies applied in these interim financial statements are consistent with those applied in the Trust's financial statements as at and for the year ended 30 June 2025 other than where disclosed and with the exception of changes in accounting policies required following the adoption of new accounting standards on 1 July 2025.

Use of estimates

The Trust may hold financial instruments for which quoted market prices are readily available. The Trust may also hold certain financial instruments, for example over-the-counter derivatives or unquoted securities, that are fair valued using valuation techniques. Where valuation techniques (for example, pricing models) are used to determine fair values, they are validated and periodically reviewed by experienced personnel of the Responsible Entity, independent of the area that created them.

Models use observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations require management to make estimates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments. Models are calibrated by back testing to actual transactions to ensure that outputs are reliable.

2 Net assets attributable to unitholders

As stipulated in the Trust's Constitution, each unit represents a right to an individual share in the Trust and does not extend to a right to the underlying assets of the Trust.

The number of separate classes of units in the below listed Trust is as follows:

Trust	Separate classes of units
Chester High Conviction Fund	Four

Each unit in the Trust has the same rights, preferences and restrictions attaching to it as all other units of the Trust.

Class B, C and I units are available to institutional investors only at a different management fee rate to the Class A units. In addition, Class I units are non-performance fee units.

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unitholders. Where unitholder funds are classified as a liability, movements in net assets attributable to unitholders are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as finance costs.

2 Net assets attributable to unitholders (continued)

Movements in the number of units and net assets attributable to unitholders during the period were as follows:

	Half-year ended			
	31 December 2025 No.'000	31 December 2025 \$'000	31 December 2024 No.'000	31 December 2024 \$'000
Classification of net assets attributable to unitholders as at 31 December	Liability	Liability	Liability	Liability
Class A				
As at 1 July - Opening Balance	444,657	725,222	345,601	519,659
Applications for units	216,973	368,307	106,302	166,759
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	3,086	5,050	1,910	2,889
Redemptions of units	(46,364)	(78,211)	(62,167)	(97,608)
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability	-	67,939	-	23,840
As at 31 December - Closing Balance	618,352	1,088,307	391,646	615,539
Class B				
As at 1 July - Opening Balance	23,967	27,700	26,204	28,721
Applications for units	2,261	2,718	5,167	5,881
Redemptions of units	(2,808)	(3,389)	(1,445)	(1,650)
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability	-	2,206	-	1,318
As at 31 December - Closing Balance	23,420	29,235	29,926	34,270
Class C				
As at 1 July - Opening Balance	1,030	1,178	-	-
Applications for units	1,907	2,292	71	77
Redemptions of units	(329)	(386)	-	-
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability	-	139	-	(1)
As at 31 December - Closing Balance	2,608	3,223	71	76
Class I				
As at 1 July - Opening Balance	210,692	238,566	-	-
Applications for units	113,421	133,540	106,627	114,181
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	1	1	-	-
Redemptions of units	(14,275)	(16,713)	(1,039)	(1,126)
Movements in net assets attributable to unitholders - Liability	-	25,759	-	(291)
As at 31 December - Closing Balance	309,839	381,153	105,588	112,764
Total net assets attributable to unitholders		1,501,918		762,649

On 1 July 2024, the first units were issued for Class C and Class I.

3 Distributions to unitholders

The distributions for the period are presented below in dollars (\$'000) and cents per unit (CPU) for each class.

Distributions	Half-year ended			
	31 December 2025 \$'000	31 December 2025 CPU	31 December 2024 \$'000	31 December 2024 CPU
Class A				
Distributions payable - December	-	-	3,050	0.78
Total distributions	-	-	3,050	0.78
Class B				
Distributions payable - December	-	-	228	0.76
Total distributions	-	-	228	0.76
Class C				
Distributions payable - December	-	-	-	0.16
Total distributions	-	-	-	0.16
Class I				
Distributions payable - December	-	-	224	0.21
Total distributions	-	-	224	0.21
Total Distributions paid and payable	-		3,502	

Class C distributed \$116 in December 2024 (rounded to \$Nil) above.

The component of the final distribution for the period which was unpaid at the reporting date is shown in the statement of financial position.

4 Receivables

	As at	
	31 December 2025 \$'000	30 June 2025 \$'000
Application for units receivable	2,053	1,022
Distributions receivable	1,770	971
Dividends receivable	381	-
GST receivable	117	478
Interest receivable	-	199
Other receivables	-	7
Outstanding trade settlements	-	9,571
Total receivables	4,321	12,248

5 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	As at	
	31 December 2025	30 June 2025
	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets		
Equity securities	1,359,309	926,972
Listed unit trusts	<u>113,591</u>	<u>86,542</u>
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<u>1,472,900</u>	<u>1,013,514</u>

An overview of the fair value measurements relating to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is included in note 7.

6 Payables

	As at	
	31 December 2025	30 June 2025
	\$'000	\$'000
Management and performance fees payable	7,309	1,691
Outstanding trade settlements	6,113	17,622
Redemptions of units payable	466	298
Other payable	<u>58</u>	<u>-</u>
Total payables	<u>13,946</u>	<u>19,611</u>

7 Fair value measurement

All financial assets and financial liabilities included in the statement of financial position are carried at fair value.

In accordance with AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement the Trust is required to disclose fair value measurements by level using the fair value hierarchy. 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); and
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

Fair value in an active market (level 1)

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets are based on their quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. Financial assets and liabilities are priced at the market closing price.

When the Trust holds derivatives with offsetting market risks, it uses mid-market prices as a basis for establishing fair value for the offsetting risk positions and applies this bid or asking price to the net open position, as appropriate.

7 Fair value measurement (continued)

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

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of other substantially similar instruments, 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 reporting date applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions. For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the end of the reporting period.

The fair values of derivatives that are not exchange traded are estimated at the amount that the Trust would receive or pay to terminate the contract at 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 a net present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at appropriate market rates as at the valuation date. The fair value of an option contract is determined by applying the Black Scholes option valuation model.

The tables below set out the Trust's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss according to the fair value hierarchy.

31 December 2025	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets				
Equity securities	1,359,309	-	-	1,359,309
Listed unit trusts	<u>113,591</u>	-	-	<u>113,591</u>
Total financial assets	<u>1,472,900</u>	-	-	<u>1,472,900</u>

30 June 2025	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets				
Equity securities	926,972	-	-	926,972
Listed unit trusts	<u>86,542</u>	-	-	<u>86,542</u>
Total financial assets	<u>1,013,514</u>	-	-	<u>1,013,514</u>

8 Events occurring after the reporting period

No significant events have occurred since the reporting date which would impact on the financial position of the Trust as at 31 December 2025 or on the results and cash flows of the Trust for the period ended on that date.

9 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

At balance date the Trust has no contingent assets, liabilities or commitments (30 June 2025: Nil).

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of the Responsible Entity for the Chester High Conviction Fund:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 5 to 14 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Trust's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of its performance for the financial period ended on that date;
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of Directors.

On behalf of the Board of Copia Investment Partners Ltd.



Bruce Robert Loveday
Director

Melbourne
23 February 2026



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Independent Auditor's Review Report to the Unitholders of Chester High Conviction Fund

Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Chester High Conviction Fund ("the Scheme"), which comprises the condensed statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, the condensed statement of comprehensive income, condensed statement of changes in unitholder funds and condensed 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 Scheme does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a) Giving a true and fair view of the Scheme's financial position as at 31 December 2025 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 the Company 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 reviews of the half-year financial report of public interest entities 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 Copia Investment Partners Ltd (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 Company's financial position as at 31 December 2025 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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Ernst & Young

Brett Kallio

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Partner
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23 February 2026

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