



# MLC MultiActive Product Guide

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## Important information

This MLC MultiActive Product Guide (Product Guide) provides additional information about topics under the prescribed sections of the Product Disclosure Statements (PDSs) for MLC MultiActive High Growth ARSN 096 796 075 and MLC MultiActive Geared ARSN 102 215 501 (Trust(s)) issued by MLC Investments Limited (ABN 30 002 641 661 AFSL 230705). The information in this Product Guide forms part of those PDSs. This Product Guide and the PDSs contain important information you should consider before making an investment decision in relation to the Trusts.

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Trusts issued by IOOF Investment Services Ltd (IISL) ABN 80 007 350 405 AFSL 230703

- MLC MultiActive Capital Stable ARSN 130 096 730
- MLC MultiActive Cash Enhanced ARSN 130 097 175
- MLC MultiActive Conservative ARSN 130 093 186
- MLC MultiActive Diversified Fixed Income ARSN 130 092 787
- MLC MultiActive Moderate ARSN 100 071 332
- MLC MultiActive Australian Shares ARSN 130 093 024
- MLC MultiActive Balanced ARSN 130 097 059
- MLC MultiActive Global Shares ARSN 130 093 104
- MLC MultiActive Growth ARSN 130 096 945
- MLC MultiActive Property ARSN 115 121 563

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References in this document to 'MLC', 'we', 'our' or 'us' should be read as references to MLC Investments Limited in its capacity as Responsible Entity. References in this document to MLC Asset Management Services Limited or MLC Asset Management should be read as references to MLC Asset Management Services Limited, a fully owned subsidiary within the Insignia Financial Group, in its capacity as investment manager.

### **Warning for New Zealand investors**

If you received the offer in New Zealand, to invest in a Trust covered by this Product Guide, you must invest upfront a minimum subscription amount of NZ\$750,000 per Trust you want to invest in (net of any currency exchange losses or costs) and have satisfactorily completed the 'Minimum Subscription Certification' set out in the application form which was provided with this Product Guide.

### **Warning**

New Zealand law normally requires people who offer financial products to give information to investors before they invest. This requires those offering financial products to have disclosed information that is important for investors to make an informed decision. The usual rules do not apply to this offer because there is an exclusion for offers where the amount invested upfront by the investor (plus any other investments the investor has already made in the financial products) is NZ\$750,000 or more. As a result of this exclusion, you may not receive a complete and balanced set of information. You will also have fewer other legal protections for this investment.

Investments of this kind are not suitable for retail investors.

Ask questions, read all information given carefully, and seek independent financial advice before committing yourself.

# Trusts covered by this Product Guide

Trusts	ARSN	PDS Date	APIR Code
MLC MultiActive			
MLC MultiActive High Growth	096 796 075	30 September 2024	MLC0397AU
MLC MultiActive Geared	102 215 501	30 September 2024	MLC0449AU

# How the Trusts work

## Opening an account

If you invest in the Trusts via an IDPS, please contact your IDPS operator for details of how to invest with your IDPS.

To invest in the Trusts directly you must have received this Product Guide (electronically or otherwise) within Australia and be a resident in Australia.

However, if you received this Product Guide (electronically or otherwise) within New Zealand, you may invest in the Trusts only if you invest upfront a minimum subscription amount of NZ\$750,000 per Trust that you want to invest in (net of any currency exchange losses or costs) and have satisfactorily completed the "Minimum Subscription Certification" set out in the application form which was provided with this Product Guide.

If you are a New Zealand investor, you should read the 'Warning for New Zealand investors' at the start of this Product Guide, along with the other important information in the section titled 'Notice to residents of New Zealand'.

In addition the Trusts are restricted to an Australian resident 'wholesale client' within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*.

Investors who satisfy the above criteria may invest directly in the Trusts. You should, however, contact us to discuss the application requirements before making your first investment in the Trusts. We will advise what you need to do. Among other things, we may need to request formal identification from you before you can invest. Until all our requirements are satisfied we cannot accept an application.

## Overseas investors

This PDS only constitutes an offer if received in Australia or New Zealand.

As at the date of this Product Guide, no action has been taken to register or qualify the units or offer or otherwise permit the public offering of the units outside Australia or New Zealand. If you come into possession of this Product Guide outside Australia or New Zealand you should seek advice on and observe any such restrictions imposed by law. Any failure to comply with such restrictions may violate securities laws in that jurisdiction.

This Product Guide does not constitute an offer or invitation in any jurisdiction in which it would be unlawful to make such an offer or

invitation. We reserve the right to make an offer of units to any institutional investor outside Australia or New Zealand where to do so would not be in breach of the securities law requirements of the relevant jurisdiction.

As at the date of this Product Guide, the relevant Trust's units are sold predominantly through a public offering outside of the US, which means the relevant Trust is limited in the level of investment it will accept from "US persons" (as defined under Regulation S of the US Securities Act of 1933).

## Applications and withdrawals

If accepted, application requests received by Registry Services before 3:00 pm (Sydney time) on any Business Day will receive that day's unit price. Application requests received after 3:00 pm will receive the next Business Day's unit price.

Application money received will be held in trust until processed. We will not process your application unless we have received all required information. If we're unable to process your application within 30 days of receipt we will return your money to you. Application monies will be held in trust in a non-interest bearing account until processed.

If accepted, withdrawal requests received by Registry Services before 3:00 pm (Sydney time) on any Business Day will normally receive that day's unit price. Requests received after 3:00 pm will normally receive the next Business Day's unit price. Once lodged, withdrawal requests may not be cancelled except with our consent, which we will not unreasonably withhold.

We may deduct from a withdrawal payment any amount owed under the constitution.

We can only process transaction requests when we receive all required information. We will not be responsible for any loss arising from unauthorised or fraudulent requests.

## Transfers

If you invest directly in the Trusts you may be able to transfer all or some of your unitholding in the Trusts to another eligible investor.

## Joint investors

Unless otherwise expressly indicated, in the case of joint applications, units will be held as joint tenants and either investor will be able to operate the account and bind the other investor for future transactions, including additional investments and withdrawals.

## Anti-Money Laundering/Counter-Terrorism Financing and Sanctions

To comply with the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006 (Cth)* (AML/CTF) and Sanctions laws, we are required to collect and verify information from you (or anyone acting on your behalf, including any related parties). We may also ask for additional information that is reasonably required to comply with AML/CTF and Sanctions laws. This could include information about you, or a holder of a beneficial interest in the investment, or the source of funds used in connection with the investment.

We may be required to take necessary actions including delaying, blocking, freezing or refusing to process any transaction related to your investment, if we have reasonable grounds to suspect that the transaction may be in breach of any obligation, or cause us to commit or participate in an offence under any AML/CTF or Sanctions laws. We also reserve the right to report details of accounts or transactions to the relevant authorities where we are legally obliged to do so.

We will incur no liability to you or a related party if your transactions are delayed, blocked, frozen or refused under the above circumstances.

## Business Days

Business Days are generally days on which banks are open for business in Sydney (except Saturday, Sunday and public or bank holidays).

## Termination of the Trusts

A Trust may be terminated:

- if MLC believes the Trust can no longer fulfil its purpose
- if the Trust's unitholders pass an extraordinary resolution to terminate the Trust
- by Court order, or
- as otherwise allowed by the relevant Trust's constitution or the law.

# How the Trusts work

## Unit pricing

When you invest in a Trust, you are issued with a number of units in that Trust based upon the amount invested and the current unit price. Each unit represents an equal part of the net asset value of the Trust (the value of the assets of the Trust (or class) less any liabilities, including expenses related to that Trust (or class)).

The value of a unit is determined by dividing the net asset value of a Trust (or class) by the number of units on issue at the relevant time for that Trust (or class). The price you pay when applying to a Trust (buying units) or receive when withdrawing from a Trust (selling units) is calculated as follows:

- Buy price = net asset value per unit plus the buy spread
- Sell price = net asset value per unit minus the sell spread

The buy/sell spread applicable for a Trust is our reasonable estimate of the transaction costs that the Trust may incur to buy and sell assets when an investor transacts.

The unit price generally changes every business day, reflecting the performance (rises and falls in value) of the underlying assets due to market movements, as well as income earned, fees, expenses and taxes paid and payable.

Where another entity provides the asset valuations, we retain the responsibility to ensure that all asset valuations are determined in accordance with product disclosure statements, trust constitutions and relevant legislation.

We usually calculate the unit price as at the end of each Business Day.

The constitution of the Trust allows us to exercise discretions which may affect unit pricing. Our unit pricing discretion policy sets out, among other things, the principles we adhere to when exercising these discretions. This policy is available free of charge by contacting Client Services on **1300 738 355**.

You can view the current unit prices for the Trusts at **[mlcam.com.au/mlctrusts](http://mlcam.com.au/mlctrusts)**

If there is a unit pricing error that substantially impacts the Trust's performance, an adjustment may be made. This will generally involve reprocessing affected transactions using the corrected unit price, adjusting your account or both. The value of your investment

could be increased or decreased as a result.

## Investing in our other trusts

The Trusts may access investment managers via other trusts operated by us, via other managers' pooled investments and may also hold direct assets.

## Income distributions

If you invest in the Trusts via an IDPS, please contact your IDPS operator for details of how to receive any income distributions from the Trusts.

To be eligible to receive a distribution you must hold units in the Trusts on the distribution calculation date.

You can have income distributions:

- reinvested in the Trusts, or
- paid into your bank account.

We may, acting reasonably, accept or reject any such request. If you do not make a selection we will reinvest the distribution back into the relevant Trusts.

If you elect to have any income distributions reinvested, units will be issued at the unit price applicable at the distribution calculation date. The buy spread does not currently apply to the issue of these units.

## Unitholders' liability

The Trust's underlying assets are owned by the Responsible Entity on behalf of investors. The Trust's constitutions limit unitholders' liability to their investment in the Trusts.



# Risks of managed investment schemes

## Diversify to reduce volatility and other risks

Diversification - investing in a range of investments - is a sound way to reduce the short-term volatility of your investment returns. That's because different types of investments perform well in different times and circumstances. When some are providing good returns, others may not be.

Trusts can be diversified across different asset classes, industries, securities and countries, as well as across investment managers with different approaches.

The more you diversify, the less impact any one investment can have on your overall returns.

One of the most effective ways of reducing volatility is to diversify across a range of asset classes.

Diversification across asset classes is just one way of managing risk. Our multi-asset trusts diversify across asset classes and investment managers. Please read more about the investment approach in 'How we invest your money'.

### Types of assets

Asset classes are commonly grouped as defensive or growth, based on their different characteristics.

Defensive assets, such as cash and fixed income, may help provide positive returns in a trust when share markets are weak. On the other hand growth assets, such as shares and property, may be included in a trust because of their potential to produce higher returns than cash in the long term.

Diversified trusts are usually invested across both defensive and growth assets because their risk and return characteristics tend to be diverse. However in some market conditions, all types of assets may move in the same direction, delivering low or negative returns at the same time.

The main differences between defensive and growth assets are:

	Defensive	Growth
How they are generally used	To generate income and stabilise returns.	To provide long-term capital growth and income.
Risk and return characteristics	Expected to produce lower returns, and be less volatile, than growth assets over the long term.	Expected to produce higher returns, and be more volatile, than defensive assets over the long term.

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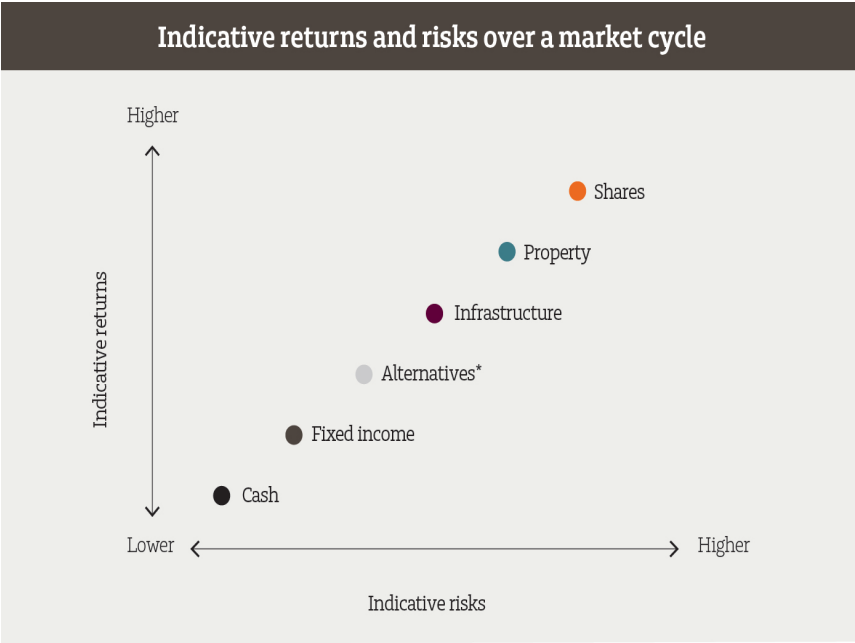
## Asset classes

Asset classes are groups of similar types of investments.

Each class has its risks and benefits, and goes through its own market cycle.

A market cycle can take a couple of years or many years as prices rise, peak, fall and stabilise. Through investing for the long term, at least through a whole market cycle, you can improve your chance of benefiting from a period of strong returns and growth to offset periods of weakness.

The following illustration shows indicative returns and risks for the main asset classes over a whole market cycle. However, each market cycle is different, so unfortunately it isn't possible to accurately predict asset class returns or their risks. Depending on the conditions at the time, actual returns could be significantly different from those shown.



Source: MLC Asset Management

\*Alternatives can move higher or lower on the risk/return spectrum than what is shown based on the types and combination of alternatives that are used.



Here are the main asset class risks and benefits.

### Cash

Cash is generally a low risk investment.

Things to consider:

- Cash is often included in a trust to meet liquidity needs and stabilise returns.
- The return is typically all income and is referred to as interest or yield.
- Cash is usually the least volatile type of investment. It also tends to have the lowest return over a market cycle.
- The value of an investment in high quality cash securities tends not to change. However, in extreme market environments cash interest rates or yields could become negative, resulting in a gradual decline in the value of your investment over time.
- Many cash funds invest in fixed income securities that have a very short term until maturity.

### Fixed income (including term deposits)

When investing in fixed income securities you're effectively lending money to the issuer of the security, usually businesses or governments. Bonds are a common form of fixed income security. Fixed income is also known as fixed interest.

Things to consider:

- Fixed income securities are usually included in a trust for their relatively stable return characteristics relative to listed shares.
- Returns typically comprise interest and changes in the market value of the fixed income security. While income from fixed income securities usually stabilises returns, falls in their market value may result in a loss on your investment. Market values may fall due to concern about defaults on loans or increases in interest rates.
- Values of fixed income securities tend to move in opposite directions to interest rates. So when interest rates rise, fixed income securities' values tend to fall and when interest rates fall, values can rise. When interest rates and interest income are low or negative, even small rises in interest rates may lead to falling market values and losses.
- Duration is a common measure of an investment's sensitivity to changes in interest rates. To illustrate, if interest rates rise sharply by 1%, and a fixed income fund has a duration of three years, the fund would likely lose approximately 3% of its value.

The longer the duration of a fixed income investment, the more its value will be impacted by rising or falling interest rates, and the greater its interest rate risk.

- Market values of fixed income securities may rise or fall due to changes in perceptions of the issuer being able to meet their interest and repayment obligations. This is known as default risk or credit risk. Higher quality issuers are considered investment grade and have a lower credit risk than other issuers. Fixed income securities with higher credit risk are referred to as credit or high yield, and generally have higher potential returns (yields) to compensate investors for their higher risk.
- There are different types of fixed income securities and these will have different returns and risks.
- Investing in fixed income securities outside Australia may expose your trust to movements in exchange rates.

### Alternatives

These are a very diverse group of assets. Some examples may include private equity, hedge funds, real return strategies, and gold.

Things to consider:

- Because alternatives are diverse, they may be included in a trust for their defensive or growth characteristics.
- Alternative investments are usually included in trusts to increase diversification and provide returns that aren't strongly linked with the performance of mainstream assets.
- Investment managers include alternative investments in a trust because they generally expect the return and diversification benefits of alternative investments to outweigh the higher costs often associated with them.
- Some alternative strategies are managed to deliver a targeted outcome. For example, real return strategies aim to produce returns exceeding increases in the costs of living (ie inflation).
- For some alternatives, such as hedge funds, derivatives may be used extensively and it can be less obvious which assets you're investing in compared to other asset classes.
- Some alternative investments are illiquid, which makes them difficult to buy or sell.
- To access alternative investments you generally need to invest in a managed fund that, in turn, invests in alternatives

- Because most alternative investments aren't listed on an exchange, determining their value for a trust's unit price can be difficult and may involve a considerable time lag.
- Alternatives invested outside Australia may expose your trust to movements in exchange rates.

Private equity assets are part of the Alternatives asset class. When investing in private equity you're effectively owning shares in privately-owned businesses that aren't listed on exchanges.

Things to consider:

- Private equity is usually included in a trust for its growth characteristics.
- Returns are driven by many factors including the economic environment in different countries.
- Private equity can be volatile.
- Private equity may be included in a trust and may provide higher returns than listed share markets in the long run, and to increase diversification.
- Private equity is illiquid which makes it difficult to buy or sell.
- Because private equity isn't listed on an exchange, determining its value for a trust's unit price can be difficult and may involve a considerable time lag.

### Infrastructure

Infrastructure businesses own, operate, and maintain a diverse range of infrastructure assets such as toll roads, rail facilities, telecommunications networks, and airports. Access to these businesses may be through companies or securities listed on a securities exchange, through unlisted trusts, or direct ownership.

Things to consider:

- Infrastructure is usually included in a trust for its income, growth and defensive characteristics.
- As many infrastructure assets are often highly regulated monopolies, their revenue streams tend to be more regular and stable than other growth assets.
- Returns typically comprise income as well as changes in the value of the assets through time.
- Returns are driven by many factors including the economic environment in various countries.
- As a result of differences in valuation frequency, listed infrastructure securities'

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returns may appear more volatile than unlisted infrastructure. Listed infrastructure securities are listed on an exchange, so their prices constantly reflect the market's changing view of their values.

- Investments in listed infrastructure securities generally provide investors greater diversification across countries, sectors and businesses than investments that aren't listed.
- The global infrastructure market offers more diversification than the Australian infrastructure market.
- Unlisted infrastructure is less liquid which makes it more difficult for an investment manager to buy or sell.
- Investing outside Australia may expose your trust to movements in exchange rates.

## Property

Access to property may be through trusts and property-related companies listed on a securities exchange (known as listed property securities, Real Estate Investment Trusts, or REITs), unlisted trusts, or direct ownership of property. Investments may include retail, commercial, industrial and residential properties in Australia and around the world.

Things to consider:

- Property is usually included in a trust for its income, growth and defensive characteristics.
- Returns typically comprise income (such as rental or REIT income) and changes in value.
- Returns are driven by many factors including the economic environment in various countries.
- Returns from property can be volatile. Because listed property securities are listed on an exchange, their prices constantly reflect the market's changing view of REIT values. Unlisted property assets are valued less frequently. As a result of these differences in valuation frequency, listed property securities' returns may be more volatile than unlisted property.
- Investments in listed property securities generally provide investors greater diversification across countries, sectors, properties, and property-related companies than investments that aren't listed. And the global listed property securities market is even more diversified than the Australian market.

- Unlisted property is illiquid which makes it more difficult for an investment manager to buy or sell.
- Investing outside Australia may expose your Trust to movements in exchange rates.

## Australian shares

This asset class consists of investments primarily in companies listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (and other regulated exchanges). Shares are also known as equities.

Things to consider:

- Australian shares can be volatile and are usually included in a trust for their growth and income characteristics.
- The Australian share market is less diversified than the global market because Australia is currently dominated by a few industries such as Financials and Resources.
- Returns usually comprise dividend income and changes in share prices.
- Dividends may have the benefit of tax credits attached to them (known as franking or imputation credits).
- Returns are driven by many factors including the performance of the Australian economy.

## Global shares

Global shares consist of investments in companies listed on international securities exchanges.

Things to consider:

- Global shares can be volatile and are usually included in a trust for their growth characteristics.
- The number of potential investments is far greater than in Australian shares.
- Returns usually comprise dividend income and changes in share prices.
- Returns are driven by many factors including the economic environment in various countries.
- When you invest globally, you're less exposed to the risks associated with investing in just one economy.
- Investing outside Australia means you're exposed to movements in exchange rates.

## Investment approaches

Investment managers have different approaches to selecting investments, which invariably results in different returns. No single investment approach is guaranteed to outperform all others in all market conditions.

There are generally two broad approaches: passive and active management.

### Passive management

Passive (or index) managers select investments which they expect will deliver a return that closely tracks a market index.

Enhanced passive (or enhanced index) managers choose investments which they expect will deliver a return above a market index. These managers generally take small positions away from their market index which is expected to lead to outperformance over the long term.

Passive and enhanced passive managers tend to have lower costs because they don't require extensive resources to select investments.

### Active management

Active managers select investments they believe, based on research, will perform better than a market benchmark over the long term, or will provide better risk adjusted returns.

They buy or sell investments when their market outlook alters or investment insights change.

The degree of active management affects returns. Less active managers take small positions away from the market benchmark and more active managers take larger positions. Generally, the larger an investment manager's positions, the more their returns will differ from the benchmark.

Active managers have different investment styles that also affect their returns. Some common investment styles are:

- Bottom-up – focuses on forecasting returns for individual companies, rather than the market as a whole.
- Top-down – focuses on forecasting broad macroeconomic trends and their effect on the market, rather than returns for individual companies.
- Growth – focuses on companies they expect will have strong earnings growth.
- Value – focuses on companies they believe are undervalued (their price doesn't reflect earning potential).
- Income – focuses on generating a regular income stream through selecting companies, trusts and other securities they believe will deliver income, or through using derivatives and other strategies.
- Core – aims to produce competitive returns in all periods.

## Investment techniques

Our investment experts and the investment managers may use different investment techniques that can change the value of an investment. Some of the main investment techniques are explained below. Where the Trusts use these investment techniques, we've made a note of it in the PDS.

### Derivatives

Derivatives are contracts that have a value derived from another source such as an asset, market index or interest rate. There are many types of derivatives including swaps, options and futures. They are a common tool used to manage risk or improve returns.

Some derivatives allow investment managers to earn large returns from small movements in the underlying asset's price. However, they can lose large amounts if the price movement in the underlying asset is unfavourable.

Risks particular to derivatives include the risk that the value of a derivative may not move in line with the underlying asset, the risk that counterparties to the derivative may not be able to meet payment obligations and the risk that a particular derivative may be difficult or costly to trade.

Investment managers, including MLC, have derivatives policies which outline how derivatives are managed. Information on our Derivatives Policy is available at [mlc.com.au/derivativesforinvestments](https://mlc.com.au/derivativesforinvestments)

### Currency management

If an investment manager invests in assets in other countries, its returns in Australian dollars will be affected by movements in exchange rates (as well as changes in the value of the assets).

Our investment experts and investment managers may choose to protect Australian investors against movements in foreign currency. This is known as 'hedging'. Alternatively, they may choose to keep the assets exposed to foreign currency movements, or 'unhedged'.

Returns from exposure to foreign currency can increase diversification in a trust.

### Gearing

Gearing can be achieved by using loans (borrowing to invest), or through investing in certain derivatives, such as futures.

Gearing magnifies exposure to potential gains and losses of an investment. As a result, you can expect larger fluctuations (both up and down) in the value of your investment compared to the same investment which is not geared.

Investment managers can take different approaches to gearing. Some change the gearing level to suit different market conditions. Others maintain a target level of gearing.

It's important to understand the potential risks of gearing, as well as its potential benefits. When asset values are rising by more than the costs of gearing, the returns will generally be higher than if the investment wasn't geared. When asset values are falling, gearing can multiply the capital loss. If the fall is dramatic there can be even more implications for geared investments.

For example, where the lender requires the gearing level to be maintained below a predetermined limit, if asset values fall dramatically, the gearing level may rise above the limit, forcing assets to be sold when values may be continuing to fall.

In turn, this could lead to more assets having to be sold and more losses realised. Withdrawals (and applications) may be suspended in such circumstances, preventing you from accessing your investments at a time when values are continuing to fall.

Although this is an extreme example, significant market falls have occurred in the past. Recovering from such falls is dependent on investment performance.

Other circumstances (such as the lender requiring the loan to be repaid for other reasons) may also prevent a geared investment from being managed as planned, leading to losses.

You need to be prepared for all types of environments and understand their impact on your geared investment.

Information on 'Borrowing costs' is available in the 'Fees and costs' section of this Product Guide.

### Short selling

Short selling is used by an investment manager when they have a view that an asset's price will fall. The manager borrows the asset from a lender, usually a broker, and sells it with the intention of buying it back at a lower price. If all goes to plan, a profit is made. The key risk of short selling is that, if the price of the asset increases, the loss could be significant.

# How we invest your money

## Approach to investing

For decades, our investment experts have been designing trusts using a multi-manager approach, to help investors achieve their goals.

The four key aspects of this market-leading investment approach are:

### 1. Trust design

Our diversified trusts focus on one of the main drivers impacting investor outcomes – asset allocation.

Each asset class has its own return and risk characteristics. Money is allocated between asset classes based on the following investment beliefs. Our investment beliefs stem from our long experience in this way of investing:

- **Great culture is the foundation for great investing**

A culture that fosters debate; encourages fearless enquiry; values humility; and which rests on trust and collaboration is the basis of great investing.

Consistent with this, we embrace change, and new ways of thinking and investing, recognising that what has been effective in the past, may be less so into the future.

- **Active management can add value**

There are many factors that may lead to current market pricing not accurately reflecting the value of an asset to a long-term investor like us. This may include behavioural biases like overconfidence and herding (following the crowd), availability and access to information, and the fact that deep research and analysis can reveal the 'intrinsic value' of an asset which has been overlooked by other investors.

It's these market inefficiencies that present opportunities for skilled active management to add value, delivering stronger long-term returns than would be possible by investing in a passive manner.

- **Skilful diversification can deliver over the long-term**

Skilfully constructed multi-manager trusts made up of a wide breadth of asset classes, many assets within asset classes, risks, investment styles, and investments across many geographies maximises the odds of achieving strong long-term returns while managing risk.

Successful investing relies not just on strong performance in rising markets but also on preserving investors' capital in hostile markets. The combination of skilful diversification and active management is one of the best ways of achieving these dual objectives.

- **Intelligent risk taking is a must**

It's understood that some risks must be taken to achieve return objectives. However, not all risks are equal.

Our role as active managers is to assess the range of possible market outcomes and position trusts so that they maximise the chance of meeting clients' return expectations while minimising exposure to risks unsupported by high conviction.

- **The long-term matters but we remain agile**

Deeply held investment convictions, sound judgments gained from navigating multiple market cycles, and structures and incentives that reward patience and perseverance, support our long-term focus.

At the same time, we are very mindful of occasions when market events can, if overlooked, undermine returns. Our risk-aware investment approach alerts us to possible threats enabling us to position trusts to weather such market conditions.

## 2. Managing the trust

Our trusts have different investment objectives. That's why our investment experts select a different mix of assets and investment managers for each.

The investment managers may be specialist in-house managers, external managers or a combination of both.

Our investment experts research hundreds of investment managers from around the world and select the managers they believe are the best for our trusts.

They are then combined in our trusts so they complement each other.

This multi-manager approach helps to reduce risk and deliver more consistent returns.

You can find out about the investment managers from our Fund Profile Tool at [mlcam.com.au/mlctrusts](https://mlcam.com.au/mlctrusts)

## 3. Ongoing review

To make sure our trusts are working hard for investors, our investment experts continuously review and actively manage

them.

This includes adjusting the asset allocation, investment strategies and managers.

This may be because our investment experts' assessment of the future market environment has altered or because they've found new ways to balance return and risk in our trusts.

## 4. Implementation

We deliver better returns by avoiding unnecessary costs. Our investment experts help us do this by carefully managing cash flows and changes in our trusts.

Each Trust uses the aspects of this approach to investing that are relevant to it.



## Responsible investment

Responsible investment is the practice of considering Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors in the research, analysis, selection and management of investments and the implementation of good stewardship practices.

There are a broad range of ESG factors that may impact the risk profile and/or return characteristics of an investment. Some examples include:

### Environmental (E)

- Climate change initiatives like reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
- Waste management
- Energy efficiency
- Water supply
- Pollution
- Biodiversity

### Social (S)

- Human capital management
- Labour standards
- Modern slavery
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I)
- Workplace health and safety
- Integration with local community and earning a social licence to operate
- Indigenous rights
- Employee engagement

### Governance (G)

- Rights, responsibilities and expectations across all stakeholders
- Board structure, diversity and independence
- Executive remuneration (short- and long-term incentives)
- Bribery and corruption
- Anti-competitive behaviour
- Political lobbying and donations
- Shareholder rights
- Tax strategy

Some investment strategies and asset classes are better suited to consideration of these factors than others. See the 'Responsible investment limitations' section for more detail.

## Responsible investment in the Trusts

The Trusts are not promoted as socially responsible or ethical investments.

Except as stated below, the Responsible Entity does not take into account labour standards, environmental, social and ethical

considerations for the purposes of selecting, retaining or realising investments.

When making investment decisions, the following responsible investment approaches are used for the Trusts (where possible) to improve investment outcomes:

- **ESG Integration** means identifying and considering relevant ESG factors in the investment decision-making process. This allows them to recognise and act upon opportunities and risks related to ESG factors.
- **Active Ownership** means being active owners in the companies your money is invested in by using ownership rights, such as proxy voting and engaging with these companies on a range of commercial, strategic and ESG factors. This provides an opportunity to enhance and protect the long-term value of investments.
- **Negative screening** means excluding certain sectors and companies because they're associated with certain controversial business activities. See the 'What's excluded' section below.

MLC Asset Management (MLCAM) undertakes appropriate due diligence of the investment managers it selects prior to their appointment, including their consideration of ESG factors in their portfolios, where relevant. MLCAM monitors and collects regular reporting on each investment manager's approach to responsible investment, including their proxy voting decisions and significant company engagements.

The responsible investment approach can change. For example, this can occur through a change in approach by MLC, a change in approach by the investment manager/underlying investment manager or a change in an investment manager/underlying investment manager. We will notify you of any such changes in accordance with our obligations under the law.

# How we invest your money

## Responsible investment limitations

The following limitations apply for ESG Integration and Active Ownership for a Trust:

Category	Responsible investment limitations
<b>Investment strategy</b>	
Passive	Passive funds will follow a chosen market index. ESG Integration for a Trust will only occur to the extent that the provider of the chosen market index includes ESG Integration in its methodology.
Quantitative or factor-based	ESG Integration for a Trust will only occur to the extent that ESG Integration is included in the quantitative or factor-based methodology.
<b>Asset class</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	Responsible investment approaches are not used in respect of any investment in cash and cash equivalents.
Fixed income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sovereign and supranational issuers</li> <li>• Corporate issuers (credit)</li> <li>• Structured credit (eg mortgage-backed securities)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information may not be available for some issuers and ESG Integration cannot be assured for those investments.</li> <li>• Holders of fixed income securities generally do not have ownership rights and therefore Active Ownership cannot be assured for those investments.</li> <li>• Issuers of the instruments may not be listed companies and may operate under private arrangements.</li> <li>• Material ESG issues faced by the issuer may be difficult to identify, analyse and report on due to limited visibility of underlying securities.</li> </ul>
Alternatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESG Integration cannot be assured for all investments given the type of assets and their structures.</li> <li>• Investors in alternatives may not have ownership rights and therefore Active Ownership cannot be assured for those investments.</li> <li>• Information availability is limited for private businesses and ESG Integration cannot be assured for those investments. This includes when the investment is indirect via an investment vehicle that has exposure to private businesses, such as a listed investment, externally managed investment (an investment not managed by the responsible entity or investment manager), or other financial market/exchange-traded investment.</li> <li>• Investors in private businesses, under direct or indirect arrangements, may not have ownership rights and therefore Active Ownership cannot be assured for those investments.</li> </ul>
Infrastructure and Property	Information may not be available for some issuers and ESG Integration cannot be assured for all investments in private companies and enterprises.
<b>General</b>	
Derivatives	Responsible investment approaches are not used in respect of any investment in derivatives.
Externally managed investments	Responsible investment approaches for the Trusts may not be used for an externally managed investment and the exposure to the investment may be small or large.

### What's excluded

A negative screen is employed for the Trusts to exclude investment in companies which manufacture cigarettes or other tobacco products or generate any revenue from manufacturing cigarettes or other tobacco products (referred to as Tobacco manufacturing in this document). The negative screen will apply to shareholdings or debt instruments applicable to the Trusts.

A Tobacco manufacturing company is a company that satisfies the following:

- Tobacco manufacturing, or
- >0% revenue limit from Tobacco manufacturing.

The negative screen applies in respect of manufacturing and no other business activities by a company. Therefore the Trusts may have exposure to activities related to the value chain for Tobacco manufacturing eg raw materials, production inputs, distribution, retail sales and the financing of such activities.

The revenue limit is determined as sales or revenue for the company from Tobacco manufacturing as a proportion of the net operating revenues in the most recent year from all ongoing lines of business of the company. For example, a 0% revenue limit would mean that any company with more than 0% of its net operating revenue or sales in the most recent year coming from Tobacco manufacturing would be excluded from the Trusts. The sales or revenue amount for the company is determined on appropriate publicly available revenue data. The screen is implemented by using data from a reputable third-party data provider.

### Practical limitations

While this negative screen captures most companies, not all companies are required to make full disclosure about their involvement in these activities (or they cannot be identified through indirect ownership structures). There are limitations in the availability, collection and reporting of this information. If a company's revenue mix changes (eg prior non-disclosure, or due to merger or demerger activities) and then exceeds the permitted revenue thresholds, a timely review of that company will be undertaken after it has been identified and its securities will be excluded as required.

The Trusts may, from time to time, have a small level of unintended exposure. This could occur where there is a delay in data availability, or an inability to exit an investment. The Trusts could have an exposure through the use of cash and cash equivalents, index options, futures, exchange traded funds, or an externally managed investment where the Trusts are unable to impose the negative screen for Tobacco manufacturing which may also result in a small level of unintended exposure.



# How we invest your money

## Explanation of terms

The information below explains terms used in section 5 'How we invest your money' of the PDS.

Terms used in Trust profiles	Explanation
<b>Investment objective:</b>	<p>Describes what the Trust aims to achieve over a certain timeframe. Most trusts aim to produce returns that are comparable to a benchmark (refer Benchmark section below).</p> <p>The investment objective outlines whether returns used to judge a Trust's success include or exclude certain fees. Investment objectives may consider fees in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 'After fees' – when calculating performance against the investment objective, the management fees and costs are deducted from the return. However, other costs outlined in the PDS aren't deducted.</li><li>• 'Before fees' – when calculating performance against the investment objective, indirect costs are deducted from the return, but management fees aren't deducted.</li></ul> <p>More information on fees and how they are deducted is available in section 6 'Fees and costs' of the PDS.</p>
<b>Benchmark:</b>	<p>Benchmarks are usually market indices that are publicly available. Shares are often benchmarked against a share market index and fixed income against a fixed income market index. Other benchmarks can be based on particular industries (eg mining), company size (eg small caps) or the wider market (eg S&amp;P/ASX300 or the MSCI All Country World Ex-Australia Index with Special Tax).</p> <p>Benchmarks for diversified trusts may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• made up of a combination of market indices weighted according to the asset allocation (commonly known as composite benchmarks), or</li><li>• a single measure, such as inflation. A common index of inflation, which is the rise in the cost of living, is the Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.</li></ul> <p>When comparing returns to a benchmark you should consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• whether the Trust's return is calculated before or after fees are deducted</li><li>• the period over which the return should be measured, and</li><li>• that a Trust is unlikely to achieve its objective in all market environments.</li></ul>
<b>How the Trust is managed:</b>	<p>Describes the investment strategy and approach to managing the Trust.</p>
<b>The Trust may be suited to you if:</b>	<p>Suggests the type of investor who may be interested in investing in this particular Trust. Each investor's own personal objectives and circumstances will also affect their decision.</p>
<b>Minimum suggested time to invest:</b>	<p>Investing for the minimum suggested time or longer improves your chances of achieving a positive return. However, investing for the minimum time doesn't guarantee a positive return outcome because every market cycle is different. Your personal circumstances should determine how long you hold an investment.</p>
<b>Asset allocation:</b>	<p>Asset allocations are displayed in different ways, reflecting how the Trust is managed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Strategic asset allocations</b> (also known as benchmark or long-term asset allocations) provide an indication for the Trust of the proportion invested in each asset class.</li><li>• <b>Ranges</b> indicate the minimum and maximum that may be allocated to an asset class.</li></ul> <p>Actual asset allocations aren't shown in the PDS as they constantly change due to movements in asset values, and activities such as buying and selling of assets by investment managers. As a result, actual asset allocations can move above and below the strategic asset allocation. While usually remaining within any ranges provided, actual asset allocations may temporarily move outside the ranges due to various factors, including strategic portfolio management changes, market movements and significant applications or redemptions.</p> <p>Recent actual asset allocations are available at <a href="http://mlcam.com.au/mlctrusts">mlcam.com.au/mlctrusts</a></p> <p>Strategic asset allocations and ranges may change from time-to-time. We'll notify you of any material updates.</p>

Terms used in Trust profiles	Explanation
<b>Risk measure:</b>	<p>We include the estimated number of negative annual returns over any 20 year period to help you understand investment risk of the Trusts. Because it's an estimate, the actual number of negative annual returns that occur in a 20 year period may be different. This estimation isn't a complete assessment of investment risk, for instance it doesn't:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• detail the size a negative return could be or the potential for a positive return to be less than an investor requires to meet their objectives</li> <li>• capture the risk of the Trust not meeting its investment objective, or</li> <li>• take into account the impact of fees, which would increase the chance of a negative return.</li> </ul> <p>Investors should still ensure they are comfortable with the risks and potential losses associated with their chosen investment.</p>
<b>Responsible investment:</b>	<p>Responsible investment is the practice of considering Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors in the research, analysis, selection and management of investments and the implementation of good stewardship practices. Refer to the 'Responsible investment' section of this Product Guide for more information.</p>

# Fees and other costs

**The fees and costs outlined in the PDSs and this Product Guide are for the Trusts only.**

If you are investing in the Trusts via an IDPS, you will need to consider the fees and other costs of the IDPS when calculating the total cost of your investment.

This section shows the fees and other costs that you may be charged. These fees and costs may be deducted from your money, from the returns on your investment or from the assets of the relevant managed investment scheme as a whole.

Taxes are set out under the 'How managed investment schemes are taxed' section of this document.

You should read all the information about fees and costs because it is important to understand their impact on your investment. The information in this table can be used to compare fees and costs between different simple managed investment schemes.

All fees are shown inclusive of GST and net of Reduced Input Tax Credits (where applicable).

## Fees and costs summary

MLC MultiActive		
Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
<b>Ongoing annual fees and costs<sup>1</sup></b>		
<b>Management fees and costs</b> The fees and costs for managing your investment	Estimated to be between 0.94% pa and 1.08% pa of each relevant Trust's net asset value, comprised of: 1. A management fee of between 0.90% pa and 1.05% pa of each relevant Trust's net asset value. 2. Estimated indirect costs <sup>2</sup> of between 0.03% pa and 0.04% pa of each relevant Trust's net asset value.	1. The management fee is calculated on the relevant Trust's net asset value. It is not deducted from your account directly but from the assets of the relevant Trust. It is accrued daily and paid monthly, and the accrued amount is incorporated into the daily unit price of the relevant Trust. The amount of the management fee may be negotiated by wholesale clients. Refer to 'Management fee may be negotiated' in the 'Additional explanation of fees and costs'. 2. Indirect costs are generally deducted from the assets of the Trust as and when they are incurred.
<b>Performance fees</b> Amounts deducted from your investment in relation to the performance of the product	Estimated to be between 0.02% pa and 0.04% pa of each relevant Trust's net asset value.	Performance fees are amounts that investment managers may charge when their performance exceeds a specified level. Different performance fees may be charged by different investment managers and will vary depending upon the investment managers' performance. Performance fees are deducted from the assets of the relevant Trust, paid periodically and are reflected in the daily unit price.
<b>Transaction costs</b> The costs incurred by the scheme when buying or selling assets	Estimated to be between 0.05% pa and 0.06% pa of each relevant Trust's net asset value.	These costs are paid from the assets of the relevant Trust as and when they are incurred. These costs are an additional cost to you.
<b>Member activity related fees and costs (fees for services or when your money moves in or out of the scheme)</b>		
<b>Establishment fee</b> The fee to open your investment	Nil	Not applicable
<b>Contribution fee</b> The fee on each amount contributed to your investment	Nil	Not applicable

## MLC MultiActive

Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
<b>Buy-sell spread</b> An amount deducted from your investment representing costs incurred in transactions by the scheme	Estimated to be between 0.15% and 0.15% of the application amount on investments made in each relevant Trust and between 0.15% and 0.15% of the withdrawal amount on withdrawals made from each relevant Trust.	The buy spread is added to the net asset value per unit when you buy units. The sell spread is deducted from the net asset value per unit when you sell units. The buy-sell spread is not a fee and no part of the buy-sell spread is paid to us or to any investment managers.
<b>Withdrawal fee</b> The fee on each amount you take out of your investment	Nil	Not applicable
<b>Exit fee</b> The fee to close your investment	Nil	Not applicable
<b>Switching fee</b> The fee for changing investment options	Nil	Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> Rounded to two decimal places.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated indirect costs are based on actual costs incurred for the financial year to 30 June 2024 and/or reasonable estimates where information was unavailable at the date this document was issued.

## Additional explanation of fees and costs

### Management fees and costs

The management fees and costs are fees and costs for investing the Trust's assets. The management fees and costs don't include buy-sell spreads, borrowing costs or transaction costs.

Management fees and costs are made up of the management fee and indirect costs described below.

### Management fee

The Responsible Entity receives a management fee for managing the assets of the Trusts and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Trusts. The Responsible Entity will pay out of its management fee any fees and other costs and expenses incurred in operating the Trusts ('operational costs') such as custody costs, registry costs, auditing fees and tax return fees. The payment of any fees and other costs and expenses out of the management fee does not extend to the performance fee. This will be a cost to the relevant Trust in addition to the management fee.

We may decide in the future to recover operational costs directly from the Trusts in addition to the management fee.

### Indirect costs

The Trusts may also incur costs and expenses that won't be charged as a management fee but are expected to reduce the net return of the Trusts. These indirect costs may be incurred through investment in underlying investment funds. These indirect costs are reflected in the daily unit price and any reporting on the performance of the Trusts.

Estimated indirect costs are based on actual costs incurred for the financial year to 30 June 2024 and/or reasonable estimates where information was unavailable at the date this document was issued. Amounts may vary from time to time and you will not be given advance notice of any changes to these amounts. Updated amounts will be available at [mlcam.com.au/mlctrusts](https://mlcam.com.au/mlctrusts)

### Performance fees

Performance fees are amounts that investment managers may charge when their performance exceeds a specified level. This is independent of the overall performance of each relevant Trust and therefore amounts may be payable to the investment managers even if the relevant Trust itself produces negative performance. Different performance fees may be charged by different investment managers and will vary depending upon the investment managers' performance.

Performance fees are deducted from the assets of the relevant Trust and paid periodically. They are reflected in the daily unit price and expected to reduce the net return of the relevant Trust.

Estimated performance fees are calculated based on the average performance fees of the previous five financial years, or if a Trust has been in operation for a shorter period up to four years, the average fee for the number of years it has been in operation.

Where a Trust is first offered in the current financial year, the fee is a reasonable estimate of the performance fee for the current financial year adjusted to reflect a 12-month period.

Performance fee calculations are based on historical performance and may involve reasonable estimates where information was unavailable. Performance fees are subject to change without prior notice and may be more or less than the figures listed. Past performance fees aren't a reliable indicator of future performance fees.

# Fees and other costs

## Transaction costs

Transaction costs are the costs incurred when assets in the relevant Trust or in underlying investments are bought or sold and includes costs such as brokerage, stamp duty, settlement costs, clearing costs, custody transaction costs and government charges. Transaction costs may also be incurred when the market process for trading assets causes the price paid or received to be different from the value of the assets immediately after the transaction, for example, where bid/ask spreads are incurred.

These costs are not included in the management fees and costs and are an additional cost to you. No part of the transaction costs are paid to us or any investment managers.

The indicative estimated transaction costs for the Trusts (based on the 30 June 2024 financial year) are detailed in the table below.

Transaction cost amounts included below are based on (i) reasonable estimates of the costs for the current financial year (taking into account such portfolio changes); and (ii) the actual costs incurred for the financial year to 30 June 2024, and involve estimates where information was unavailable at the date this PDS was issued.

Trusts	Total estimated gross transaction costs (% pa)	Minus buy-sell spread recovery (% pa)	Equals transaction costs (% pa)
MLC MultiActive High Growth	0.09	0.03	0.06
MLC MultiActive Geared	0.10	0.05	0.05

## Buy-sell spread

You incur the buy-sell spread when you buy or sell units in the Trusts. The buy spread is added to the net asset value per unit when you buy units. The sell spread is deducted from the net asset value per unit when you sell units. The buy-sell spread is not a fee and no part of the buy-sell spread is paid to us or to any investment managers.

The buy-sell spread is retained in the Trusts and is designed so that, as far as practicable, the estimated transaction costs incurred as a result of investor applications and withdrawals are borne by that investor and not by other existing investors in the relevant Trust.

Buy-sell spreads may change from time to time. Increases (and decreases) may be significant. We may waive or reduce the buy and sell spreads at our discretion.

The latest buy-sell spreads can be found at [mlcam.com.au/buy-sell-spreads](https://mlcam.com.au/buy-sell-spreads). Investors may not be notified of changes, and should check current buy-sell spreads before making any investment decision.

### Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs (or gearing costs) may be incurred in a number of circumstances, including (but not limited to) where money is borrowed to purchase an asset and where securities are borrowed as part of a Trust's investment strategy. Borrowing costs are generally paid to third parties such as banks, providers of a margin lending facility and prime brokers and may include upfront costs to establish the arrangement and ongoing costs like interest payments.

These costs are not included in the management fees and costs but are deducted from the assets of the Trust and reduce the unit price at the time they are incurred. Borrowing costs may rise and fall over time, and will depend on the level of borrowing, the interest amount and other amounts paid to lenders.

The estimated borrowing costs for the previous financial year to 30 June 2024 shown below:

Trust Name	Borrowing Costs pa of the relevant Trust's net asset value
MLC MultiActive Geared	1.69%

### Management fee may be negotiated

Wholesale clients who invest directly in the Trusts may be able to negotiate the management fee by contacting Client Services on **1300 738 355**.

Any discount in fees will be rebated periodically. We suggest that you consult your tax adviser in regards to the tax treatment of any fee rebates.

### Reimbursable expenses

We are entitled to be reimbursed from a Trust for all costs and expenses incurred in acting as Responsible Entity or in relation to the administration and management of the relevant Trust. The expenses may include, but are not limited to, PDS preparation and printing costs.

We currently pay these costs and expenses out of the management fee and do not charge them to you as an additional cost.

### Payments to IDPS operators

These are commercial payments made by the Responsible Entity to IDPS operators. These payments may be rebated to you or may be retained by the IDPS operator where allowed by law.

How and when these payments are made vary between the Responsible Entity and IDPS operators from time to time. They are paid by the Responsible Entity out of the management fee and are not an additional cost to you.

### Non-monetary benefits

We keep a register detailing certain non-monetary benefits that we receive (eg benefits valued between \$100 and \$300, genuine education or training and information technology software or support). You can review an extract of the register by contacting Client Services on **1300 738 355**. Please be aware that MLC may charge you for the cost of providing this information to you.

### Fees paid to related companies

We may use the services of related companies where it makes good business sense to do so and will benefit our unitholders.

Amounts paid for these services are always negotiated on an arm's length basis and are, in the Responsible Entity's opinion, reasonable remuneration.

Appointments of these companies are made in accordance with the requirements of the Insignia Financial Group's Conflicts of Interest Policy.

The Responsible Entity regularly monitors the ongoing compliance of such appointments with the Insignia Financial Group's Conflicts of Interest Policy.

# How managed investment schemes are taxed

## The AMIT regime

Each of the Trusts is an Attribution Managed Investment Trust (AMIT).

This means:

- Each Trust will be deemed to be a 'fixed trust' for taxation purposes.
- The allocation of taxable income to its investors is based on "attribution" on a "fair and reasonable basis", rather than a present entitlement to the "income of the Trust" for each financial year and the Trust is not liable for tax provided all its taxable income is attributed to investors.
- A Trust may make year-on-year adjustments to reflect under-or-over distributions of the Trust's income.
- Investors may increase or decrease the cost base of their units where taxable income attributed is either greater than or less than (respectively) broadly the cash distribution and tax offsets for an income year, to help alleviate the potential for double taxation.

Under the AMIT regime:

- Australian residents will include their share of the Trust's taxable income in their income tax return, and
- non-residents may have withholding tax deducted from distributions they receive from the Trusts.

Each Trust may accumulate income which is reflected in the unit price. Taxable income is attributed to investors, even if a Trust doesn't distribute its income.

However, we intend to continue our current practice of distributing all of the Trust's taxable income (including any capital gains) to our investors each financial year. We will notify you if this changes.

The details of the taxable income attributed to you will be set out in an AMIT Member Annual Statement (AMMA Statement), which will contain all necessary tax information. The tax payable (if any) depends on your individual tax profile and applicable tax rate.

If you disagree with our attribution of taxable income, you can object to the Commissioner of Taxation. If you decide to take this course, it is important that you obtain professional tax and legal advice. The constitution of each Trust provides for you to give us notice before making an objection, so please do so and we will work with you to try to resolve the issue.

## Taxation of Financial Arrangements (TOFA) regime

Certain financial arrangements may be taxed under the TOFA regime. The TOFA provisions aim to align the taxation recognition of gains and losses on financial arrangements with commercial recognition of such gains and losses. Under TOFA, the gains and losses on financial arrangements are recognised on an accruals basis rather than on realisation basis. In some cases, amounts may be recognised for taxation purposes before the relevant gains or losses are realised by the Trust.

## Non-residents

Investment income received may be subject to non-resident withholding tax. The amount of tax deducted will depend on the type of entity from which investment income is earned, the investment income type and your country of residence.

Conduit foreign income (CFI) received will generally be non-assessable, non-exempt income in Australia and not subject to Australian non-resident withholding tax. Broadly, CFI is foreign income earned by a foreign resident through an Australian entity which in most instances is not assessable to that Australian entity.

Generally, Australian Capital Gains Tax on the disposal of investments by a non-resident will not apply where those investments are not taxable Australian property. In addition, non-residents will not be subject to withholding tax on the distribution of capital gains derived from assets that are not taxable Australian property.

Taxation and distribution statements are generically prepared from an Australian resident investor perspective.

Investors who are non-residents for Australian tax purposes should seek professional taxation advice to clarify their specific circumstances.

All payments and transactions to, and by, the Trust are in Australian dollars. Payments from/into non-Australian bank accounts may incur currency conversion fees.

Non-Australian resident investors should seek advice from their banking institution.

## Australian tax file number

MLC is authorised under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Cth) to ask for your Australian tax file number (TFN) when you open an investment account for income distribution purposes. You don't have to provide your TFN and it's not an offence if you decide not to, but if you don't, 'Pay As You Go Withholding Tax' will be deducted at the highest marginal tax rate (plus Medicare Levy) from any income distributions payable to you.



# Other information

## Email terms and conditions

If emails are used in operating your account, you should understand that there is potentially a greater risk that a person could fraudulently send us an email and, by pretending to be you, withdraw money from your account.

These terms and conditions apply when we (including our agents) receive email instructions or communications about your account. These terms are in addition to any other requirements relating to you giving us instructions or completing any particular authority. We can change these terms by giving you 14 days' written notice, except where the changes adversely impact you, in which case we'll give you 30 days' written notice.

By investing in the Trust, you agree that we (including our agents) may rely and act on any instructions communicated from your email which reasonably appear to be duly authorised by you and that MLC and Registry Services are not responsible for any losses you may suffer as a result of any fraudulent communications received by email, except to the extent those losses arise directly from their or their agents' negligence, wilful default or fraud. You agree to release and indemnify MLC and Registry Services against any claims and demands for any loss that we incur as a result of properly acting on such an instruction, except where we know, or have reasonable grounds to suspect, that the instruction is not authorised by you or was given in error.

MLC and Registry Services will only act when we receive complete and legible communications from you. MLC and Registry Services will not be liable for any loss which results from us not receiving your email, or from a delay in us receiving your email. The limitation of liability and indemnity above does not apply to losses or delays to the extent that they are caused by MLC or Registry Services' fraud, negligence, wilful misconduct or breach of contract.

## Investor Online and Adviser Online

Investor Online, accessible via [mlcam.com.au/mlc](https://mlcam.com.au/mlc), gives you access to up to date information on your investments at any time. You automatically get access to Investor Online if you are an investor in the Trust. If you elect to give your financial adviser permission to access information about your investment on the Initial Application Form, your financial adviser will also have access to your investment information via Adviser Online.

Once you have an investment in the Trust, your Investor Online account will be established and Registry Services will send you the details you need to complete the online registration process for your account.

Use of Investor Online and Adviser Online is provided by Registry Services and is subject to specific terms and conditions, as disclosed on these sites.

## Your privacy

We are committed to protecting your privacy. Any personal information we collect about you will be handled in accordance with our Privacy Policy, which outlines how we manage your personal information, how you may access or correct your personal information, and how you may complain about a breach of your privacy. To obtain a copy of our Privacy Policy, please contact Client Services on **1300 738 355** or visit [mlcam.com.au/privacy](https://mlcam.com.au/privacy)

We collect your personal information from the application form you complete when applying for this product for the purpose of providing you with the products and services that you request and for related purposes, including providing you with financial advice and ongoing services in relation to your account with us, or providing information about other products and services that may be of interest to you. You may contact us at any time to let us know that you do not want your personal information to be used or disclosed for marketing purposes. If you do not provide all the information requested in your application form, we may not be able to process your application.

To verify your identity for Know Your Customer (KYC) purposes, we may also solicit personal information about you from reliable identity verification service providers.

For the purpose of providing you with the products or services you have requested, we may disclose your personal information to our related bodies corporate or external parties, including your financial adviser or employer, banks or other financial institutions, medical professionals, insurers, legal or accounting firms, auditors, mail houses, or when required or authorised to do so by law. It is generally unlikely that we will disclose your personal information overseas; however any overseas disclosure does not affect our commitment to safeguarding your personal information and we will take reasonable steps to ensure any overseas recipient complies with Australian privacy laws.

## Other information

### Notice to residents of New Zealand

Any offer or sale of any units in the Trusts (the 'Units') described in these materials in New Zealand is available only to, and may only be accepted by, a person who invests upfront a minimum subscription amount of NZ\$750,000 per Trust that he or she wants to invest in (net of any currency exchange losses or costs) and has satisfactorily completed the "Minimum Subscription Certification" as part of their application and agrees that:

- a. it has not offered, sold or transferred, and will not offer, sell or transfer, directly or indirectly, any Units and it has not granted, issued or transferred, and will not grant, issue or transfer an interest in or options over, directly or indirectly, any Units other than in accordance with an exclusion under Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the FMC Act (N.Z.); and
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For a copy of the New Zealand Wholesale Investor form, please contact our client service team on **1300 738 355**.

## Keeping you informed

If you invest directly into the Trusts, we will provide you with the information set out in the table below. If you wish to obtain information on your account or update your details, please contact our Client Services team. See 'Contact details' at the end of this Product Guide.

If you invest via an IDPS you can obtain information on your investment in the Trusts by contacting your IDPS.

Information provided to direct investors	
Transaction confirmation	Confirms any investment, switch or withdrawal. This will be available on Investor Online via <b>mlcam.com.au/mlc</b>
Distribution statement	Provides details of the distributions paid on your account. This will be available on Investor Online via <b>mlcam.com.au/mlc</b>
Annual taxation statement	You will be provided with an annual taxation statement, referred to as an AMIT Member Annual Statement (AMMA Statement), to assist you in completing your tax return. The AMMA Statement will show the taxable and non-taxable components of the income attributed to you (which includes any distributions received or reinvested). This will be available on Investor Online via <b>mlcam.com.au/mlc</b>
Annual financial report	As a unitholder, you can choose to receive a copy of the annual financial report as a hard copy, or as an electronic copy, or you may elect not to receive the annual financial report. If you do not make an election, we will default to your receipt preference for your financial statements. You can access a copy of the annual financial report on our website <b>mlcam.com.au/mlctrusts</b>
Constitution	Available to you without charge on request by contacting Client Services on <b>1300 738 355</b> .
Performance history	
Unit Pricing Discretions Policy	
Derivatives Policy	
Privacy Policy	
Product Disclosure Statement updates	You can obtain a paper copy of the PDS and this Product Guide on request by contacting Client Services on <b>1300 738 355</b> or by visiting the website <b>mlcam.com.au/mlctrusts</b> . The PDS and this Product Guide can be updated or replaced from time to time.
Unitholder meetings	If important changes are required to the Trust, unitholder meetings may be held. Unitholders of the Trust will receive prior notification and be provided with any reference materials. As a unitholder, you can choose to receive information about any future unitholder meetings if and when they're called, either as a printed copy, by post or via email. If you do not make a choice, we will default to your contact preference for receipt of financial statements.



### **Contact details**

If you invest via an IDPS you should contact your IDPS operator for all enquiries.

If you invest directly, the contact details are:

#### **Registry Services**

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Email: [mlc\\_transactions@unitregistry.com.au](mailto:mlc_transactions@unitregistry.com.au)

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PO Box 200  
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