

# **23 SEPTEMBER 2019**

# NOTICE OF MEETING OF UNITHOLDERS OF THE

# AUSTRALIAN UNITY DIVERSIFIED PROPERTY FUND

**ARSN 106 724 038** 

# TO BE HELD AT 2:30pm AEDT ON 23 OCTOBER 2019 AT GROUND FLOOR, 271 SPRING STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

Your vote is important.

You should read this Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum in full before deciding whether or not to vote in favour of the Resolutions.

This is an important document and requires your immediate attention. You should read the whole document in its entirety before deciding how to vote.

If you are unable to attend the Meeting, please complete the Proxy Form enclosed and return it in accordance with the instructions set out on that form. If you are in any doubt about what action you should take, we recommend you consult a professional or financial adviser.

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# IMPORTANT NOTICE

This document:

- is issued by Australian Unity Property Limited ABN 58 079 538 499, AFS Licence No. 234455 (AUPL) in its capacity as Responsible Entity of the Australian Unity Diversified Property Fund ARSN 106 724 038 (Fund); and
- comprises a Notice of Meeting and accompanying Explanatory Memorandum.

# PURPOSE OF THIS EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Explanatory Memorandum provides you with information about each of the Resolutions contained in the Notice of Meeting and the steps for implementing the proposal to merge the Fund with the Australian Unity Retail Property Fund (RPF), whereby the Fund will acquire all Securities on issue in RPF and issue Units in the Fund to the Securityholders in RPF (Proposal).

AUPL recommends that you read this document in full and promptly obtain professional or financial advice from a licensed financial adviser before determining how to exercise your vote on each of the proposed Resolutions set out in the Notice of Meeting.

This Explanatory Memorandum provides information about objectives of the Proposal, the benefits and risks to the Unitholders in the Fund and information about RPF.

The Explanatory Memorandum also contains an Independent Expert's Report provided by Deloitte Corporate Finance Pty Limited (a network member firm of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited).

Accompanying this Explanatory Memorandum are a:

- 1. Proxy Form
- 2. Capped Withdrawal Facility Booklet
- 3. Meeting RSVP Form
- 4. Reply Paid Envelope

# FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

In this Explanatory Memorandum, information concerning the Fund and the intentions, views and opinions of AUPL and/or its directors has been prepared by AUPL and its directors and is the responsibility of AUPL as Responsible Entity.

The Explanatory Memorandum contains both historical information and forward looking statements which are made as at its date.

The statements contained in this Explanatory Memorandum about the options considered by AUPL, the merits of the Proposal, the impact that the Resolutions may have on the Fund's operations, and the advantages and disadvantages expected to result from the voting upon the Resolutions, should be treated as forward looking statements. In addition, those statements that describe the objectives or expectations for the Fund may be deemed to be forward looking statements.

All forward looking statements in this Explanatory Memorandum reflect the reasonably held and current expectations of AUPL and its directors concerning future results and events as at the date of this Explanatory Memorandum.

Forward looking statements involve subjective judgment and analysis and are subject to uncertainties, risks and contingencies, many of which are outside the control of, and are unknown to, AUPL (and its officers, employees, agents or associates). Unforeseen or unpredictable events and various risks could affect future results of the Fund following implementation of the Proposal set out in this Explanatory Memorandum, causing results to differ from those which are expressed, implied or projected in any forward looking statements. They are provided for information purposes only in order to assist Unitholders make decisions as to voting upon the Resolutions set out in the Notice of Meeting.

Given these uncertainties, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward looking statements.

# **DISCLAIMER**

The information in this Explanatory Memorandum does not take into account your investment objectives, financial situation, tax position or needs. It is important that you read the Explanatory Memorandum before making any voting or investment decision. In particular, it is important that you consider the risks relating to the Proposal (see Section 6 of this Explanatory Memorandum). You should carefully consider the risk factors in light of your investment objectives, financial situation, tax position and individual needs.

The historical information in this Explanatory Memorandum includes, or is based upon, information that has previously been made available, and should be read in conjunction with the Fund's other periodic and continuing disclosure announcements, including the Fund's full year audited financial results for the period ended 30 June 2019. The audited financial results for the year ended 30 June 2019 are available from our website, australianunity.com.au/wealth/dpf, or by calling the Investor Services team on 13 29 39 (local call free within Australia) or +61 3 8682 7000 (outside Australia) for a printed copy.

In assessing any historical information about the Fund or RPF, you should be aware that past performance is no indication of future performance.

No representation or warranty, express or implied, is made as to the fairness, accuracy, completeness or correctness of any information, opinion or conclusion contained in this Explanatory Memorandum. To the maximum extent permitted by law, neither AUPL nor any of its directors, officers, employees, agents or advisers accepts any liability for any loss arising from the use of this Explanatory Memorandum or its contents or otherwise arising in connection with it.

The information in this Explanatory Memorandum remains subject to change. AUPL may vary the

timetable for implementing the Resolutions. We will notify you of any material changes in relation to this Explanatory Memorandum on our website at australianunity.com.au/wealth/dpf.

The information in this Explanatory Memorandum is current as at 23 September 2019 unless otherwise stated.

#### **DEFINED TERMS**

Capitalised terms used in this document have the meaning given to them in the Glossary, as set out in Section 16 of this Explanatory Memorandum.

#### TIME

Unless stated otherwise, all references to time are to Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT).

#### **PRIVACY**

AUPL may collect personal information in the process of implementing the Proposal. Such information may include the names, contact details and Unit holdings of Unitholders and the names of persons appointed to act as a proxy, corporate representative or attorney at the Meeting. The primary purpose of the collection of personal information is to assist AUPL to conduct the Meeting and implement the Proposal.

Personal information of the type described above may be disclosed to the print and mail service providers, authorised securities brokers and related bodies corporate of AUPL. Unitholders have a right to access their personal information and should contact AUPL if they wish to access their personal information. Unitholders who appoint a named person to act as their proxy, corporate representative or attorney should ensure they inform that person of these matters.

For further information on our privacy policy, please visit our website australianunity.com.au/wealth or call us on 13 29 39.

#### **CURRENCY AND FINANCIAL DATA**

All amounts expressed in this Explanatory Memorandum are in Australian dollars unless stated otherwise, and financial data is presented as at the date stated.

Rounding of the figures provided in this document may result in some discrepancies between the sum of components and the totals outlined within this document including in the tables and percentage calculations.

All fees and charges are shown GST inclusive less any input tax credits that the Fund may be entitled to claim. This includes the Base Management Fee, recoverable expenses and performance fee of the Fund and RPF.

Where applicable, the Transaction Costs relating to the mergers are shown inclusive of GST less estimate of reduced input tax credits that the Fund may be entitled to claim.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If after reading this Explanatory Memorandum you have any further questions please contact your financial adviser or Australian Unity on 13 29 39 or investments@australianunity.com.au.

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Dear Unitholder,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Australian Unity Property Limited (AUPL), as Responsible Entity for the Australian Unity Diversified Property Fund (Fund), it is my pleasure to provide you with a Proposal to merge the Fund with the Australian Unity Retail Property Fund (RPF), whereby the Fund will acquire all of the Securities on issue in RPF and will issue Units in Fund to the Securityholders in RPF.

If the proposal proceeds, the Fund is expected to be a \$537 million diversified property fund comprising ten commercial properties located in various Australian cities and major metropolitan or regional centres.

The Proposal offers Unitholders a number of benefits which include:

- 1. Greater diversification;
- 2. Increased capacity to raise capital;
- 3. Access to a larger development pipeline;
- 4. Once-off increase to the Capped Withdrawal Facility;
- 5. Greater on-going absolute liquidity; and
- 6. Higher weighted average lease expiry profile.

AUPL has explored a number of alternatives to the Proposal. A summary of the options considered is set out in Section 4 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

For the Proposal to proceed:

- Unitholders in the Fund must approve the Resolutions set out in the Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum;
- Securityholders in RPF must approve the resolutions set out in a separate notice of meeting and explanatory memorandum; and
- 3. the Merged Fund Refinances its debt facility.

If the Proposal proceeds, the Fund's fee structure will change, including:

- changing the provisions in the Fund's Constitution relating to performance fees for the period following the Implementation Date, including the calculation and payment, if applicable of the current performance fee in the Fund as at the day prior to the Implementation Date;
- the addition of an acquisition fee and responsible entity removal/retirement fee, being:
  - o an acquisition fee of up to 1% of the purchase price of real property acquired by the Fund (directly or through any subsidiary trusts or companies); and
  - o a removal/retirement fee of up to 1% of gross asset value of the Fund payable if the AUPL is removed or retires as Responsible Entity.

The changes to the Fund's fee structure are set out in Section 8.2 of the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Fund's Supplementary Product Disclosure Statement dated 23 September 2019 which is available on the Fund's website at australianunity.com.au/wealth/dpf.

Unitholders should also be aware that Transaction Costs incurred as part of the Proposal will be paid from the assets of the Fund and RPF reducing the NTA per Unit in the Fund by approximately 0.6%. This is set out in more detail in Section 5 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

Unitholders should be aware that if the Proposal does not proceed there will be Transaction Costs which have already been incurred in connection with the development of the Proposal which will be paid from the assets of the Fund. The expected effect of those costs is a reduction of the Fund's NTA per Unit by 0.2% as a result of the Fund paying its share of Transaction Costs relating to the development of the Proposal estimated to be \$0.3 million.

The risks of the Proposal are set out in more detail in Section 6 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

Unitholders should also consider taxation considerations set out in Section 14 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

The AUPL Board recommends that Unitholders vote in favour of each of the Resolutions.

This document requires your immediate attention and action.

The voting thresholds required to pass the Resolutions are high and therefore your vote is critical to the outcome of the Proposal.

We urge all Unitholders to register a vote, either in person or by proxy.

You should read all documentation carefully including the Independent Expert's Report at Section 15 of the Explanatory Memorandum. The Independent Expert has found the Proposal to be fair and reasonable to, and therefore in the best interests of Unitholders.

Please ensure you complete the attached Proxy Form (or attend the Meeting in person) as well as the Capped Withdrawal Facility Booklet if you wish to reduce or exit your investment.

The Proposal will only proceed and the increased Capped Withdrawal Facility will only be available if all Resolutions of the Fund and RPF are passed and subject to the Merged Fund Refinancing its debt facility.

# Interpretation

Capitalised terms in this letter have the meanings given in the Glossary set out in Section 16 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

# **Base Management Fee change**

Following a review of the Fund's fee structure, AUPL will be making a change to the Base Management Fee of the Fund.

The change will take effect on the Implementation Date. AUPL will simplify its Base Management Fee to be 0.65% pa of the Fund's gross asset value rather than the complex, asset specific, Base Management Fee which currently applies. While the Fund's Base Management Fee will increase from between 0.25% and 0.40% pa (depending on the type of asset held) to 0.65% pa of the Fund's gross asset value, the Fund's recoverable expenses will reduce by approximately the same amount as we will absorb the asset management component of the costs currently recovered from the Fund via the Base Management Fee.

As a percentage of the Fund's gross asset value, the combination of the new Base Management Fee and recoverable expenses of the Fund are not expected to materially change as a result of AUPL's decision to amend the Base Management Fee (which is permitted under the Fund's Constitution). Further information on the Fund's managements costs can be found in the Supplementary Product Disclosure Statement dated 23 September 2019 which is available on the Fund's website at australianunity.com.au/wealth/dpf.

If you have any queries, please contact your financial adviser or Australian Unity on 13 29 39.

Yours sincerely,

**Rohan Mead** 

**Director - Australian Unity Property Limited** 

# **NOTICE OF MEETING**

AUPL, as Responsible Entity, gives notice pursuant to section 252A of the Corporations Act that a Meeting of Unitholders of the Fund will be held on:

Date: **23 October 2019**Time: **2:30pm AEDT** 

At: Ground Floor, 271 Spring Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000

Registration for the purposes of attending and voting at the Meeting will commence on that

day from 2:00pm AEDT.

#### **CHAIR OF THE MEETING**

In accordance with section 252S(1) of the Corporations Act, AUPL proposes to appoint Mr Rohan Mead to act as the Chair of the Meeting. If Mr Mead cannot attend, AUPL will appoint another suitable alternative as Chair.

Proxy Form lodgement deadline: 21 October 2019 by 2:30pm AEDT (48 hours prior to the Meeting)

Unitholders should read the Explanatory Memorandum dated 23 September 2019 accompanying this Notice of Meeting before voting.

Capitalised terms in this notice have the meanings given in the Glossary set out in Section 16 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

Additional information concerning the proposed Resolutions is contained in the Explanatory Memorandum which accompanies and forms part of this Notice of Meeting.

#### **BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

The business of the Meeting will consist of the following resolutions that are subject to the Merged DPF Refinancing:

#### 1) Resolution A – Approval of the proposal for merging funds

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution (Resolution A) as an ordinary resolution:

"That, for all purposes, subject to and conditional upon:

- a) Resolution B being passed; and
- all resolutions set out in the notice of meeting dated 23 September 2019 being passed at the meeting of Securityholders of the Australian Unity Retail Property Fund scheduled to be held at 9:30am AEDT on 23 October 2019.

the Responsible Entity be authorised to do all such acts and things to procure the acquisition of all of the Securities on issue in the Australian Unity Retail Property Fund on the Implementation Date in exchange for the issue to the Securityholders of the Australian Unity Retail Property Fund of Units in the Fund at a price equal to the NTA value per Security of the Australian Unity Retail Property Fund as at the Implementation Date."

#### 2) Resolution B – Amendments to the Constitution and provision of a financial benefit to a related party

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution (Resolution B) as a special resolution:

"That, for all purposes, subject to and conditional upon:

- a) Resolution A being passed; and
- all resolutions set out in the notice of meeting dated 23 September 2019 being passed at a meeting of Securityholders of the Australian Unity Retail Property Fund scheduled to be held at 9:30am AEDT on 23 October 2019,

for the purposes of subsection 601GC(1) and section 208 of the Corporations Act 2001 (as amended by section 601LC of the Corporations Act) and all other purposes (including the giving of any financial benefits) the Constitution of the Fund (as amended from that date) shall be amended in the manner set out in the Explanatory Memorandum at Section 8.2 accompanying the Notice of Meeting dated 23 September 2019 and in accordance with the Supplemental Deed tabled at this meeting and signed by the Chair for the purposes of identification and that the Responsible Entity be authorised to execute the Supplemental Deed and lodge it with the Australian Securities & Investments Commission."

#### **QUORUM REQUIREMENTS**

The Constitution of the Fund provides that the quorum requirement for a Meeting of Unitholders is two Unitholders present in person, by proxy, or by representative. If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes from the time appointed for the Meeting, the Meeting must be adjourned as the Chair of the meeting directs. If a Unitholder has appointed more than one proxy or representative, only one of these may be counted towards the quorum requirements.

# **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

To enable you to make an informed decision on each of the Resolutions, the Explanatory Memorandum provides more information about each of the Resolutions set out above, including the Proposal.

If you have any questions, please contact Australian Unity on 13 29 39 between 8:30am and 5:30pm (AEDT) on business days.

**The Returning Officer**: The Responsible Entity has appointed Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited to act as the Returning Officer for this Meeting.

# **VOTING**

#### **ENTITLEMENT TO VOTE**

Unitholders who are registered in the Register of the Fund as at 2:30pm (AEDT) on 23 October 2019 will be eligible to attend and vote at the Meeting, either in person or by proxy.

#### **VOTING EXCLUSIONS**

Section 253E of the Corporations Act provides that a responsible entity of a managed investment scheme and its associates are not entitled to vote their interest on any resolutions if they have an interest in the resolution other than as a member.

In accordance with section 253E of the Corporations Act, AUPL and its associates are not entitled to vote on the Resolutions if they have an interest in the Resolution other than as a member of DPF.

#### **HOW TO VOTE**

You can vote in either of two ways:

- by attending the Meeting and voting in person or, if you are a corporate holder, by a corporate representative attending and voting for you; or
- by completing the attached Proxy Form, under which you can either appoint the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy to vote on your behalf, or someone else of your choosing to attend and vote as your proxy. If you appoint a proxy, you can choose the manner in which the proxy should vote, or leave it open to the appointed proxy to make that decision.

#### **REQUIRED MAJORITIES**

Voting on:

- Resolution A is required to be decided by an ordinary resolution which requires that the resolution is passed by at least 50% of the votes cast by Unitholders entitled to vote on the resolution; and
- Resolution B is required to be decided by a special resolution which requires that the resolution is passed by at least 75% of the votes cast by Unitholders entitled to vote on the resolution.

The Resolutions are inter-dependent and will only be effective if:

- (a) both Resolutions are passed by the requisite majorities;
- (b) all resolutions are passed at a meeting of Securityholders of the Australian Unity Retail Property Fund scheduled to be held at 9:30am AEDT on 23 October 2019; and
- (c) the Merged DPF Refinances.

# **VOTING AT THE MEETING**

If you plan to attend the Meeting, ensure that you arrive at the venue before the time that registration commences, so that your attendance can be registered. If you attend the Meeting as a proxy, please bring your proxy form with you (or a copy if you have already posted the original).

#### **VOTING BY POLL**

All Resolutions will be decided by way of poll.

On a poll, each Unitholder has one vote for each dollar of the value of the total interests held by the Unitholder in the Fund, which will be calculated by reference to the NTA value per Unit multiplied by the number of Units held.

You are not required to exercise all your votes in the same way, or cast all of your votes.

# **VOTING BY JOINT HOLDERS**

If your Units are held jointly, only one of the joint Unitholders is entitled to vote at the Meeting. If both joint Unitholders vote, only the vote of the person named first in the Register counts.

# **VOTING BY CORPORATIONS**

In order to vote at the Meeting, a Unitholder that is a corporation may appoint a person to act as its representative. This will also apply where you appoint a body corporate as your proxy. The appointment must comply with section 253B of the Corporations Act. A letter of representation must be lodged with AUPL prior to the commencement of the Meeting, or the representative must bring evidence of the appointment to the Meeting (including any authority under which it is signed). Proof of identity will also be required. A corporation that is a Unitholder may appoint a proxy.

# **VOTING BY PROXY**

If you are not able to attend and vote at the Meeting, you may appoint a maximum of two persons as proxies to vote on your behalf. If two proxies are appointed, each proxy may be appointed to exercise a specific number or proportion of your votes. If no such number or proportion is specified, each proxy may exercise half of your votes.

A proxy does not have to be a Unitholder in the Fund. You may appoint a body corporate or an individual (including the Chair of the Meeting to be your proxy).

If you appoint the Chair of the Meeting as your proxy, and you do not provide any direction on how to vote on the Proxy Form, you will be taken to have expressly authorised the Chair of the Meeting to exercise your proxy.

The Chair of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in favour of all Resolutions.

A body corporate appointed as a Unitholder's proxy may appoint an individual as its representative to exercise any of the powers that the body may exercise as the Unitholder's proxy.

A Proxy Form is enclosed. The instructions on the Proxy Form tell you what you need to do to lodge a valid proxy. The Proxy Form, together with the original of any authority, or power of attorney, under which the Proxy Form is executed or a notionally certified copy of the same, must be received no later than 2:30pm AEDT on 21 October 2019. The Proxy Form can be returned:

- (a) by posting it in the reply paid envelope provided;
- (b) by faxing it to Computershare at: +61 3 9473 2145 (unless the Proxy Form is executed under any authority, in which case the original or a certified copy of that authority must be returned by posting it in the reply paid envelope provided, or delivering it in person);
- (c) by emailing it to Computershare at: votingservices@computershare.com.au (unless the Proxy Form is executed under any authority, in which case the original or a certified copy of that authority must be returned by posting it in the reply paid envelope provided, or delivering it in person); or
- (d) in person at Computershare at 452 Johnston Street, Abbotsford VIC 3067.

If the Proxy Form is not received by the time specified it will be disregarded for the purpose of the voting on the Resolutions.

By order of the Board of Australian Unity Property Limited as Responsible Entity of the Australian Unity Diversified Property Fund.

Company Secretary

**Melinda Honig** 

# **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Explanatory Memorandum is intended to provide Unitholders in the Fund with the necessary information in relation to each of the Resolutions set out in the Notice of Meeting. The Meeting has been scheduled for 23 October 2019. This Explanatory Memorandum explains the background, rationale, advantages and disadvantages of each Resolution.

Please refer to the Glossary in Section 16 for the meanings of any capitalised terms.

# 1. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question	Answer	Where to find more information
DETAILS OF THE PRO	POSAL	
What is the Proposal?	<ul> <li>The Proposal is to:</li> <li>merge the Fund with the Australian Unity Retail Property Fund (RPF), whereby the Fund will acquire all Securities on issue in RPF, based on the NTA per Security of RPF as at the Implementation Date; and</li> <li>subject to the merger proceeding, provide a once-off increase to the Capped Withdrawal Facility so that it is \$15 million.</li> </ul>	Section 2, 4.5, 5, 7 & 8
What are my choices?	<ol> <li>You have two decisions to make:</li> <li>vote either for, or against, each of the Resolutions at the Meeting (or do nothing).         The AUPL Board recommends that Unitholders vote in favour of each Resolution.     </li> <li>consider participating in the Capped Withdrawal Facility. The amount made available under the Capped Withdrawal Facility is:         <ul> <li>\$15 million if the Proposal proceeds, representing a once-off increase to the Capped Withdrawal Facility; or</li> <li>approximately \$5.21 million if the Proposal does not proceed, reflecting the existing terms and conditions of the Capped Withdrawal Facility as described in the Fund's Capped Withdrawal Facility Booklet.</li> </ul> </li> <li>If the following Conditions are met, the Proposal will be implemented irrespective of how you vote:         <ul> <li>Unitholders of the Fund approve the Resolutions set out in the Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum;</li> <li>Securityholders of RPF (including the RPF Schemes) approve the resolutions set out in a separate notice of meeting and explanatory memorandum; and</li> <li>the Merged DPF Refinances.</li> </ul> </li></ol>	Section 2, 4.5, 8 & 10
Will I have to pay brokerage or stamp duty if the Proposal proceeds?	Unitholders will not incur any brokerage or stamp duty directly as a result of the Fund's acquisition of all of the Securities on issue in RPF as part of the merger.  However, Transaction Costs including stamp duty, legal and refinancing costs incurred as part of the Proposal will reduce the Fund's NTA per Unit by approximately 0.65%.  After the Implementation Date, you may incur a sell spread if you withdraw your Units. The sell spread is currently 0.5%.	Section 5 and 14.5

Question	Answer	Where to find more information
What is the rationale for the Proposal?	<ol> <li>The objectives of the Proposal for Unitholders in the Fund are:</li> <li>Greater diversification. Unitholders will gain exposure to a portfolio of ten assets, providing greater overall diversification.</li> <li>Increased capacity to raise capital. Given the greater size and diversification of the Fund, coupled with the Fund's key metrics, the Fund will have a higher likelihood of raising equity to reinvest back into the Fund's assets, fund potential developments, acquire additional assets, or provide further liquidity opportunities for Unitholders in the Fund. The Fund will also have a greater debt facility once merged - refer to section 5.3.</li> </ol>	Section 2.1, 4.5, 5, 6 & 7
	3) Provide access to a larger development pipeline. Like the Fund's proposed development at Busselton and Carlton, RPF also has a development opportunity at North Blackburn which, once merged with the Fund, aims to enhance the Fund's income and growth returns over the medium term.	
	4) Provide a once-off increase to the Capped Withdrawal Facility. As part of the Proposal and subject to all Resolutions being passed by Unitholders, similar Resolutions being passed by Securityholders in RPF, and the Merged DPF Refinancing, the Fund will make a once-off increase to the Capped Withdrawal Facility to \$15 million which aims to allow Unitholders, at their election, to reduce or exit their investment in the Fund prior to the implementation of the Proposal. The terms of the Withdrawal Facility are further explained in Section 7 and are also set out in the Capped Withdrawal Facility Booklet.	
	<ul> <li>5) Greater on-going absolute liquidity. Immediately after the merger is implemented, the Fund is expected to maintain its Capped Withdrawal Facility capped at 2.5% of the Fund's NTA value generally each quarter, or approximately \$27.9 million p.a. This compares to the current annual liquidity in the Fund of approximately \$20.8 million.</li> <li>6) Higher WALE. The WALE of the merged Fund will be higher than the current WALE of the Fund. This means that the weighted average term of contracted leases is higher in the merged Fund providing greater certainty of income.</li> </ul>	
	Overall, the AUPL Board considers that the Proposal offers benefits to Unitholders.	

Question	Answer	Where to find more information
What alternatives to the Proposal has AUPL considered?	<ul> <li>AUPL has explored a number of options. Other alternatives explored include:</li> <li>listing the Fund, or the merged Fund, on the ASX. In the listed market, and particularly for a small cap fund, property security fund managers (and potential underwriters) are typically more attracted to a single sector fund with approximately 30% gearing and a distribution yield of at least 7% (the forecast distribution yield for the merged Fund is 6.1% - 6.5% for the year to 30 June 2020. The distribution return range is based on a number of assumptions and estimates which are set out in Section 12 of this EM);</li> <li>raising equity at a discount to the NTA value which would dilute the current value for existing Unitholders and, given the amount required to fund withdrawal requests, may take an extended period of time and carries execution risk;</li> <li>selling assets which reduces the scale and diversification of the portfolio and reduces earnings. This does not benefit the majority of Unitholders who wish to remain invested in the Fund even though it may provide funding for some or all of the developments, and fund payments for withdrawal requests;</li> <li>maintaining the status quo. Based upon existing available funds, this may mean the Fund has to forego its development pipeline reducing income and capital growth potential for Unitholders, or may lead to the sale of assets and use the proceeds to fund its development pipeline (see point above); and</li> <li>selling all assets and winding up the Fund. Based on the history of withdrawals over the last two years, most Unitholders in the Fund wish to maintain their investment and a sale of all assets would not be in the interests of the majority of Unitholders.</li> </ul>	Section 4 & 12
How does the AUPL Board recommend you vote?	The AUPL Board recommends that you vote in favour of both Resolutions required to implement the Proposal.	Section 8
What are the main disadvantages and risks of the Proposal for Unitholders?	<ul> <li>Marginally lower forecast distribution yield which is a function of slightly lower earnings.</li> <li>Dependent on market conditions, the new performance fee structure may result in Unitholders paying increased fees.</li> <li>Introduction of an acquisition and responsible entity removal/retirement fee if the Proposal proceeds (refer to 'What fees will change if the Proposal proceeds').</li> <li>The merged Fund will pay Transaction Costs (including stamp duty and legal costs) as part of the Proposal which will reduce the NTA per Unit by approximately 0.65%.</li> </ul>	Section 5 & 6
What are the Transaction Costs if the Proposal proceeds?	A number of costs will be paid from the assets of the Fund or RPF as part of the Proposal.  Some Transaction Costs will be incurred and/or paid by the Fund prior to the Implementation Date. These include legal, accounting and other advisory services in developing the Proposal, totalling approximately \$0.3 million. These Transaction Costs will reduce the Fund's NTA per Unit by approximately 0.2%.  On the Implementation Date, the Fund will incur stamp duty on the acquisition of all Securities in RPF and refinancing costs totalling approximately \$1.2 million. This will reduce the Fund's NTA per Unit by approximately 0.4%. As RPF's Securities will be exchanged for Fund Units before the Fund incurs stamp duty and refinancing costs, RPF Securityholders and the Fund's Unitholders will effectively share these Transaction Costs.	Section 5

Question	Answer	Where to find more information
What fees will change if the Proposal proceeds?	If the Proposal proceeds, we will finalise all fee arrangements in the Fund as at the date of implementing the Proposal, including the Fund's performance fee. If the Fund has met the relevant performance criteria, the performance fee will be calculated as at the day prior to the Implementation Date and will be crystallised and paid from the assets of the Fund to AUPL, prior to the implementation of the merger.	Section 5.2 & 8.2
	As at the date of this EM, performance fees totalling \$0.74 million have already been accrued in the Fund's accounts and are reflected in the Fund's Unit Price. The changes to the Constitution proposed by Resolution B necessary to effect the final performance fee are more fully described at Section 8.2 of this EM.	
	The following changes to the Fund's fee structure will apply if the Proposal proceeds:	
	<ul> <li>changing the provisions in the Fund's Constitution to change the performance fee threshold for the period following the Implementation Date; and</li> <li>the addition of an acquisition fee and a responsible entity removal/retirement fee.</li> </ul>	
	Irrespective of whether the Proposal proceeds, AUPL will simplify its Base Management Fee, with effect from the Implementation Date, to be a flat fee of 0.65% pa of the Fund's gross asset value rather than the complex, asset specific Base Management Fee which currently applies.	
	The Fund's recoverable expenses will reduce as we will absorb the asset management component of the costs currently recovered from the Fund via the Base Management Fee.	
	As a percentage of the Fund's gross asset value, the combination of the new Base Management Fee and recoverable expenses of the Fund are not expected to materially change as a result of AUPL's decision to change the Base Management Fee (which is permitted under the Fund's Constitution).	

Question	Answer	Where to find more information
What happens if the Resolutions are not approved and the Proposal does not proceed?	<ul> <li>If the Resolutions are not approved by Unitholders including those of RPF:</li> <li>the Fund will continue to operate as an unlisted registered managed investment scheme;</li> <li>the amount made available in October 2019 under the Capped Withdrawal Facility will be 2.5% of the NTA value of the Fund, which will be approximately \$5.21 million, instead of \$15 million if the Proposal proceeds;</li> <li>the NTA per Unit will reduce by approximately 0.2% as a result of the Fund paying its share of Transaction Costs relating to the development of the Proposal estimated to be \$0.3 million;</li> <li>no stamp duty will be payable as the merger will not proceed;</li> <li>the performance fee will not be crystallised or paid to AUPL at the Implementation Date. AUPL will however continue to accrue and is entitled to receive a performance fee in accordance with the current Constitution where the performance fee criteria are met;</li> <li>the acquisition fee and responsible entity removal/retirement fee will not be introduced;</li> <li>irrespective if the Proposal proceeds, AUPL will simplify its Base Management Fee to be 0.65% pa of the Fund's gross asset value rather than the complex, asset specific Base Management Fee which currently applies;</li> <li>AUPL will look to continue to offer the quarterly Capped Withdrawal Facility at 2.5% of the NTA and will explore, but cannot guarantee, the continual provision of this quarterly Capped Withdrawal Facility or other significant liquidity event for Unitholders;</li> <li>the Fund may be unable to fund its development pipeline, which may reduce income and capital growth potential arising from development activities; and/or</li> <li>the Fund may have to sell assets to fund its development pipeline, which reduces the scale and diversification of the portfolio and reduces earnings.</li> </ul>	Section 2.2 and 8
Is the November 2019 Capped Withdrawal Facility date changed?	We have brought forward the scheduled 21 November 2019 quarterly Capped Withdrawal Facility to 23 October 2019 to align timing with the Proposal.  If you have submitted a withdrawal request prior to receiving this EM, we will apply the request to the October 2019 Withdrawal Facility.  If you wish to change your withdrawal request or make a new request to participate in the October 2019 Withdrawal Facility, you should complete the Withdrawal Facility Booklet which accompanies this EM which will override your prior Withdrawal request.  If you wish to cancel your withdrawal request you will need to notify us in writing before 22 October 2019.	Section 7
Who is the Independent Expert and what does it think?	The Independent Expert is Deloitte Corporate Finance Pty Limited. It has found the Proposal to be fair and reasonable to, and therefore in the best interests of Unitholders.  The Independent Expert's Report on the merits of the Proposal is set out in Section 15.	Section 15

Question	Answer	Where to find more information
How has Australian Unity managed any perceived conflicts	Representatives of the Responsible Entity of the Fund RPF respectively established an appropriate governance structure for the Proposal. In summary, the governance structure we have adopted include:	Section 11.7
of interest in the Proposal?	<ul> <li>ensuring directors of the board for the responsible entity of the Fund and RPF are not conflicted in reviewing the Proposal and making recommendations to Unitholders to pass resolutions;</li> <li>each board separately engages the Independent Expert to review the Proposal on its behalf;</li> <li>establishing separate management committees in respect of the Fund (and RPF respectively), each comprised of three different senior managers and executive members with relevant skills and experience, to advise each Responsible Entity and Independent Expert; and</li> <li>implementing information protocols to ensure independent consideration of the Proposal, independent instruction of the Independent Expert, and independent review of the Independent Expert's reports.</li> </ul>	
IMPLEMENTATION OF	THE PROPOSAL	
What needs to happen for the Proposal to proceed?	<ol> <li>The Conditions that need to be fulfilled before the Proposal proceeds, include:         <ol> <li>Unitholders of the Fund approve the Resolutions set out in the Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum;</li> <li>Securityholders of RPF must approve the resolutions set out in a separate notice of meeting and explanatory memorandum; and</li> <li>the Merged DPF Refinancing.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Section 11.1
When will withdrawals under the Capped Withdrawal Facility be processed?	implementation of the merger.  acility  Variable processed after the Meeting but prior to the implementation of the merger.	
How many Units in the merged Fund will I hold after the Implementation Date?	The number of Units you hold in the Fund immediately after the Implementation Date, including any Units you request to redeem under the once-off increase in October 2019 to the Capped Withdrawal Facility, will not change. For every one Unit you hold that is not redeemed under the Capped Withdrawal Facility you will hold one Unit in the merged Fund immediately after the merger is implemented.	Section 5.6

**Answer** 

Where to find more information

Section 5.6

Will the merger change the value of my investment?

The acquisition of Securities in RPF in exchange for Units in the Fund will be calculated using the respective NTA value per Security and Unit excluding any buy/sell spread as at the Implementation Date. For calculating the net tangible asset value per Security and Unit, the value adopted for the Fund and RPF's property assets will be based on independent valuations of each property as at 16 October 2019.

We have appointed accredited independent property valuers (Valuer) to provide an independent report valuing all of the real property assets of the Fund and RPF (Valuation Report). The fair value of each of the assets of the Fund and RPF as determined by the Valuer will be adopted by the Responsible Entity of each of the Fund and RPF. This is consistent with Direct Property Valuation Policy of the respective Responsible Entities summarised in the Fund's PDS dated 18 September 2019 included with this EM and available at australianunity.com.au/wealth/dpf.

The remaining assets and liabilities of the Fund and RPF will be valued at market value as at the Implementation Date.

In addition to the above, Independent Expert's Reports from Deloitte addressed to both AUFML and AUPL has been prepared in respect of the Proposal and providing, among other things, a view that the Proposal is fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of each member of each of the respective schemes.

Based on our forecast estimates of the respective NTA value per Unit of the Fund and Security of RPF, Securityholders in RPF will be entitled to receive 0.8297 Fund Units (calculated to four decimal places) for every Retail Security (or 1.0255 Fund Units for every Wholesale Security) they own (the 'Exchange Ratio'). Immediately after the merger, there will not be any change in the dollar value of your investment as a result of the exchange of RPF Securities for Units. This is because the merger will be based on the respective NTA value per Unit of the Fund and RPF Security.

Unitholders should note that:

- the forecast Exchange Ratio may change as the actual Exchange Ratio will be determined based on the Fund's and RPF's NTA as at the Implementation Date; and
- The Independent Expert's approach to estimate the market value of Units post merger is set out in Section 7 of the Independent Expert's Report. AUPL's approach differs to the Independent Expert in that the Exchange Ratio will be set by reference to the relative contribution of net assets by the Fund and RPF as at the Implementation Date. The Independent Expert acknowledges that this is common in the property trust sector and that they consider this approach reasonable in these circumstances.

# PARTICIPATING IN THE PROPOSAL

Will I need to make any cash payment to participate in the Proposal?

No further payment is required unless you apply for more Units in the Fund using the PDS and Supplementary PDS, available from australianunity.com.au/wealth/dpf. Alternatively, call us on 13 29 39 and we will send you a copy free of charge.

n/a

Question	Answer	Where to find more information
Can I choose to receive cash instead	If the Proposal is approved and you hold Units on the Implementation Date, then you will maintain those Units in the Fund.	Section 7
of maintaining my Units in the merged Fund?	You may participate in the Capped Withdrawal Facility by completing the Capped Withdrawal Facility Booklet accompanying this EM. By participating in the Capped Withdrawal Facility, you may be able to receive cash proceeds from the withdrawal of some or all of your Units.	
	If the total amount of withdrawal requests to participate in the Capped Withdrawal Facility exceeds the \$15 million made available, then withdrawal requests will be pro-rated.	
	If the Proposal does not proceed, the amount made available under the Capped Withdrawal Facility will be approximately \$5.21 million, reflecting the existing terms and conditions of the Capped Withdrawal Facility as described in the Capped Withdrawal Facility Booklet.	
When will I be paid if I elect to participate in the Capped Withdrawal Facility in October 2019?	Unitholders who elect to participate in the Capped Withdrawal Facility are scheduled to receive payment on or around 31 October 2019.	Section 7 & 9
Will tax consequences arise from implementing the Proposal?	unitholders is set out in Section 14. Participation in the Capped Withdrawal Facility may give rise to tax consequences. You should	
	Refer to Section 14.2.3 of this EM for more tax information.	
FURTHER INFORMAT	ION	
How can I obtain further information?	You can obtain further information by speaking to your financial adviser or by calling Australian Unity on 13 29 39 from 8:30am until 5:30pm AEDT Monday to Friday.	n/a

# 2. OBJECTIVE OF THE MEETING AND SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTIONS

# 2.1 Objective

AUPL has called a Meeting to allow Unitholders to consider passing two inter-dependent Resolutions which relate to the Proposal. The Proposal is also subject to Securityholders in RPF passing similar resolutions at a meeting scheduled to be held at 9:30am AEDT on 23 October 2019 and the Merged DPF Refinancing.

The Proposal aims to:

- 1. **Provide greater diversification.** Unitholders will gain exposure to a portfolio of ten assets, providing greater overall diversification.
- 2. **Increase capacity to raise capital.** Given the greater size and diversification of the Fund, coupled with the Fund's key metrics, the Fund will have a higher likelihood of raising equity to reinvest back into the Fund's assets, fund potential developments, acquire additional assets, and/or provide further liquidity opportunities for Unitholders in the Fund. The Fund will also have a greater debt facility once merged refer to section 5.3.
- 3. **Provide access to a larger development pipeline.** Like the Fund's proposed development at Busselton and Carlton, RPF also has a development opportunity at North Blackburn which, once merged with the Fund aims to enhance the Fund's income and growth returns over the medium term.
- 4. **Provide a once-off increase to the Capped Withdrawal Facility.** As part of the Proposal and subject to all Resolutions being passed by Unitholders, similar resolutions being passed by Securityholders in RPF, and the Merged DPF Refinancing, the Fund will make a once-off increase to the Capped Withdrawal Facility in October 2019 to \$15 million which aims to allow Unitholders, at their election, to reduce or exit their investment in the Fund prior to the implementation of the Proposal. The terms of the Withdrawal Facility are further explained in Section 7 and are also set out in the Capped Withdrawal Facility Booklet.
- 5. **Provide greater on-going absolute liquidity.** After the merger is implemented, the Fund is expected to maintain its regular Capped Withdrawal Facility where 2.5% of the Fund's NTA value is generally made available for withdrawal each quarter, or approximately \$27.9 million pa. This compares to the current annual liquidity in the Fund of approximately \$20.8 million.
- 6. **Increase the WALE.** The weighted average lease expiry (WALE) of the merged Fund will be higher than the current WALE of the Fund. This means that the weighted average term of contracted leases is higher in the merged Fund providing greater certainty of income.

The AUPL Board considers that the Proposal is in the interests of Unitholders and recommends that Unitholders vote for each of the Resolutions at the Meeting.

To implement the Proposal the following Conditions must be met:

- (a) all Resolutions must be passed by the requisite majorities;
- (b) all resolutions must be passed at a meeting of Securityholders of RPF scheduled to be held at 9:30am AEDT on 23 October 2019; and
- (c) the Merged DPF Refinancing.

The Resolutions to be considered by Unitholders in the Fund are summarised in the table in Section 2.2 below. Resolution B encompasses the provision of a financial benefit to a related party transaction which requires Unitholder approval for the purposes of Part 2E of the Corporations Act.

# 2.2 Summary of the Resolutions

Resolution	Brief description assuming all Resolutions are passed and the Proposal is implemented
A – Approval of the Proposal for merging funds	If this Resolution is passed, AUPL will merge the Fund with RPF by acquiring all of the Securities on issue in RPF on the Implementation Date in exchange for the issue of Units in the Fund to Securityholders in RPF at a price equal to the net tangible asset value of the RPF as at the Implementation Date.
B – Amendments to the Constitution and provision of financial benefits to a related party	If this Resolution is passed, the provisions of the Constitution will be changed, so that the Fund can merge with RPF by acquiring all of the Securities on issue in RPF.  Other drafting changes that will also be made to the Constitution include:  • a new methodology for calculating the merged Fund's performance fee;  • provisions to expressly provide for the payment of a final performance fee that is forecast to be \$0.74 million as at the Implementation Date and which has already been accrued in the Fund's accounts and is reflected in the Fund's Unit price; and  • the addition of an acquisition fee and removal/retirement fee, which constitute the provision of a financial benefit to a related party.

If the Resolutions are not approved by Unitholders, including those of RPF:

- the Fund will continue to operate as an unlisted registered managed investment scheme;
- the amount made available under the Capped Withdrawal Facility will be 2.5% of the Fund's NTA value, which is expected to be approximately \$5.21 million, instead of \$15 million if the Proposal proceeds;
- the NTA per Unit will reduce by approximately 0.2% as a result of the Fund paying its share of Transaction Costs relating to the development of the Proposal estimated to be \$0.3 million;
- no stamp duty will be payable as the Proposal will not proceed;
- the performance fee will not be crystallised and paid at the Implementation Date but AUPL will continue to accrue and is entitled to collect a performance fee in accordance with the current Constitution where the performance fee criteria are met;
- the proposed acquisition fee and removal/retirement fee will not be introduced;
- AUPL will simplify its Base Management Fee to be 0.65% pa of the Fund's gross asset value rather than the complex, asset specific Base Management Fee which currently applies;
- AUPL will look to continue to offer the Capped Withdrawal Facility at 2.5% of the NTA per quarter and will
  explore, but cannot guarantee, the continual provision of the quarterly Capped Withdrawal Facility or other
  significant liquidity event for Unitholders;
- the Fund may be unable to fund its development pipeline, which may reduce income and capital growth potential arising from development activities; and/or
- the Fund may have to sell assets to fund its development pipeline, which reduces the scale and diversification of the portfolio and may reduce earnings.

# 3. BACKGROUND TO THE PROPOSAL

#### 3.1 The Fund

The Fund is an unlisted diversified property fund, with a portfolio of eight real property assets and holdings in listed and unlisted property funds, collectively valued at \$375.5 million as at 30 June 2019.

When AUPL became the Responsible Entity of the Fund in October 2010, its strategy was to maintain and improve the Fund's assets with the aim of increasing value over time and, importantly, to provide greater liquidity to Unitholders to withdraw from the Fund.

AUPL has been successful in maintaining and improving the Fund's portfolio such that the Fund now comprises a diversified portfolio by geography, sector and tenants, with the following characteristics:

- 1. **Strong tenant profile** approximately 70% of the portfolio is leased to tenants (including the tenant's parent entity) with at least an investment grade credit rating or listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (e.g. Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Woolworths, Coles, Trinity College and ANZ);
- 2. **Geographic diversification** exposure to most Australian states with approximately 60% allocated to the eastern seaboard;
- 3. **Solid occupancy** a portfolio occupancy of 88%;
- Good lease expiry profile WALE of 4.5 years;
- 5. **Contracted rental increases** 70% of leases have annual rental increases of between 3.0% and 4.0%;
- 6. **Balanced portfolio** the Fund has a diversified property portfolio of office, retail and industrial properties, some with long term leases and some with short leases (which creates opportunities to add to the Fund's earnings profile);
- 7. Gearing ratio of 39.24% as at 30 June 2019; and
- 8. Strong performance as at 30 June 2019.

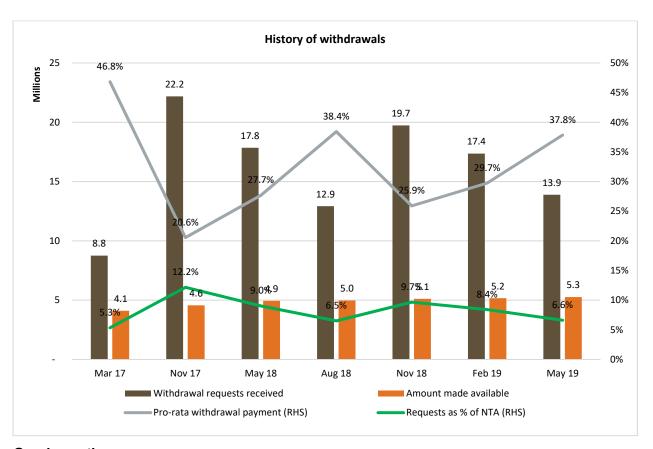
Total Return <sup>1</sup>	1 year	3 years	5 years
Ordinary Units	11.17%	14.54%	14.43%

1. The Total Return is calculated after fees and expenses and assumes the reinvestment of distributions. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

# **Withdrawals**

Since October 2010, we have made more than \$100 million available for withdrawing Unitholders and have recently enhanced the Fund's liquidity offer through the Capped Withdrawal Facility, where 2.5% of the Fund's NTA value is made available for withdrawal each quarter (previously every six months from 2010 through to May 2019).

During the last seven withdrawal events (refer to the chart below), the amount made available for Unitholders seeking to withdraw has increased reflecting the underlying increase in the Fund's NTA value. However, the total of Unitholder withdrawal requests received has been variable; for example, withdrawal requests for the May 2019 quarter were prorated to 37.8%. Based on Unitholder's limited participation in the Withdrawal Facility it is our view that most Unitholders seek to maintain their investment in the Fund.



# **Gearing ratio**

The Fund's gearing ratio was 39.24% as at 30 June 2019. Funding the proposed two developments at Busselton and Carlton (details below) from the borrowing facility of the Fund will increase the gearing ratio to in excess of 50%. This exceeds the Fund's target gearing ratio of between 35% and 45%.

# **Busselton Central Shopping Centre, WA**

# 200 Victoria Street, Carlton, VIC



- \$30 million approximate development cost
- Stage 2 currently underway
- Neighbourhood centre anchored by Coles on a 15 year lease, with adjacent Target and Rivers stores
- Opportunity to create a new centre mall to link the Centre with a new food and beverage precinct on the Rivers and Target land
- Development permit approved
- Negotiations with tenants and local stakeholders are ongoing prior to the commencement of stage 3.
- The centre is currently being developed in stages to create a link mall and a food and beverage precinct.



- \$70 million approximate development cost
- 6 Star Green Star Rated A-Grade office building on the city fringe of Melbourne
- Anchored by EPA and Trinity College (part of University of Melbourne)
- Opportunity to add ~9,100 sqm NLA over 8 floors of prime office space on top of the existing building
- Development permit approved
- Development may proceed once pre-committed tenant has been secured

To date, the combination of reinvesting into the Fund's assets and providing the regular Capped Withdrawal Facility has predominately been funded through both retained earnings and borrowings. While some equity has been raised for the Fund, this has been less than the total amount that has been reinvested into the Fund's assets and paid to Unitholders in the Capped Withdrawal Facility.

To commence the proposed developments in the Fund while maintaining the Capped Withdrawal Facility and continuing to increase borrowings without a commensurate increase in equity inflows, is not sustainable.

As a result, we have explored various options to increase the likelihood of raising further equity to reinvest back into the assets, fund potential developments, acquire additional assets and provide liquidity to Unitholders who elect to exit their investment. These are set out in the next section of this document.

# 4. THE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

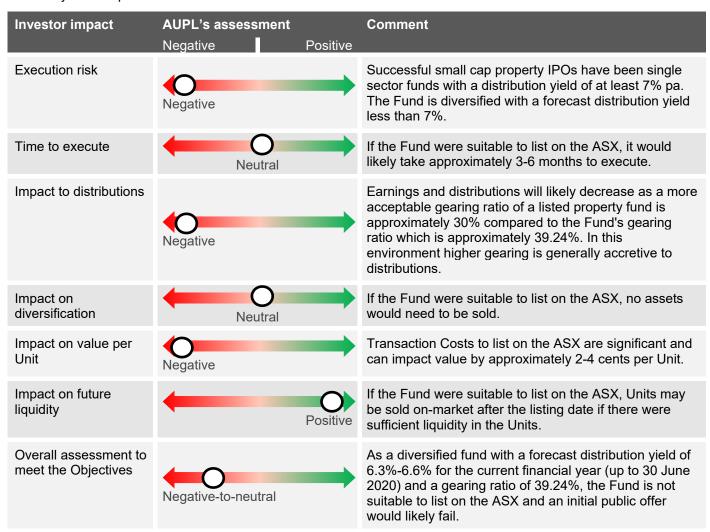
Before arriving at the Proposal which is now put before Unitholders, AUPL considered five major alternatives for the Fund to meet the Objectives. Selling all assets and winding up the Fund was also considered but data derived from historical withdrawal requests supports the contention that the majority of Unitholders seek to maintain their investment.

# 4.1 Option 1 –Listing the Fund, or the merged Fund, on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX)

In the listed market, and particularly for a fund with a small market capitalisation (the Fund's NTA value, which is similar to market capitalisation, is approximately \$0.2 billion), likely Unitholders will include property security fund managers. Based on our experience with the listed property market and property security fund managers, including feedback from potential underwriters relating to an IPO of a fund with a small market capitalisation, investors are typically more attracted to a single sector fund with approximately 30% gearing and a distribution yield of at least 7% pa.

As the Fund is diversified and its forecast distribution range is 6.3% - 6.6% for the current financial year (up to 30 June 2020) (noting that the distribution return range is based on a number of assumptions and estimates which are set out in Section 12 of this EM), which is based on a gearing ratio of approximately 39.24%, the Fund will not meet the likely minimum thresholds to attract investor equity and list on the ASX.

A summary of this option is set out below.



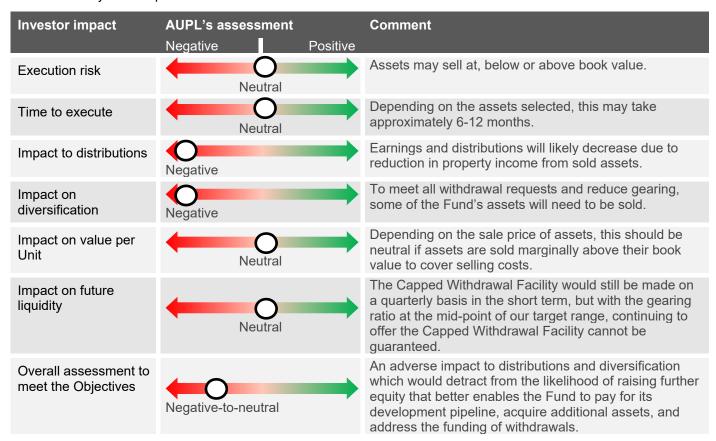
# 4.2 Option 2 - Continue operating the Fund as is

In the absence of Unitholders making contributions of new equity sufficient to at least match the amount required to invest into the proposed developments and to continue to provide the Capped Withdrawal Facility, these activities can only be funded through increased borrowings and/or the sale of assets.

The use of debt to fund development and withdrawals without additional equity support from Unitholders is not a sustainable strategy, particularly as the Fund's gearing ratio was 39.24% as at 30 June 2019 which will likely increase to in excess of 50% if the proposed two developments at Busselton and Carlton are funded from the borrowing facility. This forecast gearing ratio exceeds the Fund's target gearing ratio of between 35% and 45%.

Alternatively, the Fund could sell assets to fund the proposed developments and the Capped Withdrawal Facility. Selling assets would reduce the scale and diversification of the portfolio and any sale proceeds would need to be used to repay the Fund's borrowings in priority to providing the Capped Withdrawal Facility or funding the proposed developments. Selling assets would also reduce earnings and distributions for Unitholders and is therefore not in the best interests of the majority of Unitholders who wish to remain invested in the Fund.

We consider this result to be detrimental to the majority of Unitholders as it is not a sustainable option over mid-to-long term. A summary of this option is set out below.



# 4.3 Option 3 – Raise further equity at a discount in the unlisted market

While some new equity has been raised for the Fund in the unlisted market, this has been less than the total amount that has been reinvested into the Fund's assets and paid to Unitholders in the Capped Withdrawal Facility.

Another alternative considered was to raise further equity and attract new investors to the Fund by issuing Units at a discount to the NTA per Unit. However, we consider that this strategy is not in the best interest of Unitholders as it may dilute the value of Units. Moreover, based on the amount of new equity raised over the past two years, the period of time to undertake such an unlisted capital raising could be extensive given the amount required to satisfy withdrawal requests, reinvest into the Fund's assets and to reduce borrowings.

A summary of this option is set out below.

Investor impact	AUPL's assessment		Comment
	Negative	Positive	
Execution risk	Negative		High risk given the period of time and the amount required to be raised.
Time to execute	Negative	<b>—</b>	This may take an extended period of time given the quantum of equity required in the unlisted market and historical evidence.
Impact to distributions	Negative		Earnings and distributions will decrease due to a greater number of Units on issue.
Impact on diversification	Neutral		No assets will be required to be sold.
Impact on value per Unit	Negative	<b>—</b>	Value would be diluted for existing Unitholders as a result of issuing Units at a discount to the NTA per Unit.
Impact on future liquidity	Neutral	<b>—</b>	The Withdrawal Facility would still continue on a quarterly basis.
Overall assessment to meet the Objectives	Negative	<b>—</b>	A high risk strategy given the quantum of equity required and expected timeframe.

# 4.4 Option 4 - Raise further equity at a discount in the unlisted market and match this to withdrawal requests at the same discount

A derivation of the former option involves raising equity at a discount but matching it with Unitholders seeking to withdraw. Some Unitholders may recall that we used this approach successfully three years ago whereby we offered Class A Units at a 5% discount to the Fund's NTA value to fund withdrawal requests also at a 5% discount to the Fund's NTA value.

While this approach will address the Fund's withdrawal requests, it does not meet the other broader Objectives which will increase the likelihood of raising further equity to reinvest back into the Fund's assets, fund potential developments, acquire additional assets, and provide liquidity to Unitholders who elect to exit their investment.

A summary of this option is set out below.

Investor impact	AUPL's assessment		Comment
	Negative	Positive	
Execution risk	Negative		High risk given the period of time and the amount required to be raised.
Time to execute	Negative	<b>—</b>	This may take an extended period of time given the quantum of equity required in the unlisted market and historical evidence.
Impact to distributions	Neutral		No change to earnings and distributions as exiting investors are replaced with new investors.
Impact on diversification	Neutral		No assets will be required to be sold.
Impact on value per Unit	Neutral		Value would be diluted for exiting Unitholders as a result of issuing Units at a discount to the NTA per Unit, but no change to Unitholders remaining in the Fund.
Impact on future liquidity		Positive	The Withdrawal Facility would still continue on a quarterly basis.
Overall assessment to meet the Objectives	Negative-to-neutral	<b>—</b>	A high risk strategy given the quantum of equity required and expected timeframe.

# 4.4 Option 5 -AUPL's recommended option:

# Merge the Fund with RPF and provide a once-off increase to the October 2019 Withdrawal Facility, such that the Capped Withdrawal Facility is \$15 million

This is AUPL's recommended option and involves two broad components:

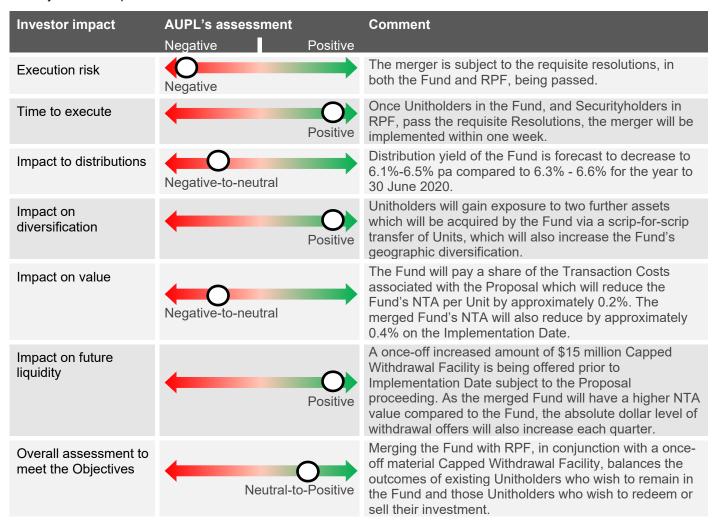
- Merging the Fund with RPF; and
- Subject to the Proposal proceeding, increasing the October 2019 withdrawal offer, such that the Capped Withdrawal Facility is \$15 million.

Merging the Fund with RPF provides Unitholders with a number of advantages. In particular, it will provide greater scale and diversity for all Unitholders, provide access to a larger pipeline of development opportunities, give greater on-going absolute dollar withdrawal opportunities given the increased scale of the merged Fund and an increased capacity to raise capital to support these initiatives. As part of, and subject to, the merger, we also intend to bring forward to October 2019 the Capped Withdrawal Facility to and increase it to \$15 million.

These benefits are further explained in Section 2.

Merging the Fund with RPF, in conjunction with a once-off increase of the Capped Withdrawal Facility in October 2019 to \$15 million, balances the outcomes of existing Unitholders who wish to remain in the Fund and those Unitholders who wish to redeem or sell their investment.

An analysis of this option is set out below.



A more detailed analysis of merging the Fund with RPF, in conjunction with a once-off increased \$15 million Capped Withdrawal Facility, is set out in the next section of this document.

# 5. DETAILED ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSAL

#### 5.1 Overview

To meet the Objectives of increasing the likelihood of raising further equity that better enables the Fund to pay for its development pipeline, acquire additional assets and address the funding of withdrawals, AUPL recommends that the Fund merge with RPF.

RPF is an unlisted property fund, with a portfolio of two properties and holdings in listed property funds, collectively valued at \$163.8 million as at 30 June 2019 adjusted for the sale of RPF's 50% interest in the Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre for \$145 million in early July 2019. More detail is set out in section 5.4 of this document.

Assuming the Proposal is successful, RPF will be merged into the Fund. This will be achieved by the Fund acquiring all of the Securities in RPF and, in consideration, AUPL will issue Units in the Fund to the Securityholders in RPF.

Once the Fund has been merged with RPF, the once-off \$15 million Capped Withdrawal Facility, and a similar material withdrawal opportunity to Securityholders in RPF, will then be paid.

It is the intention of AUPL to continue to provide the Capped Withdrawal Facility each quarter (or more or less frequently at AUPL's discretion). As the merged Fund will have a larger NTA value, the absolute dollar value of the Capped Withdrawal Facility, which is currently calculated as 2.5% of the NTA value each guarter, will also be greater.

A number of costs will be paid from the assets of the Fund or RPF as part of the Proposal.

Some Transaction Costs will be incurred and/or paid by the Fund prior to the Implementation Date. These include legal, accounting and other advisory services in developing the Proposal, totalling approximately \$0.3 million. These Transaction Costs will reduce the Fund's NTA per Unit by approximately 0.2%.

On the Implementation Date, the merged Fund will incur stamp duty on the acquisition of all Securities in RPF and refinancing costs totalling approximately \$1.2 million. This will reduce the Fund's NTA per Unit by approximately 0.4%. As RPF's Securities will be exchanged for Fund Units before the Fund incurs stamp duty and refinancing costs, RPF Securityholders and the Fund's Unitholders will effectively share these Transaction Costs.

# 5.2 Pro-forma of the merged Fund key metrics

The following table sets out the pro-forma forecast position of the Fund if merged with RPF, compared to the Fund's current position.

Metric	Current Fund position at 30 June 2019		Pro-forma forecast of the merged Fund position <sup>1</sup>		AUPL's expected outcome after merger is implemented	
Gross asset value	\$375.49 million		Approximately \$	\$537 million		
Net tangible asset value	\$208.53 million		Approximately \$279 million		Greater scale should deliver benefits for Unitholders eg greater diversification, lower risk, and	
Number of assets	8 (consolidated for reporting purposes)		10		greater absolute dollar liquidity.	
WALE	4.46 years		6.50 years		RPF has longer term leases, which will benefit the Fund.	
Occupancy	87.8%		87.6%		Occupancy levels are expected to be very similar pre and post the merger.	
Sector allocation (direct properties)	Office: Retail: Industrial:	38% 35% 27%	Office: Retail: Industrial: Convenience:	31% 34% 17% 19%	Greater diversification across sectors, including the convenience sector (a major Caltex service station).	
Geographic allocation (direct properties)	VIC: NSW: WA: QLD:	22% 21% 39% 18%	VIC: NSW: WA: QLD:	27% 35% 27% 12%	Greater diversification and more exposure to the eastern seaboard states of Australia.	

Metric	Current Fund position at 30 June 2019	Pro-forma forecast of the merged Fund position <sup>1</sup>	AUPL's expected outcome after merger is implemented
Forecast earnings per Unit	Approximately 6.8 cents per Unit for the full year to 30 June 2020.	Approximately 6.4 cents per Unit for the full year to 30 June 2020.	Slightly lower by approximately 5.4%.
Forecast earnings yield	Approximately 6.3%-6.6% for the full year to 30 June 2020.	Approximately 6.1%-6.5% for the full year to 30 June 2020.	Slightly lower expected yield given the lower earnings profile.
Payout ratio	Approximately 100%.	Approximately 100%.	Slightly lower payout ratio.
Forecast distribution yield	Approximately 6.3%-6.6% for the full year to 30 June 2020.	Approximately 6.1%-6.5% <sup>2</sup> for the full year to 30 June 2020.	Slightly lower expected distribution yield primarily due to slightly lower earnings.
Gearing	39.24%	Approximately 43%	Slightly higher gearing ratio.
Debt facility limit	\$155 million	\$300 million	The Fund will refinance its borrowings to increase its facility limit from \$155 million to \$300 million. This provides the Fund with debt capacity to reinvest into assets, including to fund the potential developments identified in section 3 and 5.4 of this EM.
Liquidity	2.5% of net assets every quarter (approximately \$20.8 million pa), plus deceased estates are paid out in full in addition to the amount withdrawn through the quarterly Capped Withdrawal Facility. A carry forward facility is in place if withdrawal requests are not paid in full.	At merger date: A\$15 million Capped Withdrawal Facility for Unitholders of the Fund. After merger: 2.5% of net assets every quarter (approximately \$27.9 million pa), plus deceased estates are paid out in full. The carry forward facility, if withdrawal requests are not paid in full, will remain.	As the merged Fund is expected to have a larger net tangible asset value, the absolute dollar value of withdrawal offers, which are calculated as 2.5% of the net tangible asset value each quarter, is also expected to be greater.

Metric	Current Fund position at 30 June 2019	Pro-forma forecast of the merged Fund position <sup>1</sup>	AUPL's expected outcome after merger is implemented
Fees	Base Management Fee: 0.25%-0.40% pa of the Gross Asset Value plus recoverable expenses which includes an asset management component of 0.30%-0.45% pa of the Gross Asset Value depending on which assets the Fund owns. Collectively, the Base Management Fee plus the asset management component of the recoverable expenses equates to approximately 0.65% pa of the Fund's gross asset value for the full year to 30 June 2019.  Performance Fee: 20% of the Fund's outperformance (which is based on the net assets of the Fund) in excess of the Mercer/IPD Australia Unlisted Wholesale Property Fund Index, multiplied by the gross asset value of the Fund, subject to earning back any prior underperformance	<ul> <li>Base Management Fee:         <ul> <li>0.65% pa of the Gross</li> <li>Asset Value (this fee change will occur irrespective of the Proposal proceeding). The asset management component of the recoverable expenses will reduce to nil.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Performance Fee: 20% of the merged Fund's outperformance in excess of 10% IRR pa multiplied by the net tangible asset value of the merged Fund, subject to earning back any under-performance.</li> <li>Acquisition fee: 1% of the purchase price of new assets.</li> <li>Responsible Entity removal/retirement fee: 1% of Gross Asset Value.</li> </ul>	The Base Management Fee after the merger is simplified. The effect of the change is expected to be that the Base Management Fee charged will be higher but this will be offset by an anticipated reduction in the amount of expenses which will be paid from the Fund.  The Performance Fee change is based on an absolute benchmark (10% pa IRR) and is calculated with reference to the merged Fund's net asset value compared to the Fund's gross asset value. This should benefit Unitholders as the net asset value is generally always less than the gross asset value. However, whether there is in fact a lower performance fee payable will also depend on the relative performance of the former performance fee benchmark compared to the revised 10% threshold.  If the Proposal proceeds, the Fund will charge an acquisition fee of 1% of the purchase price of a real property asset.  If the Proposal proceeds, the Fund will charge a responsible entity removal/retirement fee of 1% of the gross asset value of the Fund (unless the replacement responsible entity is a related body corporate of AUPL).
Value	\$1.0352 (NTA per Unit as at 30 June 2019)	Value is diluted by approximately 0.65% <sup>2</sup> , comprising dilution from premerger Transaction Costs of 0.2% and post implementation stamp duty, legal and refinancing costs of 0.4% of NTA.	Dilution will be caused by Transaction Costs including stamp duty, legal and refinancing costs associated with acquiring RPF's Securities.

<sup>1.</sup> There is no certainty the outcome will be achieved. This pro-forma assumes no applications or withdrawals, capital expenditure or revaluations from 30 June 2019.

<sup>2.</sup> This forecast financial information is based on assumptions and is subject to risks. The forward looking statements, opinions and estimates contained in that information depend on various factors, many of which are outside the control of the Fund. Various factors, both known and unknown, may impact the Fund's performance and cause actual performance to vary significantly from what is expected. There can be no guarantee that the assumptions and contingencies on which the forecast financial information is based will ultimately prove to be valid or accurate. There can be no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its stated objectives or that any forward looking statement or forecast will eventuate.

# 5.3 Refinancing the Fund's debt facility

The Fund has received credit approved term sheets setting out a high level summary of the agreed terms for amendments to the Fund's existing debt facilities (the 'Debt Facility'), with the key terms outlined below. The Debt Facility will only be available on finalisation and execution of full-form financing documents and satisfaction of each condition precedent in the documents associated with the Debt Facility, including a successful merger. If the conditions are not met, it is management's intention that the existing debt facility will remain in place, subject to any consents required from the lenders.

Key terms of the Debt	Key terms of the Debt Facility					
Facility size	Up to \$300 million					
Maturity	A minimum of 3 years from Implementation Date (expected to be October 2019, if the merger proceeds)					
Key covenants	<ul> <li>A maximum 55% Loan to Value Ratio ('LVR') defined as the amount outstanding under the Debt Facility divided by the (GST-exclusive) market value of the Properties, based on the most recent valuations accepted by the Lenders.</li> <li>A minimum Interest Coverage Ratio ('ICR') of 2.0 times, defined as the net income divided by finance charges for the previous rolling 12 months (in accordance with the methodology set out in the Debt Facility).</li> </ul>					

# 5.4 About the Australian Unity Retail Property Fund

RPF owns two assets: the North Blackburn Shopping Centre and the Caltex Twin Service Centres on the Sydney to Newcastle M1 Pacific Motorway. Details of these two assets are set out below.

# North Blackburn Shopping Centre, Blackburn VIC

# Caltex Twin Service Centres, Wyong NSW





# Overview

- Convenience based neighbourhood shopping centre located in the suburb of North Blackburn approximately 16 kilometres east of the Melbourne CBD.
- The Centre is anchored by Woolworths and the opportunity exists
  to redevelop the centre and enhance the retail offering, with
  national supermarket and specialties. The site also allows for
  more intensive development and can therefore provide mixed
  uses that complement the role and scale of the centre.

# Overview

- The property consists of two service centres positioned on either side of the M1 Pacific Motorway which is the main thoroughfare between Sydney and Newcastle.
- The M1 Pacific Motorway has a daily average traffic count of approximately 90,000 vehicles according to the RMS online traffic statistics.
- Caltex have leased the premises since the 1990's when the service stations were constructed and the property benefits from a number of convenience food offers, such as McDonalds.

Ownership interest	100% freehold	Ownership interest	100% freehold
Location	Blackburn, Vic	Location	Wyong, NSW
Sector	Retail	Sector	Convenience
Zoning	Commercial 1	Zoning	SP2 Infrastructure: Road & Traffic Facility
NLA (sqm)	11,905	NLA (sqm)	4,286

Car parks	790	Occupancy (% by income)	100%
Occupancy (% by income)	70.33%	WALE by income	19 years
WALE by income	0.79 years	Major tenant (% by area)	Caltex (100%)
Major tenant (% by area)	Woolworths (31%)		

# 5.5 Comparison of performance

The performance of RPF, compared to the Fund, is set out in the table below:

Total Return* to 30 June 2019	1 year	3 years	5 years
Australian Unity Diversified Property Fund	11.17%	14.54%	14.43%
Australian Unity Retail Property Fund – Retail Securities	9.90%	18.56%	16.26%
Australian Unity Retail Property Fund – Wholesale Securities	10.15%	18.81%	16.56%

<sup>\*</sup> The Total Return is calculated after fees and expenses and assumes the reinvestment of distributions. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

# 5.6 RPF Securityholder meeting

AUFML, as Responsible Entity of RPF, has been exploring various options to increase the likelihood of raising further equity that better enables the RPF to pay for its development pipeline and address the funding of withdrawals.

AUFML, (a related party of AUPL), as Responsible Entity of RPF is also recommending to Securityholders in RPF to approve the Proposal to merge with the Fund.

A Securityholder meeting for RPF Securityholders to consider the Proposal is scheduled for the same day as the Meeting of Unitholders in the Fund.

#### 5.7 Exchange of Securities for Units

The exchange of Securities in RPF for the Fund's Units will be calculated using the respective net tangible asset value per Security and Unit excluding any buy/sell spread as at the Implementation Date. For calculating the net tangible asset value per Security and Unit, the value adopted for RPF and the Fund's property assets will be based on independent valuations of each property as at 16 October 2019.

We have appointed a Valuer to provide an independent report valuing all of the real property assets of the Fund and RPF (Valuation Report). The fair value of each of the assets of the Fund and RPF as determined by the Valuer and set out in the Valuation Report is adopted by the Responsible Entity of each of the Fund and RPF. This is consistent with relevant Direct Property Valuation Policy of the respective Responsible Entities.

The remaining assets and liabilities of the Fund and RPF will be valued at market value as at the Implementation Date. Details are set out in the PDS dated 18 September 2019 and Supplementary PDS dated 23 September 2019.

In addition to the above, separate Independent Expert Reports from Deloitte addressed to each of AUFML and AUPL have been prepared in respect of the Proposal and providing, among other things, a view that the Proposal is fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the members of each of the respective schemes.

Based on our forecast estimates of the respective NTA value per Unit and Security of the Fund and RPF, Securityholders in RPF will be entitled to receive 0.8297 Fund Units (calculated to four decimal places) for every Retail Security (or 1.0255 Fund Units for every Wholesale Security) they own in RPF (the 'Exchange Ratio'). Immediately after the Implementation Date, there will not be any change in the dollar value of your investment as a direct result of the exchange of Securities for Units. This is because the merger will be based on the respective NTA value per Security and Unit of RPF and the Fund.

Unitholders should note that:

- the forecast Exchange Ratio may change as the actual Exchange Ratio will be determined based on the Fund's and RPF's NTA as at the Implementation Date; and
- The Independent Expert's approach to estimate the market value of Units post merger is set out in Section 7 of
  the Independent Expert's Report. AUPL's approach differs to the Independent Expert in that the Exchange Ratio
  will be set by reference to the relative contribution of net assets by the Fund and RPF as at the Implementation
  Date. The Independent Expert acknowledges that this is common in the property trust sector and that they
  consider this approach reasonable in these circumstances.

# 5.8 Pro-forma statement of financial position

To assist Unitholders to understand the financial position of the Fund after the merger is implemented, the following table steps through the statement of financial position of:

- the Fund as at 30 June 2019 with pro-forma adjustments reflecting a once-off increase to its Capped Withdrawal Facility and Transaction Costs (Table 1);
- RPF as at 30 June 2019 with pro-forma adjustments reflecting the sale of its interest in the Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre, the once-off increase to RPF's withdrawal facility and Transaction Costs (Table 2); and
- A pro-forma statement of financial position for the Fund once the merger has been implemented (Table 3).

Table 1: Australian Unity Diversified Property Fund							
Pro-forma statement of financial position	As at 30 June 2019 (\$'m)			Capped Withdrawal Offer (\$'m)	Pro-forma Fund immediately prior to merger Implementation Date (\$'m)		
	A	В	С	D	E=A+B+C+D		
Cash and cash equivalents	3.68				3.68		
Receivables and prepaid expenses	2.31				2.31		
Investment properties and AREITs	369.50	3.53			373.03		
Total assets	375.49	3.53	0	0	379.02		
Payables	11.51	0.742		15.00	27.25		
Derivatives	8.12				8.12		
Interest bearing liabilities	147.33	3.46	0.31		151.10		
Total liabilities	166.96	4.20	0.31	15.00	186.47		
Net assets attributable to Unitholders	208.53	(0.67)	(0.31)	(15.00)	192.55		
Number of Units (m)	201.44			(14.63)	186.81		
NTA per Unit (ex-distribution)	1.0352	(0.0033)	(0.0015)	0.0004	1.0308		
Gearing ratio	39.24%				39.87%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Revaluations take into account draft valuation reports and forecast capital expenditure between July and October 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Accrued performance fee, of which \$0.09 million has been crystallised and paid, with the remainder \$0.65 million to be paid at 30 June 2020 or on Implementation Date as per Resolution B

Table 2: Australian Unity Retail Property Fund							
Pro-forma statement of financial position	As at 30 June 2019 (\$'m)	Sale of RPF's interest in Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre, Special Distribution and swap break cost (\$'m)3	Revaluations and capital expenditure July – October 2019 (\$'m) <sup>4</sup>	Transaction Costs (\$'m)	Withdrawal Offer of \$64 million and A- REIT sale (\$'m)	Pro-forma Fund immediately prior to merger Implementatio n Date (\$'m)	
	F	G	н	1	J	K=F+G+H+I+ J	
Cash and cash equivalents	2.95	(0.84)			9.79	11.90	
Receivables and prepaid expenses	2.34					2.34	
Investment properties and AREITs	312.46	(145.00)	(0.67)		(9.79)	157.00	
Total assets	317.75	(145.84)	(0.67)	0	0	171.24	
Payables	8.24				64.00	72.24	
Derivatives	2.17	(2.17)				0	
Interest bearing liabilities	118.20	(108.34)	1.02	0.34		11.21	
Total liabilities	128.61	(110.51)	1.02	0.34	64.00	83.45	
Net assets attributable to Securityholders	189.14	(35.33)	(1.69)	(0.34)	(64.00)	87.78	
Gearing ratio	37.20%					6.55%	
Retail Securities							
Number of securities (m)	155.60				(67.18)	88.42	
NTA per security	1.0616	(0.1983)	(0.0095)	(0.0019)	0.0032	0.8552	
Wholesale Securities	Wholesale Securities						
Number of securities (m)	18.27				(6.72)	11.55	
NTA per security	1.3133	(0.2453)	(0.0117)	(0.0023)	0.0031	1.0570	

<sup>3</sup> Sale of RPF's interest in the Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre for \$145 million, less \$1.3 million sales costs, less \$2.3 million swap break cost, less \$33.86 million Special Distribution to RPF Securityholders associated with the sale.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Revaluations take into account draft valuation reports and forecast capital expenditure between July and October 2019.

Table 3: Merged Fund (where Australian Unity Diversified Property Fund has acquired all Securities on issue in the Australian Unity Retail Property Fund)

Pro-forma statement of financial position	Pro-forma Fund immediately prior to merger Implementation Date (\$'m)  Pro-forma RPF immediately prior to merger Implementation Date (\$'m)		Stamp duty, refinancing costs, withdrawal and other payments (\$'m)	Pro-forma merged Fund immediately after merger Implementation Date(\$'m)	
	L=E	M=K	N	O=L+M+N	
Cash and cash equivalents	3.68	11.90	(13.00)	2.57	
Receivables and prepaid expenses	2.31	2.34		4.65	
Investment properties and AREITs	373.03	157.00		530.03	
Total assets	379.02	171.24	(13.00)	537.26	
Payables	27.25	72.24	(82.22)	17.27	
Derivatives	8.12	0		8.12	
Interest bearing liabilities	151.10	11.21	70.47	232.78	
Total liabilities	186.47	83.45	(11.76)	258.16	
Net assets attributable to Unitholders	192.55	87.78	(1.24)	279.09	
Gearing ratio	39.87%	6.55%		43.33%	
Number of Fund Units (m)	186.81	85.20		272.02	
NTA per Unit	1.0308		(0.0046)	1.0262	
Retail Securities					
Number of securities (m)		88.42			
NTA per Security		0.8552			
Merger Ratio		0.8297			
Number of Fund Units		73.36			
Wholesale Securities					
Number of Securities (m)		11.55			
NTA per Security		1.0570			
Merger Ratio		1.0255			
Number of Fund Units		11.84			

The gearing ratio of the merged Fund assumes that the sum of all withdrawal requests in the Fund is \$15 million, which equals the amount made available under the October 2019 Withdrawal Facility. A similar assumption applies to withdrawal requests in RPF. If the withdrawal offers in the Fund and RPF are not fully subscribed, then the gearing ratio will change. A sensitivity analysis is set out below.

Amount of withdrawal requests received compared to the amount made available under the withdrawal offer for the Fund and RPF	Pro-forma gearing ratio
100% (ie fully subscribed withdrawal offers)	43.33% (as set out in Table 3)
90%	41.86%
80%	40.39%

#### 6. RISKS

#### RISKS ARISING FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL

This section describes the key risks arising from implementing the Proposal. It does not purport to be an exhaustive list of every risk faced by the Fund, now or in the future.

Many of these risks, or the consequences of them, are outside the control of the Fund. If one or more of these risks eventuates, then the future operating performance of the merged Fund and the value of your investment in the Fund may be significantly affected.

#### Forward looking statements (including financial forecasts)

The forward looking statements, opinions and estimates provided in this EM, including the financial forecasts, are based on assumptions. There can be no guarantee that the assumptions and contingencies on which the forward looking statements, opinions and estimates are based will ultimately prove to be valid or accurate. The forward looking statements, opinions and estimates depend on various factors, many of which are outside the control of the Fund. Various factors, both known and unknown, may impact the Fund's performance and cause actual performance to vary significantly from what was expected. There can be no guarantee the Fund will achieve its stated objectives or that any forward looking statement or forecast will eventuate.

#### Existing Unitholders may retain a stake in the Fund post-merger

Although Unitholders will have an opportunity to redeem some or all of their Units by participating in the once-off increased Capped Withdrawal Facility, the amount made available for withdrawal is limited to \$15 million and so, depending on the level of demand for withdrawals, it is possible that existing Unitholders who want to withdraw their investment in full will not be able to, and in such circumstances they will remain Unitholders post-merger. Post-merger, Unitholders may not be long-term holders of Units in the Fund. As a result, the future Capped Withdrawal Facilities may be oversubscribed and withdrawal requests pro-rated reflecting the amount made available under the withdrawal offer and the total amount of withdrawal requests received.

#### Liquidity risk

While a Capped Withdrawal Facility is available, the total withdrawal requests received may exceed the amount available to meet those requests. If this occurs, withdrawal requests will be met on a pro-rata basis. It might take several Capped Withdrawal requests to meet a withdrawal in full.

Since property assets by their nature are illiquid investments, in a prolonged period of volatility and/or reduction in market valuation, it may also be difficult for the Responsible Entity to maintain the Withdrawal Facility.

If it is necessary for the Fund to raise equity, or dispose of assets, to fund withdrawal requests, there is a risk that the Fund may not be able to raise sufficient equity, or realise sufficient assets in a timely manner or at an optimal sale price. This may affect the Responsible Entity's ability to return capital to Unitholders and may reduce the Fund's Unit price for all Unitholders.

In addition, if we are of the view that we cannot sell at least 80% of the Fund's assets at their current market value within 365 days, the Fund will become illiquid and the Capped Withdrawal Facility will be suspended. If this occurs, Unitholders can only withdraw when we make a withdrawal offer available in accordance with the Fund's Constitution and law.

Notwithstanding the Responsible Entity's current intentions, deterioration in market conditions may mean that it has to suspend or defer the Capped Withdrawal Facility. If the Proposal proceeds, that means that Unitholders may remain invested in the Fund, even if they wish not be.

#### Gearing risk

The Fund combines Unitholders' money with borrowed money and invests the combined amount in property related assets. This process, known as gearing, magnifies the effect of gains and losses on your investment and is generally considered more risky than similar investments that are not geared. A higher level of gearing is generally associated with a greater level of risk.

#### Funding and refinancing risk

To fund new acquisitions, capital expenditure and other material capital events, the Fund intends to rely on a combination of funding options including equity and debt.

An inability to attract funding may adversely affect the Fund's ability to make future acquisitions or to meet future capital expenditure needs, which in turn could adversely affect the growth prospects of the Fund, the Unit price or even the Fund's ability to maintain its properties to the requisite standard (which in turn may affect its ability to retain existing, or to attract new, tenants). An inability to refinance any debt (either on economically attractive terms or at all) or any increase in the cost of such funding, may also adversely impact the performance and the financial position of the Fund.

#### **Breach of debt covenants**

The Debt Facility (see Section 5.3) will contain financial covenants based on the principal amount of debt outstanding, the properties' valuations and net income tests. A breach of these covenants may be caused by many factors including a material event relating to a property (such as the loss of a key tenant), reduced valuations or by market conditions including interest rate increases. A covenant breach may result in the Fund paying higher interest rates or the lender choosing to enforce their security over one or a number of properties and/or requiring the Fund to pay down the debt facility immediately or on short notice. Alternative financing may not be available, or may only be available on less favourable terms. The Fund may be required to sell properties or reduce or suspend distributions in order to repay debt. The consequence of a breach of such a covenant may require the sale of one or more properties to reduce debt. If a forced sale occurs, it could result in a less than optimal price or a capital loss, dilution through further equity raising, or suspension of distributions to repay the debt facility.

#### Interest rates

Interest payable on the Debt Facility will depend on the interest rate (which is comprised of a fixed and variable base interest rate plus a margin) and the principal amount of debt outstanding. Fluctuations in interest rates will affect the financial performance of the Fund.

To the extent that interest rates are not hedged or fixed, the financial position including the cost of debt will be affected, and could result in decreased distributions. If hedged through fixed rates or interest rate swaps and interest rates increase from current levels, similar interest rates may not be available upon extension/refinancing of that debt or the implementation of new hedging strategies. At the date of this EM, interest rates are generally at a historic low, and therefore upward movements in interest rates may have a comparatively high impact on net income to the extent that interest rates are not hedged.

To the extent that the Fund has hedged its exposure to interest rates, a change in variable interest rates over time may require the Fund to mark to market the fair value of its interest rate swaps and this may result in an asset or liability being recognised on the Fund's balance sheet, thereby changing the NTA value per Unit.

#### Property development risk

A risk of property development is construction risk. Construction projects carry a risk that the costs of the project might be higher than budgeted or the project may be delayed or, in extreme circumstances, not finish.

We endeavour to mitigate construction risks by negotiating arrangements with builders whereby any costs incurred is fixed for most items. In addition, we aim to ensure that substantial pre-commitments to lease are in place before commencing any development.

#### **Economic and market conditions**

There is the risk that changes in economic and market conditions may affect asset returns and values and may decrease the Unit price of the Fund. The overall performance of Units may be affected by changing economic or property market conditions. These may include movements in interest rates, exchange rates, securities markets, inflation, consumer spending, employment and the performance of individual local, state, national and international economies. A general economic downturn may have a significant negative impact on the Unit price of the Fund.

#### Legal, regulatory and policy changes

Changes in law, government legislation, regulation and policy in jurisdictions in which the Fund operates may adversely affect the value of the properties and/or the Fund's future earnings and performance, as well as the value of Units.

#### 7. STEPS TO IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSAL

The following summarises the high-level steps to merge the Fund with RPF (all dates are indicative) if the Proposal proceeds:

- The Constitution of the Fund will be amended by Supplemental Deed and lodged with ASIC.
- The Responsible Entity of the Fund will process the withdrawals under the once-off Capped Withdrawal Facility based on the applications for redemption which have been received.
- The Fund will acquire all Securities on issue in RPF, and Securityholders in RPF will be issued with Units in the Fund
- The proceeds of the withdrawals processed under the once-off Capped Withdrawal Facility will be paid by the Responsible Entity of the Fund.

#### **Pre-merger Distribution**

The Responsible Entity will pay a pre-merger distribution of income for the period 1 October 2019 to (but not including) the Implementation Date, with a record date of 23 October 2019 or such other date determined by the Responsible Entity. The Fund expects this distribution to be approximately one-third of quarterly distributions of the Fund to be paid for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 September 2019. The pre-merger distribution will be paid shortly after the merger is implemented.

#### **Capped Withdrawal Facility**

A Capped Withdrawal Facility Booklet accompanies this EM for Unitholders who elect to redeem their investment in the Fund prior to implementing the merger. The increased once-off Capped Withdrawal Facility aims to provide existing Unitholders with the opportunity to reduce or exit their investment in the Fund and reduce the risk of a large number of withdrawal requests in the merged Fund's next Capped Withdrawal Facility, thereby increasing the likelihood of raising further equity that better enables the Fund to pay for its development pipeline.

The key terms of the Capped Withdrawal Facility are summarised as follows:

- The amount made available under the once-off Capped Withdrawal Facility will be increased to \$15 million. However, we may change the amount of the Capped Withdrawal Facility should we consider it to be appropriate. If the total amount of withdrawal requests for the Fund exceeds the amount available, requests will be met on a prorata basis. This means that we calculate the percentage of the amount available to the total withdrawal requests received, and then apply this to each individual Unitholder request;
- The Capped Withdrawal Facility will be funded from the assets of the merged Fund and paid after the merger Implementation Date on or around 31 October 2019; and
- The Capped Withdrawal Facility is not mandatory and Unitholders must elect to participate in the Capped Withdrawal Facility. The price applied in meeting the withdrawal requests will be the NTA value per Unit, less a sell spread of 0.50% on 23 October 2019.

#### 8. DETAILS OF THE RESOLUTIONS

Inter-dependency of the resolutions

The Resolutions are interdependent and will only be effective if:

- (a) all Resolutions are passed by the requisite majorities;
- (b) all resolutions are passed at a meeting of Securityholders of RPF scheduled to be held at 9:30am AEDT on 23 October 2019; and
- (c) the Merged DPF Refinances.

#### 8.1 RESOLUTION A: APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL FOR MERGING FUNDS

#### **Background**

Merging the Fund with RPF is intended to increase the likelihood of raising further equity to reinvest back into the Fund's assets, fund potential developments, acquire additional assets, and provide liquidity to Unitholders who elect to exit their investment.

Sections 4 and Section 5 of this Explanatory Memorandum set out the background, rationale and other options considered.

#### Type of resolution - ordinary resolution

This Resolution will be passed if 50% or more of the votes cast by Unitholders on the Resolution are voted in favour (whether in person or by proxy).

#### Reasons to vote in favour this Resolution

- You wish the Proposal to proceed and the Fund to merge with RPF.
- Increased capacity to raise capital, and a higher debt facility, to fund development projects which aim to enhance both the Fund's income and growth returns over the medium term.
- Simplified performance fee structure.
- Increased geographical and sector diversification
- A higher WALE which provides greater certainty of income and growth returns over the medium term.
- The acquisition of additional property assets in a stamp duty efficient manner.
- A \$15 million once-off Capped Withdrawal Facility which aims to allow Unitholders, at their election, to reduce or exit their investment prior to the merger.
- Increased capacity to fund the ongoing Capped Withdrawal Facility which is calculated as 2.5% of the merged DPF's NTA value generally each quarter.

#### Reasons to vote against this Resolution

- If you do not support the Proposal, and do not wish the Fund merge with RPF, you would vote against this Resolution.
- Marginally lower distribution yield.
- The merged Fund will pay stamp duty, legal and refinancing costs as part of the Proposal which will reduce the NTA per Unit by approximately 0.65%.

#### Consequences if this Resolution is passed

If this Resolution is passed, the remaining Resolution set out in the Notice of Meeting will be put to Unitholders for voting. If the remaining Resolution is passed, including those resolutions to be considered by Securityholders of RPF subject to the Merged Fund Refinancing, the Fund will merge with RPF.

#### Consequences if this Resolution is not passed

- The Fund will continue to operate as an unlisted registered managed investment scheme;
- The amount made available under the Capped Withdrawal Facility will be 2.5% of the Fund's NTA, or approximately \$5.21 million, instead of \$15 million;
- The NTA per Unit will reduce by approximately 0.2% as a result of the Fund paying its share of Transaction Costs
  relating to the development of the Proposal estimated to be \$0.3 million;
- No stamp duty will be payable as the merger will not proceed;
- Only legal costs relating to debt refinancing will be incurred, not the debt establishment fees as the merger will not proceed;
- The performance fee will not be paid at the Implementation Date but AUPL will continue to accrue and is entitled
  to collect a performance fee in accordance with the current Constitution where the performance fee criteria are
  met;
- The acquisition fee and responsible entity removal/retirement fee will not be introduced;

- Irrespective of whether the Proposal proceeds, AUPL will simplify its Base Management Fee to be 0.65% p.a. of the Fund's gross asset value rather than the complex, asset specific Base Management Fee which currently applies;
- AUPL will look to continue to offer the quarterly Capped Withdrawal Facilities in the short-term capped at 2.5% of
  the NTA and will explore, but cannot guarantee, the continual provision of this Capped Withdrawal Facility or other
  significant liquidity event for Unitholders;
- The Fund may be unable to fund its development pipeline, which may reduce income and capital growth potential arising from development activities over the medium term; and/or
- The Fund may have to sell assets to fund its development pipeline, which reduces the scale and diversification of the portfolio and reduces earnings.

#### Recommendation

The directors of AUPL determined that Resolution A is in the interests of Unitholders and recommend that you vote in favour.

## 8.2 RESOLUTION B: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND PROVISION OF FINANCIAL BENEFITS TO A RELATED PARTY

#### **Background**

The Fund, as a registered managed investment scheme, is required by the Corporations Act to have a Constitution which sets out the obligations of the Responsible Entity in operating the Fund.

The Constitution needs to be updated to be commensurate with the current operation of the Fund, the current legislative requirements for a managed investment scheme and in order to implement the Proposal. AUPL also proposes that the provisions relating to fees are altered to implement the Proposal.

This Resolution proposes that the Constitution of the Fund be amended. The following is a summary of the amendments to be made to the Fund constitutions:

Amendment	Description
Addition of an Acquisition Fee and a Removal/retirement Fee	The Constitution is amended to provide that the Responsible Entity is entitled to be paid an Acquisition Fee and a Removal/retirement Fee.  The Acquisition Fee is up to a maximum of 1% of the value of the purchase price of new real property Assets, payable from the Assets following the acquisition.  The Removal/Retirement Fee is up to a maximum of 1% of Gross Asset Value for the proper performance of its duties as responsible entity if the responsible entity is removed or retires (unless the replacement responsible entity is a related body corporate of AUPL).
Changes to Performance Fee	The Performance Fee calculation is amended so that it is an amount calculated in accordance with:  (a) up to the day prior to the Implementation Date, Part 1 of Schedule 3; and (b) on and after the Implementation Date, Part 1A of Schedule 3,  Up to the day prior to the Implementation Date  Immediately prior to the Implementation Date, the Responsible Entity shall be entitled to a Performance Fee, which is equal to the amount which could have been paid if the Performance Fee period ended on Implementation Date. The calculation of the Performance Fee is otherwise unchanged.  On and after the Implementation Date  On and after the Implementation Date, the Responsible Entity shall be entitled to a performance fee which is 20% of the amount by which the Fund NTA exceeds the Benchmark NTA, adjusted for cash from the issue of Units, reinvestment of distributions and distributions paid to Unitholders in the Fund. The Benchmark NTA is required to make an Internal Rate of Return on the Fund equal to 10% per annum.
Power to implement the Proposal	Subject to section 601FC of the Corporations Act, the Responsible Entity is empowered to do all things which it considers necessary, desirable or reasonably incidental for the purpose of implementing or effecting the Proposal, including:  (a) determining the form of and accepting applications for Units made by AUFML as the responsible entity of RPF Schemes on behalf of the members of RPF;

	<ul><li>(b) issuing those Units; and</li><li>(c) registering the holders of those Units.</li></ul>
Responsible Entity indemnity	The Responsible Entity is indemnified from the Fund assets for any claim, demand, cost, expense, damage, loss and liability that may be suffered or incurred by them in relation to or arising out of the Proposal except to the extent arising from the Responsible Entity's negligence.
Responsible Entity liability	The Responsible Entity will not be liable to any Unitholder for any loss or cost arising in connection with the Proposal or its implementation except to the extent arising from the Responsible Entity's negligence.
Performance fee	The Responsible Entity is entitled to be paid from the Fund a performance fee, calculated as if the day prior to the implementation of the merger were the calculation date for the performance fee.

The Responsible Entity proposes to introduce an acquisition fee and a removal/retirement fee and change its Performance Fee relating to the period after the Implementation Date.

The amendments to the Constitution which allow the performance fee, which has been accruing in the Fund's accounts and estimated to be \$0.74 million as at the date of this EM, of which \$0.65 million is to be paid on or after the Implementation Date. If the Constitution is amended as proposed, this performance fee payment could be higher or lower than the amount that would have been payable at the end of the current performance fee period if the Resolutions were not passed.

The proposed changes to the Constitution are set out in the supplemental deed poll which will be tabled by the Chair at the meeting.

#### **Related Party Approval**

Unitholder approval is being sought to the extent that some changes to the Constitution constitute the giving of a financial benefit from or by the Fund to AUPL or to any of its related bodies corporate, such as AUFML. This approval is sought under the related party approval provisions of Part 2E of the Corporations Act. AUPL is a related party (within the meaning of the Corporations Act) of the Fund by reason of it being the Responsible Entity and AUFML is a related party because it is AUPL's related body corporate. Additional information on related party interests is provided in Section 11.6 of this Explanatory Memorandum.

An explanation of the changes to the Fund's Constitution that may constitute the giving of a financial benefit to AUPL is set out below.

#### Change to fees

The Proposal to merge the Fund with RPF involves a change to the Constitution to amend the amounts of fees, or the circumstances under when some fees will be payable.

A description of existing fees (provided for by the Fund's current Constitution) is set out in the table below. For your comparison, the proposed fee structure once the Proposal is implemented is also shown.

Fee Type	Current fee structure	Outcome of passing the Resolutions and implementing the Proposal	Proposed fee structure as a merged Fund
Performance fee	We are entitled to an annual performance fee payable in cash or Units in the event that the Total Return of the Fund outperforms the Total Return Benchmark Index (MSCI/Mercer Australia Core Wholesale Monthly Property Fund Index).  The Total Return of the Fund is calculated by dividing the NTA value per Unit at the end of the financial year, adjusted by adding any income and/or capital distributions during that period, by the NTA value per Unit at the commencement of that period, converted to a percentage and assuming distribution reinvestment. If the Total Return of the Fund (which is based on the net assets of the Fund) exceeds the Total Return Benchmark Index, we will be entitled to 20% of the difference between the Total Return of the Fund and the Total Return Benchmark Index, and then multiplying that resultant figure by the gross asset value of the Fund as at the last day of the performance fee period.  While the amount of the performance fee that can be earned is uncapped, we have limited the amount of performance fee which can be paid in any one year to 1.00% of the gross assets of the Fund. Any performance fee that exceeds the 1.00% limit will remain accrued in the Fund's Unit price and subsequently paid in a year when it can be paid within the 1.00% limit.	The current performance fee will be amended to clarify that any performance fee accrued as at the day prior to the Implementation Date will become payable upon the merger.  The performance fee methodology described in the Fund's constitution will then be replaced with a different method which applies on and after the Implementation Date.  The Performance Fee change is based on an absolute benchmark (10% IRR p.a.) and is calculated with reference to the merged Fund's net asset value compared to the Fund's gross asset value. This should benefit Unitholders as the net asset value is generally always less than the gross asset value. However, whether there is in fact a lower performance fee payable will also depend on the relative performance of the former performance fee benchmark compared to the revised 10% threshold.	We will be entitled to a performance fee which will be calculated on a daily basis, but paid at 30 June each year.  If over the 12 month period to 30 June, each year, the Fund's Total Return exceeds an absolute return threshold of 10% pa, we will be entitled to 20% of the difference multiplied by the net asset value at the end of the period.  We must earn back any prior year's underperformance before an entitlement to the performance fee vests.  The first performance fee measurement period will be from the Implementation Date to 30 June 2020 and thereafter, on an annual basis.

Fee Type	Current fee structure	Outcome of passing the Resolutions and implementing the Proposal	Proposed fee structure as a merged Fund
Acquisition fee	There is currently no acquisition fee permitted by the constitution.	The Responsible Entity will be permitted to charge an acquisition fee of up to 1% of the purchase price of an asset when acquiring new properties.	An acquisition fee of up to 1% of the purchase price of the asset will be payable to the Responsible Entity.
Removal/retirement fee	There is currently no removal/retirement fee permitted by the constitution.	The Responsible Entity will be permitted to charge a removal/retirement fee if removed or retires. It does not apply if the replacement responsible entity is a related party of AUPL.	A removal/retirement fee of up to 1% of the gross asset value of the Fund will be payable to the Responsible Entity if the Responsible Entity is replaced.

#### Example of Performance Fee, Acquisition Fee and Removal/Retirement Fee

The following table provides a worked example of the Performance Fee, Acquisition Fee and Removal/retirement Fee payable under the Constitution for the purpose of illustrating how the Performance Fee, Acquisition Fee and Removal/retirement Fee is calculated. It is based upon hypothetical assumptions and a NTA value of \$290 million.

Description	Assumptions	Calculation	Fee	For every \$50,000⁵ you have in the Fund you will be charged:
Current Performance Fee (before GST)	<ol> <li>Gross Asset         Value of \$500         million</li> <li>NTA value of         \$290 million</li> <li>Fund         performance of         12% for one         year</li> <li>MSCI/Mercer         Australia Core         Wholesale         Monthly Property         Fund Index         return of 10% for         one year</li> </ol>	20% of (12% minus 10%) multiplied by \$500 million	\$2 million	\$345
Proposed Performance Fee (before GST)	<ol> <li>NTA value of \$290 million</li> <li>Fund performance of 12% for one year</li> <li>Threshold performance fee return of 10%</li> </ol>	20% of (12% minus 10%) multiplied by \$290 million	\$1.16 million	\$200

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Average investment balance for the year.

Description	Assumptions	Calculation	Fee	For every \$50,000⁵ you have in the Fund you will be charged:
Current Acquisition Fee (before GST)	Purchase price of asset of \$50 million	n/a	Nil	Nil
Proposed Acquisition Fee (before GST)	Purchase price of asset of \$50 million	1% of \$50 million	\$0.5 million	\$86
Current Removal/retirement Fee (before GST)	1. Gross Asset Value of \$500 million	n/a	Nil	Nil
Proposed Removal/retirement Fee (before GST)	1. Gross Asset Value of \$500 million	1% of \$500 million	\$5 million	\$862

#### **Review of Base Fee**

In assessing the level of the performance fee, acquisition fee and removal/retirement fee for the proposed merged Fund, AUPL reviewed the Base Management Fee of the Fund.

Irrespective if the Proposal proceeds, AUPL will be making a change to the Base Management Fee of the Fund. The change will take effect on the Implementation Date.

AUPL will simplify its Base Management Fee to be 0.65% pa of the Fund's gross asset value rather than the complex, asset specific Base Management Fee which currently applies.

While the Fund's Base Management Fee will increase from between 0.25% and 0.40% pa (depending on the type of asset held) to 0.65% pa of the Fund's gross asset value, the Fund's recoverable expenses will reduce by approximately the same amount as we will absorb the asset management component of the costs currently recovered from the Fund via the Base Management Fee.

As a percentage of the Fund's gross asset value, the combination of the new Base Management Fee and recoverable expenses of the Fund are not expected to materially change as a result of AUPL's decision to amend the Base Management Fee (which is permitted under the Fund's constitution).

#### Type of resolution – special resolution

This Resolution will be passed if 75% or more of the votes cast by Unitholders entitled to vote on the resolution are voted in favour (whether in person or by proxy).

#### Reasons to vote in favour of this Resolution

- You wish the Proposal to proceed and the Fund to merge with RPF.
- You agree with the changes to the Performance Fee, and the addition of the Acquisition Fee and Removal/retirement Fee.
- On and after the Implementation Date, the performance fee will change to be calculated with reference to net assets rather than gross assets, ultimately improving returns to Unitholders.

#### Reasons to vote against this Resolution

- If you do not support the Proposal, and do not wish the Fund merge with RPF, you would vote against this Resolution.
- You prefer the existing constitutional provisions.
- Any accrued performance fee will be paid to the Responsible Entity upon implementation of the Proposal.
- The Acquisition Fee and Removal/retirement Fee are new fees.

#### Consequences if this Resolution is passed

If this Resolution is passed, including the Resolutions to be considered by RPF Securityholders, and subject to the Merged Fund Refinancing the Fund's Constitution will be amended and lodged with ASIC. Once lodged with ASIC, the changes will be effective.

#### Consequences if this Resolution is not passed

- The Fund will continue to operate as an unlisted registered managed investment scheme;
- The amount made available under the Capped Withdrawal Facility will be 2.5% of the Fund's NTA, or approximately \$5.21 million, instead of \$15 million;
- The NTA per Unit will reduce by approximately 0.2% as a result of the Fund paying its share of Transaction Costs relating to the development of the Proposal estimated to be \$0.3 million;
- No stamp duty will be payable as the merger will not proceed;
- Only legal costs relating to debt refinancing will be incurred, not the debt establishment fees as the merger will not proceed;
- The performance fee will not be paid at the Implementation Date but AUPL will continue to accrue and is entitled to collect a performance fee in accordance with the current Constitution where the performance fee criteria are met.
- The acquisition fee and responsible entity removal/retirement fee will not be introduced;
- Irrespective if the Proposal proceeds, AUPL will simplify its Base Management Fee to be 0.65% pa of the Fund's gross asset value rather than the complex, asset specific Base Management Fee which currently applies;
- AUPL will look to continue to offer the quarterly Capped Withdrawal Facilities in the short-term at 2.5% of the NTA
  per quarter and will explore, but cannot guarantee, the continual provision of this Capped Withdrawal Facility or
  other significant liquidity event for Unitholders;
- The Fund may be unable to fund its development pipeline, which may reduce income and capital growth potential arising from development activities over the medium term; and/or
- The Fund may have to sell assets to fund its development pipeline, which reduces the scale and diversification of the portfolio and reduces earnings.

#### Recommendation

The directors of AUPL determined that Resolution B is in the interests of Unitholders and recommend that you vote in favour. None of the directors of AUPL have an interest in the outcome of this Resolution.

#### 9. IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSAL

IMPORTANT DATES	
<ul> <li>Explanatory Memorandum issue date (this document)</li> <li>Supplementary PDS issue date</li> </ul>	23 September 2019
October 2019 Capped Withdrawal Facility opens	23 September 2019
October 2019 Capped Withdrawal Facility closes	22 October 2019
Deadline for Proxy Forms to be received by AUPL	2:30pm on 21 October 2019
Date and time for determining eligibility to vote	5.00pm on 22 October 2019
Meeting	2:30pm on 23 October 2019

IF THE RESOLUTIONS ARE APPROVED AT THE MEETING	
Supplemental Deed is executed amending the Constitution	23 October 2019
Record date for the pre-merger distribution	23 October 2019
Effective date for processing all withdrawals	23 October 2019
Implementation Date: Merger implemented by the Fund acquiring all Securities in the RPF, and RPF Securityholders receiving Units in the Fund	25 October 2019
October 2019 Capped Withdrawal Facility proceeds paid	31 October 2019
Pre-merger distribution paid	31 October 2019
Commence despatch of holding statements to all Unitholders	31 October 2019

All dates following the date of the Meeting are indicative only and could change.

Any change to this timetable will be notified to Unitholders and posted on the Australian Unity website at www.australianunity.com.au/wealth/dpf.

#### 10. WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

# Step 1 Read the: •Notice of Meeting; and •Explanatory Memorandum. Step 2 Consider: •participating in the October 2019 Capped Withdrawal Facility Step 3 •Attend the Meeting to vote; or •Complete the Proxy Form

Information contained in this Explanatory Memorandum and Notice of Meeting is important. You should read this document carefully and if necessary seek your own independent advice on any aspects about which you are not certain.

If, prior to 5.00pm (AEDT) on 22 October 2019, you have sold all of your Units, please disregard this document.

#### 11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### 11.1 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

The conditions precedent for the Proposal are:

- all Resolutions are passed by the requisite majorities;
- all resolutions are passed at a meeting of Securityholders of RPF scheduled to be held at 9:30am AEDT on 23
  October 2019; and
- the Merged DPF Refinancing.

If these conditions are not satisfied, the merger and the once-off increased October 2019 Capped Withdrawal Facility to \$15 million will not proceed.

#### 11.2 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

We take complaints seriously and aim to resolve them as quickly as possible. If you would like to make a complaint you can call us on 13 29 39, email us at investments@australianunity.com.au or write to us at the following address:

Manager - Client Services

Australian Unity - Client Services

Level 13, 271 Spring Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

We will promptly acknowledge your complaint within 10 business days, investigate it and decide in a timely manner what action needs to be taken. We will notify you of our decision within 45 days after receipt of the complaint, together with any remedies that are available, or other avenues of appeal against the decision.

If you are not satisfied with our handling or resolution of your complaint, then you may contact the external independent body that has been established to provide recourse for consumers, free of charge,

In writing to: Australian Financial Complaints Authority

GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001

Website: www.afca.org.au Email: info@afc.org.au

Telephone: 1800 931 678 (free call)

Fax: (03) 9613 6399

#### 11.3 COOLING OFF REGIME

No cooling off period applies to the issue of Units in the Fund under the Proposal.

#### 11.4 CONSTITUTION

A copy of the Constitution of the Fund and the supplemental deed poll showing the proposed changes is available for inspection at the registered offices of Australian Unity from 8:30am until 5:30pm AEDT Monday to Friday.

#### 11.5 IMPLEMENTATION DEED

AUPL as Responsible Entity of the Fund and AUFML as Responsible Entity for each of RPF and its RPF Schemes entered into the Implementation Deed with an effective date of 23 October 2019. The Implementation Deed regulates the basis on which the merger will be implemented.

A summary of some of the main points of the Implementation Deed are as follows:

- (a) (Agreement to implement the merger) each of the responsible entities agrees to take all necessary actions that are necessary to give effect to the merger.
- (b) (**Obligations**) the main obligations of the responsible entities are to carry out the steps in the Implementation Deed to implement the merger including, in respect of the relevant Responsible Entity for its respective Scheme, taking all necessary steps to:
  - consent to, approve or ratify a transaction or amend the relevant constitution to permit a transaction and give effect to the merger;
  - make a withdrawal offer to members and pay any redemption amounts;
  - convene the required member and board meetings;
  - make distributions to members in accordance with this Explanatory Memorandum;
  - redeem units of members in the relevant funds and do other things to effect the redemption;
  - transfer units from the RPF Schemes to AUPL as Responsible Entity of the Fund and do other things to effect the transfers;
  - apply for Units in the Fund and do other things to effect the application;
  - accept and issue Units in the Fund and do other things to effect the issue of units;

- de-staple Units in the RPF Schemes; and
- terminate RPF.
- (c) (Termination rights) the Implementation Deed will terminate if:
  - a. the conditions as outlined below are not satisfied by 31 October 2019:
    - i. passing of resolutions by a requisite majority of Fund members to approve the merger; and
    - ii. passing of resolutions by a requisite majority of RPF members to approve the merger (the **Conditions**); or
  - b. any of the responsible entities determine that the merger is not in the best interests of the members of their respective Scheme.
- (d) (**Limitation of liability**) the liability arising under or in connection with the Implementation Deed can be enforced against a Responsible Entity only to the extent it can be satisfied out of the property of the relevant Scheme, out of which the respective Responsible Entity is actually indemnified for the liability.

The Implementation Deed also deals with the refinancing of debt.

#### 11.6 RELATED PARTY INTERESTS

#### Interests held by Directors of the Responsible Entity in the Fund

Except as set out in this Explanatory Memorandum, no Director of the Responsible Entity holds, or held at any time during the last two years, any interest in:

- the formation or promotion of the Fund; or
- property acquired or proposed to be acquired by the Fund in connection with either of the formation or promotion
  of the Offer, and no person had paid or agreed to pay, or given or agreed to give, any benefit to a Director or
  proposed director of the Responsible Entity to induce them to become, or to qualify as, a director of the
  Responsible Entity; or
- services provided by a Director of the Responsible Entity in connection with either the formation or promotion of the Fund or with the Offer.

In addition, certain of the directors of AUPL may have non-material indirect investments in Australian Unity or the Units as a result of investments held by them directly or indirectly in Australian Unity financial products or managed funds.

#### Other Directors' Interest in the Proposal

No director has an interest in the Proposal other than to the extent that they may receive fees for acting as a director of AUPL and other entities within the Australian Unity Limited group.

#### Interests of Associates (other than the Directors of the Responsible Entity) in Units

As at 30 June 2019, funds managed by Australian Unity Limited subsidiaries held 10.38% of the total Units in the Fund. This is set out in the table below.

Entity	Value	Holding (%)
Lifeplan Australia Friendly Society Limited	\$8.17m	3.87%
Australian Unity Property Income Fund	\$11.59m	5.49%
Australian Unity Health Limited	\$2.14m	1.01%
Total	\$21.90m	10.38%

#### 11.7 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR THE PROPOSAL

The Responsible Entity established a governance structure to manage any perceived conflict of interest in the Proposal.

- 1) Because the Board of the Responsible Entity of the Fund and the Board of the Responsible Entity of RPF comprised the same three directors, an additional separate executive director with suitable skills and experience relevant to the Proposal and the operation of the Fund was appointed to the Board of the Responsible Entity of the Fund (and also to the Board of the Responsible Entity of RPF).
- 2) The respective Boards were then effectively split so that only the additional separate executive director (non-conflicted director), and an existing director, who will act only in relation to the recommendation of the non-conflicted director, take actions in respect of the Proposal, for the Fund (and for RPF respectively) including:

- a) separately engage and instruct Deloitte as an independent expert in respect of the Fund and RPF respectively, (Independent Expert);
- b) liaise with the respective management committees in respect of the Fund and RPF;
- c) provide a recommendation to the Board of each Responsible Entity in respect of the Proposal; and
- d) vote on the Proposal in respect of the Fund and for RPF respectively.

The voting structure for the board of each Responsible Entity in respect of the Proposal is set out in the following table:

RPF	The Fund
Existing Director A (act only in relation to the recommendation of the non-conflicted director)	Director A (abstain)
Director B (abstain)	Existing Director B (act only in relation to the recommendation of the non-conflicted director)
Director C (abstain)	Director C (abstain)
New Director D (non-conflicted director)	New Director E (non-conflicted director)

- 3) Additionally, separate management committees in respect of the Fund and RPF was established. Each management committee comprised of three different senior managers and executive members with relevant skills and experience. The management committees:
  - a) are overseen by, and report to, each of the non-conflicted directors in respect of the Fund (and RPF respectively);
  - b) consider and manage the Proposal on a day-to-day basis under the instruction of each of the non-conflicted Directors in respect of the Fund (and RPF as applicable);
  - c) liaise with the Independent Expert; and
  - d) provide separate guidance and support to each of the non-conflicted directors on the board of the Fund (and RPF as applicable).
- 4) Information protocols were also implemented in respect of the Proposal at both the Board and Management level to ensure independent consideration of the Proposal, independent instruction of the Independent Expert, and independent review of the Independent Expert's Reports.
- 5) For efficiency, timing and cost, Deloitte was engaged to provide a separate opinion and Independent Expert's Report (IER) in respect of the Board of the Responsible Entity of the Fund and RPF. The non-conflicted directors on each side of the Proposal separately engaged Deloitte.
- 6) To avoid duplication and from a client management perspective, a core engagement team from Deloitte prepared the IERs. The team from Deloitte:
  - a) was instructed by only the non-conflicted directors;
  - b) worked with the separate management committees; and
  - c) considered the interests of the members of, respectively the Fund and RPF.
- 7) To ensure that any perceived conflicts of interest are managed, the Independent Expert implemented a quality assurance and independence process with separate secondary partner reviews of each IER and opinion.
- 8) The appointment of an additional separate executive director to the Board of the Responsible Entity of the Fund (and also to the Board of the Responsible Entity of RPF) together with the strict allocation to the non-conflicted directors of certain tasks as described, ensures there is appropriate separation at each level of the management, oversight, and decision making in respect of the Proposal, as well as the provision of an IER prepared on the basis of separate instruction, analysis, and review. Therefore, the non-conflicted directors were able to:
- 9) make appropriate inquiries of management and seek appropriate advice about the Proposal;
- 10) independently assess the information provided; and
- 11) ensure the necessary corporate approvals are obtained.

#### 11.8 ASIC Relief

#### **Requested Relief**

cooling-off rights.

ASIC has granted or has indicated that it will grant the following modifications and exemptions from the operation of the Corporations Act in relation to the Fund and RPF.

Section 601FC(1)(d): an exemption to AUFML and AUPL to allow them to exclude Foreign Investors from participation in the Proposal and to deal with them in the manner set out in Section 7 of this Explanatory Memorandum Division 5 of Part 7.9 of the Corporations Act — modifications to exempt the issue of Units in the Fund from certain

#### 12 FORECAST ASSUMPTIONS

The distribution return range forecast is made on the basis of a number of assumptions and estimates, which are detailed below.

The forecast distribution return ranges are not guaranteed and are provided only to indicate current distribution projections for the Fund. We emphasise that investment decisions should not be based on forecast returns, past performance, distribution rate, or the ratings given by a ratings agency for the Fund, since these can vary, and are current only to the date of publication 23 September 2019.

#### Forecast assumptions

A range of assumptions have been used when calculating the distribution forecasts. Where possible, assumptions have been based on information contained in unaudited management accounts or on existing contracts and agreements. Unitholders should be aware that actual results may vary significantly from those forecast, as future events may not occur in accordance with the assumptions detailed below.

For information on the risks of investing and the risks associated with the Fund, refer to the PDS dated 18 September 2019 and the Supplementary PDS dated 19 September 2019.

- Consumer Price Index (CPI) Inflation assumed as per the Deloitte Access Economics national CPI forecast at 2.1% for 12 months.
- Average forecast interest rates on borrowed funds Uses cost of borrowing for the Fund's Debt Facility (see Section 5.3) which has been provided by our financiers and assumes the facilities are refinanced on the Implementation Date. Assumes there are no material changes in market interest rates, hedging policy or arrangements.
- Property sales and acquisitions There are no significant transaction assumptions included in the forecast for the next 12-month period.
- Fees Proposed changes to fees are as outlined in this EM, including changes to the Base Management Fee and the calculation of performance fee. Please refer to section 5.2 for further details.
- Expenses Growth in property related expenses have been assumed to increase by CPI and included in net property income.
- Income The projected rental income and outgoings recoveries have been based on existing rental agreements and management forecasts for existing vacancies and future lease expiries. Assumptions regarding potential vacancies, leasing renewals and fees have been calculated on a lease-by-lease basis, taking into account expected market conditions at the time of expiry.
- Capital expenditure Capital expenditure during the forecast period has been taken into account at the amount included in management forecasts.
- Applications Due to the nature of a pro-forma forecast, no applications have been assumed.
- Redemptions assumed to be \$15 million and thereafter 2.5% of the net asset value of the Fund each quarter.

To assist in assessing the significance of key assumptions used in forecast distributions, the sensitivity to changes in some key assumptions are detailed below. This sensitivity analysis is a forecast only and variations in the actual performance may exceed the ranges shown.

- Increase in interest rates by 0.5% A change in interest rate of 0.5% would not vary forecast distributions for the 12 month period, particularly given the current and forecast interest rate hedge ratios.
- Development of property Timing for the planned developments at North Blackburn Shopping Centre, Busselton Central Shopping Centre, and 200 Victoria Street, Carlton may create a slight impact on distributions.
- Sale of property The sale of a property would have an impact on forecast distribution levels.
- Acquisition of a new property The Fund is not contemplating any acquisitions of properties over the next 12 months, unless there is an increase in the level of applications.
- Change in level of applications An increase or decline in applications would have an impact on forecast distribution levels.
- Change in level of redemptions A decline in the level of redemptions from the Fund would have no material impact upon the forecast distribution.

#### 13 OTHER INFORMATION

#### **Applications**

From 16 October 2019 through to 31 October 2019, applications will be suspended to allow sufficient time to calculate the Exchange Ratio.

If the Proposal proceeds there will be some of the features of your investment may change. Further information on this is below.

#### Consent to be named

The organisations listed in the following table have given, and have not before the date of this Explanatory Memorandum was lodged with ASIC, withdrawn their written consent to:

- Be named in this Explanatory Memorandum in the form and context in which they are named;
- The inclusion of their respective reports or statement noted next to their names and reference to those reports or statements in the form and context in which they are included in this Explanatory Memorandum; and
- The inclusion of other statements in this Explanatory Memorandum which are based on or referable to statements
  made in those reports or statements, or which are based or referable to other statements made by those persons
  in the form and context in which they are included

Name of entity	Named as	Report or Statement
Ashurst Australia	Legal adviser and tax adviser	
Australian Unity Limited	A related party of AUPL	
Australian Unity Funds Management Limited	The responsible entity of RPF	
Deloitte Corporate Finance Pty Limited	Independent Expert	Independent Expert's Report

None of the organisations referred to above has made any statement that is included in this Explanatory Memorandum on any statement on which this Explanatory Memorandum is based, other than any statement or report included in this Explanatory Memorandum. Each of the organisations above:

- Has not authorised or caused the issue of this Explanatory Memorandum
- Make no representation; and
- Expressly disclaims and take no responsibility for any statements in or omissions from this Explanatory
  Memorandum other than references to its name or a statement or report included in this Explanatory
  Memorandum with the consent of that person as specified above.

#### 14 TAX INFORMATION FOR UNITHOLDERS

The following is a summary of the Australian income tax, Goods and Services Tax (GST) and stamp duty implications for an existing Unitholder in the Fund. It applies to Unitholders who hold their investment in the Fund on capital account for tax purposes. This summary does not consider the tax implications for other Unitholders such as those who hold their investment in the Fund on revenue account or as trading stock.

This summary is based on our interpretation of the current Australian tax laws at the date of publication of this document, including applicable case law and published guidance by the Australian Taxation Office, which may be subject to change, including with retrospective effect.

The information below is intended to be a brief guide only and does not purport to be a complete statement of the relevant tax law, nor does it take into account your individual circumstances. Accordingly, we recommend that you seek independent professional taxation advice regarding your particular circumstances.

However, we note that we have engaged Ashurst Australia to consider the tax consequences associated with the Proposal and the summary provided in this Section 14. Ashurst Australia have confirmed that the information provided in these parts is materially correct, based on the instructions that we have provided to them.

#### 14.1 Background

The relevant steps in the Proposal to consider from a tax perspective for Unitholders are:

- The payment of a pre-merger distribution (see section 14.2.1);
- The opportunity to participate in the Capped Withdrawal Facility (see section 14.2.2); and
- The acquisition by the Fund of Securities in RPF (see section 14.2.3).

The tax implications from these events are set out below.

#### 14.2 Australian Income Tax implications for Australian resident investors

#### 14.2.1 Pre-merger distribution

Assuming the Proposal proceeds, the Responsible Entity intends to pay a pre-merger distribution of income of the Fund reflecting the undistributed earnings of the Fund up to, but not including the Implementation Date.

The Responsible Entity will notify Unitholders of the tax components attributed to the Unitholder in respect of the year ending 30 June 2020 by issuing members an AMMA statement after the end of the financial year in accordance with usual practice.

#### 14.2.2 Capped Withdrawal Facility

Unitholders who participate in the Capped Withdrawal Facility will have their Units in the Fund redeemed, which will constitute a redemption of the Units in the Fund for CGT purposes. As a result, any gain derived on redemption of the Units in the Fund may be included in your assessable income.

Resident Unitholders will make a capital gain (or capital loss) to the extent that the capital proceeds attributable to the redemption exceed (or are less than) the Unitholder's cost base (or reduced cost base).

In determining the cost base or reduced cost base of your investment in the Fund, you will need to take into account:

- any returns of capital and tax deferred distributions received up to 30 June 2017 and
- the 'AMIT cost base net amount excess' on distributions received between 1 July 2017 and the Implementation Date of merger (including the pre-merger distribution) in respect of your investment, as these amounts may have the effect of decreasing your cost base and therefore increasing your capital gain or decreasing your capital loss.

An Australian resident Unitholder who is an individual, trustee or complying superannuation fund may be entitled to a CGT discount in respect of a taxable capital gain realised on the redemption of its Units, if the Units were held for at least 12 months prior to redemption and certain other conditions are satisfied. The CGT discount applies (after any available capital losses are applied to reduce the capital gain) to reduce qualifying capital gains made by individuals and trustees by 50%, and capital gains made by superannuation funds by 33 1/3%. Trustees should seek specific advice regarding the tax consequences of making distributions attributable to discounted capital gains. The CGT discount is not available for companies.

#### 14.2.3 Acquisition by the Fund of the Securities in RPF

The acquisition by the Fund of the Securities in RPF will not have any income tax consequences for Unitholders in the Fund.

#### 14.3 Australian Income Tax implications for non-resident Unitholders

#### 14.3.1 Pre-merger distribution

Australian tax law imposes obligations on the Fund to withhold tax on distributions paid to non-residents for Australian tax purposes.

If you are not an Australian resident for tax purposes, withholding tax will be deducted from your distributions at the prescribed rates. The rates may vary according to the components of the distribution and the country in which you reside.

#### 14.3.2 Non-resident Unitholders participating in the Capped Withdrawal Facility

Unitholders who are not residents of Australia for tax purposes and participate in the Capped Withdrawal Facility should not be subject to CGT in Australia on any resulting gain unless certain circumstances apply. These circumstances include where the non-resident Unitholder:

- (together with their associates) holds 10% or more of the total Units in the Fund;
- was a former Australian resident and chose to treat their Units as taxable Australian property when they ceased to be an Australian resident for income tax purposes or
- held the Units at any time through a permanent establishment in Australia.

Other circumstances may apply and as such we recommend non-resident Unitholders seek their own independent professional taxation advice.

#### 14.4 Goods and Services Tax

The Unitholders will not be liable for any GST on the disposal of Units pursuant to the Capped Withdrawal Facility. Cash distributions from the Fund to Unitholders will also not be subject to any GST.

#### 14.4 Stamp Duty

Unitholders will not be liable for any stamp duty on the redemption of Units pursuant to the Capped Withdrawal Facility or as a result of the Fund acquiring the RPF Securities.

### 15. INDEPENDENT EXPERT'S REPORT

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# Australian Unity Diversified Property Fund

Independent expert's report and Financial Services Guide
23 September 2019

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**Dear Directors** 

Re: Independent expert's report

#### Introduction

Australian Unity Property Limited (AUPL) in its capacity as Responsible Entity (RE) of Australian Unity Diversified Property Fund (DPF) has made an offer to acquire all the securities in the Australian Unity Retail Property Fund and the stapled schemes that constitute the fund (RPF) (the Proposed Merger or Proposal)<sup>1</sup>. The consideration offered by DPF to the holders of RPF securities will be units in DPF equal to the net asset value of the RPF securities immediately prior to the Proposed Merger as set out by the proposed exchange ratios in the Explanatory Memorandum (refer to Section 5.7).

The full details of the Proposed Merger is included in an explanatory memorandum (Explanatory Memorandum) issued by AUPL to DPF unitholders. An overview of the Proposed Merger is provided in Section 1 of our report.

## Purpose of the report

DPF and RPF are funds managed by entities associated with Australia Unity Limited. The funds are largely invested in commercial and retail property assets. RPF's securityholders and DPF's unitholders are mainly wholesale and retail investors and the securities of both funds are not listed.

The directors (the Directors) of AUPL in its capacity as RE of DPF have requested that Deloitte Corporate Finance Pty Limited (Deloitte Corporate Finance) provide an independent expert's report advising whether, in our opinion, the Proposed Merger is fair and reasonable.

This independent expert's report has been prepared to assist DPF unitholders in their consideration of the Proposed Merger.

This report accompanies the Explanatory Memorandum sent to DPF unitholders and has been prepared for the exclusive purpose of assisting DPF unitholders in their consideration of whether to accept or reject the Proposed Merger. Neither Deloitte Corporate Finance, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, nor any

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Proposed Merger will occur after execution of the withdrawal facilities of RPF and DPF (refer to Section 1.4, 6.2.5 and 7.2.9, respectively)

member or employee thereof, undertakes responsibility to any person, other than the DPF unitholders and AUPL, in respect of this report, including any errors or omissions however caused.

#### Basis of evaluation

We have prepared this report having regard to Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Regulatory Guide 111 (RG 111) in relation to the content of expert's reports.

To assess whether the Proposed Merger is in the best interests of DPF unitholders, we have adopted the test of whether the Proposed Merger is either fair and reasonable, not fair but reasonable, or neither fair nor reasonable, as set out in ASIC Regulatory Guide 111.

Further information on the basis of evaluation is set out in Section 2.

We note that the proposed exchange ratios (i.e. the number of units RPF securityholders are receiving in DPF in return for the securities they currently hold in RPF) have been determined by reference to property valuations that, at the date of this report, are in the process of being finalised. The Explanatory Memorandum will quote the pro-forma balance sheet and other information on the basis of these finalised property valuations whereas our report has not had explicit regard to these property valuations.

As such, and whilst our evaluation of the Proposed Merger has been undertaken having regard to the proposed exchange ratios, figures quoted in this report, especially with respect to the pro-forma financial position, may be different to those quoted in the Explanatory Memorandum.

Based on draft valuations received from the independent property valuers, no material change is expected to the proposed exchange ratio or the pro-forma financial position.

#### Summary and conclusion

We have considered whether the Proposed Merger is fair by comparing the current market value of a DPF unit to the estimated market value of a DPF unit in the Proposed Merged Entity.

In our opinion, the Proposed Merger is fair and reasonable to, and therefore in the best interests of DPF unitholders. In arriving at this opinion, we have had regard to the following factors.

#### The Proposed Merger is fair

According to ASIC Regulatory Guide 111, in order to assess whether the Proposed Merger is fair, the independent expert is required to compare the current market value of a DPF unit on a control basis with the estimated market value of DPF units in the Proposed Merged Entity (Consideration) under the Proposed Merger.

The Proposed Merger is fair if the value of the DPF unit in the Proposed Merged Entity is equal to or greater than the value of a DPF unit prior to the Proposed Merger.

Set out in the table below is a comparison of our assessment of the market value of a DPF unit before and after the Proposed Merger.

Table 1: Comparison of our valuation of a DPF unit to the value of the Consideration

\$	Section	Low	High
Estimated market value of one DPF unit	6	0.93	1.08
Estimated market value of one DPF unit in the Proposed Merged Entity	7	0.93	1.07

Source: Deloitte Corporate Finance analysis

We have estimated the market value of a DPF unit using the net assets on a going concern methodology, an approach commonly used in valuing property investment trusts and other asset holding businesses. The valuation reflects the value of a DPF unit on a control basis. Our valuation does not incorporate the future tax impact on DPF unitholders as a result of any future disposal or their units or

the underlying properties as the tax liability is borne directly by unitholders and the tax position of each unitholder is different.

In applying this methodology, we made certain adjustments to the net assets of DPF by including revaluations of properties, the one-off withdrawal facility being made available to DPF unitholders and deduction of capitalised operating costs. Our valuation of a DPF unit is set out in Section 6.

We have estimated the market value of the Proposed Merged Entity based on the market values of RPF and DPF and made certain adjustments specific to the net assets of the Proposed Merged Entity, including transaction costs incurred, applicable premiums and discounts and deduction of capitalised operating costs. Our valuation of a DPF unit in the Proposed Merged Entity is set out in Section 7.

There is significant overlap between the estimated market value range of DPF units before and after the Proposed Merger. On the whole, we consider the value of a DPF unit prior to the Proposed Merger to be equal to the value of a DPF unit following the Proposed Merger. As such, we consider the Proposed Merger to be fair so far as DPF unitholders are concerned.

We have also considered an alternative basis of evaluation whereby the Proposed Merger is evaluated as an acquisition of RPF's assets by DPF in exchange for units in DPF, as set out in the table below.

Table 2: Comparison of the value of RPF net assets acquired to the value of the consideration given by DPF

	Unit	Low	High
Value of RPF assets being acquired (Section 7.2) <sup>1</sup>	\$m	89.5	93.4
Less: capitalised operating costs <sup>2</sup>	\$m	12.0	6.0
Value of RPF assets being acquired	\$m	77.5	87.4
Number of units in Proposed Merged Entity issued to RPF securityholders (Explanatory Memorandum Section 5.7)	m	85.2	85.2
Value of each unit in Proposed Merged Entity (Section 7.3)	\$	0.93	1.07
Minority discount <sup>3</sup>	%	-%	5%
Value of consideration being given to RPF securityholders	\$m	79.1	87.0

#### Notes:

- 1. Before premiums/discounts and capitalised operating costs
- 2. Similar to Section 7.2.14, capitalised operating costs are based on the current RPF base management fee structure and weighted average capitalisation rate. However, noting that these costs would not accrue to unitholders without some sort of expectation of benefits the manager brings to the fund or conversely, in the context of a buyout of the fund or its assets, some avoidance of costs on the part of a prospective buyer, we have adopted 25% to 50% of the capitalised operating costs
- 3. RPF securityholders are expected to hold a 31.3% interest in the Proposed Merged Entity, upon implementation of the Proposal. Based on the limited operational control that RPF securityholders will have in the Proposed Merged Entity, we consider a discount in the range of nil% to 5% appropriate.

Source: Deloitte Corporate Finance analysis

Based on our analysis above, there is overlap between the value of the RPF assets acquired by DPF and the market value of the units in the Proposed Merged Entity given to RPF securityholders as consideration. Again, on the whole, we consider the value of the RPF assets being acquired by DPF to be equal to the aggregate units in the market value of the Proposed Merged Entity being given to RPF securityholders as consideration. As such, we consider the Proposed Merger to also be fair on this basis of evaluation.

While the pro-forma financial position may be different to those quoted in the Explanatory Memorandum, the approach being taken to set the proposed exchange ratios, which will be calculated using the respective net asset value per unit and independent valuations of each property as at 16 October 2019, as outlined in Section 5.8 of the Explanatory Memorandum, would mean that, in the absence of a substantial unforeseen change, the Proposed Merger will still be fair as at the Implementation Date.

#### The Proposed Merger is reasonable

In accordance with ASIC Regulatory Guide 111 an offer is reasonable if it is fair. On this basis, in our opinion the Proposed Merger is reasonable. We have also identified the following factors:

## The proposed exchange ratios will be set by reference to the relative contribution of net assets by the two funds

It is common in the property trust sector for transactions to be commercially agreed between parties based on the relative value of the net assets contributed by each party. This is the manner in which the proposed exchange ratios have been established.

#### The Proposed Merged Entity will be more diversified than DPF

The Proposed Merger will increase the diversification of the property portfolio that DPF unitholders are exposed to, in particular, through greater exposure to the eastern States, other property sectors such as convenience assets in addition to the retail and office based assets which DPF is already invested in and an increased tenant pool through those properties.

#### DPF unitholders will have the ability to exploit a larger development pipeline

DPF unitholders will gain access to another development opportunity at North Blackburn Shopping Centre (currently owned by RPF), to add to DPF's own substantial development pipeline. In addition, DPF's current levels of leverage suggest it is not in a position to pursue these development opportunities. These developments could result in additional value to the Proposed Merged Entity that would otherwise not be available to DPF unitholders.

#### The Proposed Merged Entity will provide additional on-going liquidity

The Proposed Merger, if approved, will provide liquidity to DPF unitholders through the quarterly capped annual withdrawal facility of 2.5% of the Proposed Merged Entity's NTA (approximately \$27.9m per annum), compared to current annual liquidity of \$20.8m per annum.

#### The Proposed Merged Entity will have a lower forecast distribution yield than DPF

If the Proposed Merger is approved, DPF unitholders are forecasted to receive a lower distribution yield of approximately 6.1% to 6.5% for the full year to 30 June 2020, compared to a distribution yield of approximately 6.3% to 6.6% for DPF units for the same period if the Proposed Merger does not go ahead.

## The Proposed Merged Entity will have a higher weighted average lease expiry (WALE) than DPF

The Proposed Merger will result in an increase in the WALE from 4.5 years to 6.5 years. A higher WALE may decrease market risk as leases expire. Lower turnover may also decrease management costs, but provides less opportunities to increase rent or reconfigure a building (which may create value).

#### The calculation of the fees will change

The current performance fee payable by DPF unitholders is 20% of the outperformance against the MSCI/Mercer Australia Core Wholesale Monthly Property Fund Index, subject to earning back any underperformance. The benchmark is reset after a three year period or when paid. The performance fee structure in the Proposed Merged Entity will be 20% of the Proposed Merged Entity's outperformance in excess of 10% internal rate of return per annum, subject to earning back any under-performance.

This will benefit unitholders when property prices are declining, or where the benchmark return is lower than 10%. The current benchmark return is 7.2% for the year ending 30 June 2019.

In addition, the base management fee for DPF will be simplified from a fee structure currently comprising both a base management fee of 0.25% to 0.40% and an asset services fee of 0.30% to 0.45% of gross asset value (GAV), which together currently equates to 0.65% of GAV, to a revised base management fee of 0.65% of GAV per annum regardless of whether the Proposed Merger is approved.

If the Proposed Merger is approved, the responsible entity of Proposed Merged Entity will also be entitled to new acquisition fees related to transactions involving the property assets and responsible entity removal fees. Given the uncertainty with respect to future acquisitions of property assets, our

assessment of value does not take account of this factor. However, in isolation both new fees could be viewed as a disadvantage of the Proposed Merger.

#### The Proposed Merged Entity will have marginally higher gearing levels than DPF

The Proposed Merged Entity intends to adopt a similar level of gearing as DPF, which is expected to marginally increase from 39.9% to approximately 43.3%, as the Proposed Merged Entity is expected to require additional debt to finance the one-off Withdrawal Facility.

#### The Proposed Merger will result in DPF incurring transaction costs

If the Proposed Merger is approved, transaction costs of \$3.6m (including legal, accounting and advisory costs, and stamp duty paid by the Proposed Merged Entity) will be incurred. Of these costs, \$0.6m will be incurred regardless of whether the Proposed Merger is approved.

## There are a number of conditions to the Proposed Merger which are outside the control of DPF unitholders

If the securityholders of RPF do not approve the Proposed Merger, then the Proposal will not proceed, and DPF and RPF will continue as two separate unlisted funds. The Proposed Merger is also conditional on the Proposed Merged Entity obtaining refinancing and extending DPF's debt facility.

#### The Proposed Merger appears to be the best alternative available

Executives and Directors of AUPL undertook a detailed study evaluating the alternatives available to DPF. Their discussion of these alternatives is set out in Section 4 of the Explanatory Memorandum. They consider the Proposed Merger to be the best alternative.

We have reviewed these alternatives which included holding discussions with the executives of AUPL, the Management Committee and the Independent Directors of AUPL. The purchase of the investment properties from RPF is not desirable as DPF unitholders cannot take advantage of the stamp duty concessions. Having regard to this, and outside of a cash offer (which has not been forthcoming and which may not allow DPF unitholders to continue to participate in other benefits of the Proposed Merged Entity), we would believe that the Proposed Merger is the best alternative available to DPF unitholders.

## The Proposed Merger allows unitholders to benefit from liquidity associated with the Withdrawal Facility

As part of the Proposed Merger, and subject to it proceeding, DPF unitholders will be entitled to take advantage of an increase in the withdrawal facility on an once-off basis from \$5.2m to \$15m. To the extent that the unit pricing under the Withdrawal Facility is higher than our valuation of a DPF unit, unitholders may wish to consider participating in this Withdrawal Facility. However, in such circumstances, unitholders will lose the ability to participate in other benefits of the Proposed Merged Entity.

#### **Exchange ratio uncertainty**

The proposed exchange ratios will be set by reference to the net tangible assets per security in RPF and DPF as at the anticipated date that the Proposed Merger (Implementation Date). As at the date of our report, the net tangible assets per security for RPF and DPF have not yet been finalised and are expected to change closer to the Implementation Date due to the finalisation of property valuations, mark to market valuation of derivatives and RPF and DPF's listed A-REIT investments, resulting in some uncertainty as to the final exchange ratio. The final exchange ratios are not expected to differ materially from the pro-forma exchange ratios set out above.

#### **Conclusion on reasonableness**

Having regard to the above including our assessment that the Proposed Merger is fair, in our opinion, the Proposed Merger is reasonable.

## Opinion

In our opinion, the Proposed Merger is fair and reasonable to DPF unitholders. It is therefore in the best interests of DPF unitholders.

An individual unitholder's decision in relation to the Proposed Merger may be influenced by his or her particular circumstances. If in doubt the unitholder should consult an independent adviser, who should have regard to their individual circumstances.

This opinion should be read in conjunction with our detailed report which sets out our scope and findings.

Yours faithfully

Tapan Parekh

Authorised Representative AR Number: 461009

# Glossary

Reference	Definition
\$	Australian dollars
AFCA	Australian Financial Complaints Authority
ASIC	The Australian Securities and Investments Commission
ASX	Australian Securities Exchange
AUASB	Auditing and Assurance Standards Board
AUFML	Australian Unity Funds Management Limited
AUPL	Australian Unity Property Limited
Consideration	The consideration offered by DPF to the holders of RPF securities, in the form of units in DPF with an aggregate value equal to the net assevalue of RPF immediately prior to the Implementation Date
Deloitte	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
Directors	The Directors of Australian Unity Property Limited
DPF	Diversified Property Fund
FSG	Financial Services Guide
FY	Financial year
GAV	Gross asset value
Implementation Date	Anticipated date that the Proposed Merger is intended to take effect
LVR	Loan to value ratio
m	Million
Management	The management of Australian Unity Property Limited
NTA	Net tangible assets
Proposed Merged Entity	The entity that will be formed by the Merger of RPF and DPF
Proposed Merger	The proposed transaction involving the merger of RPF and DPF
REIT	Real estate investment trust
RE	Responsible entity
Retail security	A retail security in RPF
RPF	Retail Property Fund
WACR	Weighted average capitalisation rate
WALE	Weighted average lease expiry
Wholesale security	A wholesale security in RPF
Withdrawal Facility	One-off withdrawal facilities offered to RPF securityholders and DPF unitholders, respectively

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## 1 Overview of the Proposed Merger

#### 1.1 Summary

AUFML as Responsible Entity for RPF and AUPL as Responsible Entity for DPF, have announced a proposal to merge RPF and DPF.

If the Proposed Merger is successful, the merger will be implemented by DPF acquiring all of the securities on issue in RPF in consideration for units in DPF, at exchange ratios based on the NTA of RPF relative to that of DPF, as at the Implementation Date. The NTA of RPF and DPF will be determined at the Implementation Date by reference to independent property valuation reports which will be issued at or around 16 October 2019.

The objectives of the Proposed Merger include:

- increasing the diversification of assets
- providing access to a larger development pipeline which aims to enhance income and capital growth
- increasing the likelihood of raising further equity for growth to fund the potential developments, acquire additional assets or provide further withdrawal opportunities
- providing a once-off increase in liquidity to all investors who elect to exit their investment<sup>2</sup>
- providing greater ongoing absolute liquidity.

Further detail on the objectives is set out in Section 2.1 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

#### 1.2 Key conditions of the Proposed Merger

The Proposed Merger is to be implemented by the passing of two interdependent resolutions:

- 1. Resolution A: Approval of the Proposed Merger.
- 2. Resolution B: Amendments to the constitution and provision of financial benefits to a related party. The main changes to the constitution are to permit the Proposed Merger and the payment of accrued performance fees (if any) to the manager of RPF and DPF.

Further details on the above resolutions are set out in Section 2.2 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

The Proposed Merger is subject to various conditions, being:

- 1. DPF unitholders must approve the following resolutions:
  - Resolution A: if 50% of the votes cast by unitholders entitled to vote, in person or by proxy, vote in favour
  - Resolution B: if 75% of the votes cast by unitholders entitled to vote, in person or by proxy, vote in favour
- 2. securityholders of RPF must approve the resolutions set out in a separate notice of meeting and explanatory memorandum
- 3. the Proposed Merged Entity refinancing and extending DPF's debt facility.

## 1.3 Governance regime in respect of Proposed Merger

As outlined in the Explanatory Memorandum, the Responsible Entities agreed to manage any perceived conflict of interest in the Proposed Merger by adopting the following governance structure:

• separation of the boards of the Responsible Entities of RPF and DPF and abstaining from all actions relating to the entity that the relevant director is not allocated to so that the directors of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Made possible through the one-off increase to the withdrawal facility

- each of the Responsible Entities are not conflicted in making decisions in respect of the Proposed Merger
- two non-conflicted directors from the respective boards of the Responsible Entities of RPF and DPF
- establishment of separate management committees in respect of RPF and DPF, which are overseen by the relevant non-conflicted directors.

We have made enquiries with the executives of AUPL, the management committees and the non-conflicted directors in order to independently assess the Proposed Merger and the information provided.

Further detail on the governance regime is set out in Section 11.7 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

#### 1.4 Intentions if the Proposed Merger proceeds

If the Proposed Merger proceeds:

- **Pre-merger distribution**: DPF will pay a pre-merger distribution of income for the period from 1 October 2019 to (but not including) the Implementation Date. It is expected that this distribution will be approximately one-third of the quarterly distribution to 30 September 2019. The pre-merger distribution will be paid to existing DPF unitholders shortly after the Implementation Date.
  - RPF will also pay a pre-merger distribution to existing securityholders expected to be approximately one-third of the recent quarterly distribution
- **Withdrawal facilities**: the RPF withdrawal facility will be increased on a once-off basis from \$1.9m to \$64m to accommodate those RPF securityholders who wish to exit their investment prior to the Proposed Merger.
  - DPF unitholders will also benefit from a one-off withdrawal facility increase from \$5.2m to \$15m to accommodate those DPF unitholders that wish to exit their investment prior to the Proposed Merger
- Transfer of securities: securityholders in RPF will transfer their securities to DPF in exchange for units in DPF, at exchange ratios determined by reference to the relative NTA value of RPF and DPF as at the Implementation Date
- Fee structure change: DPF's base management fee structure will apply in the Proposed Merged Entity, with base management fees reducing from 0.93% p.a. of RPF's GAV for Retail securities and 0.75% p.a. of RPF's GAV for Wholesale securities, to a flat fee of 0.65% p.a. of the Proposed Merged Entity's GAV. Performance fees will change from:
  - For RPF: 12.5% of the outperformance relative to The Property Council of Australia/MSCI Australia Annual Retail Property Index (Unfrozen) Published Quarterly
  - For DPF: 20% of the outperformance compared to the MSCI/Mercer Australia Core Wholesale Monthly Property Fund Index, multiplied by the GAV

to 20.0% of the outperformance above 10% per annum IRR to investors multiplied by the net asset value.

Given the change in the calculation of performance fees, any performance fees already accrued as at the day prior to the Implementation Date will be paid to the manager prior to the implementation of the Proposed Merger.

The resulting Merged Entity is expected to be a diversified property fund comprising ten properties<sup>3</sup> located in Australia with a GAV of \$536m.

Further information on the Merged Entity is provided at Section 5 of this document and Section 5.2 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For reporting purposes, the Merged Entity consolidates co-located properties, including the three properties in Busselton and two properties in Balcatta

#### 2 Basis of evaluation

#### 2.1 Guidance

The Directors have decided to commission an independent expert's report in order to assist unitholders to assess whether or not they should approve or reject the Proposed Merger.

We have prepared this report having regard to Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Regulatory Guide 111 (RG 111) in relation to the content of expert's reports, and ASIC Regulatory Guide 112 (RG 112) in relation to the independence of experts.

RG 111 provides guidance in relation to the content of independent expert's reports prepared for a range of transactions. In respect of transactions with related parties and other persons of influence, RG 111 states that:

- the assessment of whether the transaction is 'fair and reasonable' should not be applied as a composite test; rather, there should be a separate assessment of whether the transaction is 'fair' and 'reasonable'
- a proposed transaction is 'reasonable' if it is 'fair'. It might also be 'reasonable' if, despite being 'not fair', the expert believes there are sufficient reasons for members to vote for the proposal.

RG 112 primarily focuses on the independence of experts and provides little guidance on evaluating transactions.

#### 2.2 Fairness

In considering the 'fairness' of the Proposed Merger we have assessed whether the value (on a control basis) of a unit of DPF is equal to or less than the market value of a unit in the Proposed Merged Entity at the time of its formation.

#### 2.3 Reasonableness

Our assessment of whether the Proposed Merger is reasonable has had regard to additional factors relevant to the unitholders. Such factors include:

- the relative net asset contribution being made by securityholders of RPF and unitholders of DPF
- the potential impact of the Proposed Merger on DPF unitholders
- the change in the composition and attributes of the underlying assets held by DPF unitholders before and after the Proposed Merger
- changes in the structure of management fee, performance fee and other remuneration arrangements.

#### 2.4 Definition of value

For the purpose of our opinion, we have referred to the concept of market value. Market value is defined as the amount at which the securities in the entities valued would be expected to change hands in a hypothetical transaction between a knowledgeable willing, but not anxious, buyer and a knowledgeable willing, but not anxious, seller acting at arm's length.

Special purchasers may be willing to pay higher prices to reduce or eliminate competition, to ensure a source of material supply or sales, or to achieve cost savings or other synergies arising on business combinations, which could only be enjoyed by the special purchaser. Our valuation has not been premised on the existence of a special purchaser.

#### 2.5 Limitations

We have evaluated the Proposed Merger for unitholders as a whole and have not considered the effect of the Proposed Merger on the particular circumstances of individual investors. Due to their particular circumstances, individual investors may place a different emphasis on various aspects of the Proposed Merger from the one adopted in this report. Accordingly, investors may reach different conclusions to ours on whether the Proposed Merger is fair and reasonable. If in doubt investors should consult an independent adviser, who should have regard to their individual circumstances.

This report should be read in conjunction with Appendix 1.

## 3 Profile of DPF

#### 3.1 DPF overview

DPF is a registered unlisted property fund that owns eleven (consolidated for reporting purposes to eight) commercial investment properties across Australia, as well as an investment in an ASX listed property fund, collectively valued at \$375.1m as at 30 June 2019. For reporting purposes, DPF consolidates co-located properties, including the three properties in Busselton and two properties in Balcatta.

DPF generates rental income from its properties and receives distributions from its listed property fund investment. Australian Unity Property Limited assumed the role of Responsible Entity when it acquired the management rights of DPF from Westpac Funds Management Limited in October 2010. DPF was originally established in 2003 as the unlisted Westpac-managed FAL Property Trust.

#### 3.1.1 Investment objective

DPF seeks to provide unitholders with a steady and consistent level of income through periods of change in the economic environment. In particular, it aims to return a stable income stream of at least 1% per annum above the average Commonwealth Government 10-year bond yield, calculated on a rolling five-year period. Additionally, it aims to achieve a total return, inclusive of distribution income and capital growth, above the MSCI/Mercer Australia Core Wholesale Monthly Property Fund Index.

DPF intends to achieve this objective by maintaining, actively managing and growing a diversified portfolio of Australian commercial property assets, including developing its pipeline of development assets

DPF typically holds 70-100% of its assets in direct property, may hold up to 15% in listed Australian REITs or up to 20% in unlisted property investments, with the balance invested in cash or similar investments.

## 3.2 Property assets

#### 3.2.1 Overview of properties

DPF owns eight properties:

- 20 Smith Street, Parramatta: a modern eight level office building in New South Wales, with a three level carpark with capacity for 182 vehicles and ground level retail accommodation. The property was acquired by DPF in 2006
- 2. 278 Orchard Road, Richlands: predominantly an industrial warehousing and distribution facility in Queensland, the property also has a two level office building and a separate single level office accommodation attached. The property was acquired by DPF in 2003
- 3. 200 Victoria Street, Carlton: a modern 6 level office complex in Victoria, with ground level retail suites. The property was acquired in 2014. Whilst DPF has obtained development approval, to extend the property by ~9,000 sqm, management intends to secure a pre-commitment for the majority of the new space before work can commence.
- 4. Dog Swamp Shopping Centre: a neighbourhood shopping centre in Western Australia, occupied predominantly by supermarket retailers Woolworths and ALDI, as well as 36 specialty tenancies. The property was acquired by DPF in 2003
- 5. Busselton Central Shopping Centre: a shopping centre located in the Busselton Central Business District in Western Australia. The Busselton properties are comprised of three separate properties, including a shopping centre, a Target and a Rivers store. For reporting purposes, the properties at Busselton are consolidated into one property. Major tenants include Coles, Target, Rivers, as well as 21 other specialty tenancies. The shopping centre and Kent Street properties were acquired in 2003, with the Target property acquired in 2007 and the Rivers property in 2008. The property is currently being developed in stages including the creation of a specialty mall and a food and beverage precinct

- **6. Woodvale Boulevard Shopping Centre**: a single level shopping centre in Western Australia, occupied by major tenant Woolworths and 27 other specialty retailers. The property was acquired by DPF in 2007
- **7. 19 Corporate Avenue, Rowville**: an industrial warehouse facility in Victoria. The property also has a two level office building attached. The property was acquired by DPF in 2015
- 8. 6-8 Geddes Street, Balcatta: an industrial warehouse and distribution facility in Western Australia. The property also includes an adjacent parcel of land (5 Kenhelm St, acquired in 2016), providing opportunities for expansion of the facility. The properties were acquired in 2003.

Key metrics of the DPF portfolio are summarised in the following table.

Table 2: DPF's property portfolio

Portfolio	Valuation <sup>1</sup> (\$m)	Lettable area (m²)	Cap. rate (%)	WALE <sup>2</sup> (years)	Occupancy (%)
6-8 Geddes Street, Balcatta <sup>3</sup>	14.0	9,961	7.3	4.3	100.0
19 Corporate Avenue, Rowville	17.5	12,398	6.8	2.8	100.0
Woodvale Boulevard Shopping Centre	31.0	6,378	6.8	5.3	95.6
Busselton Shopping Centre <sup>4</sup>	37.2	9,628	6.8	6.1	90.2
Dog Swamp Shopping Centre	48.5	8,073	6.0	8.8	96.4
200 Victoria Street, Carlton	59.0	7,911	5.8	2.8	100.0
278 Orchard Road, Richlands	59.3	53,000	7.5	2.0	48.2
20 Smith Street, Parramatta	71.0	7,421	6.0	3.2	100.0
Total	337.4 <sup>5</sup>	114,770			
Weighted average <sup>6</sup>			6.5	4.5	87.8

#### Notes:

- 1. Value based on latest independent property valuations available as at 30 June 2019
- 2. WALE weighted average lease expiry, weighted by gross passing income as at 30 June 2019
- 3. Includes 8-12 Geddes Street, Balcatta and 5 Kenhelm Street, Balcatta properties in WA
- 4. Includes Busselton Central Shopping Centre, Busselton Rivers and Busselton Target
- 5. The value for financial reporting purposes may vary from the independent valuation of the property due to acquisition costs, capital expenditure and the accounting treatment of leasing commissions and lease incentives
- 6. Weighted by gross passing income as at 30 June 2019

Source: DPF Fund Update June 2019

#### 3.2.2 Property valuations

DPF has a documented property valuation policy, which is applied to all DPF owned properties. The key principles of the policy are as follows:

- other than in exceptional circumstances, an independent valuation of each property is to be carried out at least once every financial year and where the manager considers the value of the property is likely to have changed by 5%
- valuation reports for the properties are to be staggered throughout the year
- independent valuers are selected from a panel of predetermined firms
- independent valuers must be rotated to ensure a diversity of valuers, with a new valuer required for each property every two years
- an independent valuation must be obtained within two months should the directors of DPF form the view that the value of a property has materially changed
- an independent valuation must be obtained before a property is purchased on an 'as is' and 'as if
  complete' basis for development properties and on an 'as is' basis for all other properties, with
  valuations completed no more than three months prior to the exchange of contracts
- where a property has been contracted for sale, the contracted sale price may be adopted instead
  of an independent valuation
- under extraordinary circumstances, and following formal approval from the Head of Advisory and Valuations (e.g. negotiations for the sale of a property) the valuation cycle for a property can be extended to up to 18 months.

When draft valuation reports are received, they are reviewed by the fund manager for reasonableness. This includes a review of the approach adopted by the valuer and also the assumptions adopted by the

valuer. To the extent that the valuation changes by greater than 5%, the Head of Advisory and Valuations is required to approve the valuation, before the valuer issues a final report.

We have set out below the historical valuation outcomes for the properties.

Table 3: Historical valuation summary

Portfolio	Valuation date	Valuation (\$m)	Capitalisation rate	WALE <sup>1</sup>
	Sep 2015	12.9	8.25%	3.3
8-12 Geddes Street,	Sep 2016	13.1	8.00%	2.3
Balcatta <sup>2</sup>	Sep 2017	12.8	7.50%	1.2
	Oct 2018	14.0	7.25%	3.3
	Apr 2016	16.3	7.25%	6.0
19 Corporate Avenue,	Jun 2017	16.5	7.25%	4.8
Rowville	Jun 2018	17.0	7.00%	3.8
	Jun 2019	17.5	6.75%	2.8
	Dec 2015	26.2	7.75%	6.9
Woodvale Boulevard	Dec 2016	27.5	7.25%	6.2
Shopping Centre	Dec 2017	29.0	6.75%	5.3
	Dec 2018	31.0	6.75%	5.2
	Apr 2016 <sup>4</sup>	27.7	7.50%	3.5
Busselton Shopping	Jun 2017 <sup>4</sup>	28.2	7.25%	2.5
Centre <sup>3</sup>	Feb 2018	29.5	7.00%	2.9
	Feb 2019	31.6 <sup>5</sup>	6.75%	8.4
	Sep 2015	5.5	7.50%	2.7
Busselton Target	Sep 2016	5.7	7.50%	2.0
and Rivers	Sep 2017	5.8	7.50%	1.3
	Aug 2018	5.6	7.28% <sup>6</sup>	0.56
	Mar 2016	31.3	7.25%	2.7
Dog Swamp Shopping	Mar 2017	33.5	7.00%	2.7
Centre	Dec 2017	45.0	6.25%	9.3
	Dec 2018	46.5 <sup>7</sup>	6.25%	5.9
	Apr 2016	47.3	6.50%	6.0
200 \ /   -   -   -   -   -   -   -   -   -	Jun 2017	50.0	6.25%	4.8
200 Victoria Street, Carlton	Jun 2018	52.7	6.00%	3.8
	Jun 2019	59.0	5.75%	2.8
	Dec 2015	54.5	8.50%	2.5
278 Orchard Road,	Dec 2016	55.3	8.00%	1.5
Richlands	Dec 2017	56.5	8.00%	2.0
	Dec 2018	59.3	7.50%	2.1
	Mar 2016	43.5	8.00%	3.4
20 Smith Street,	Mar 2017	52.8	7.25%	3.6
Parramatta	Mar 2018	63.0	6.50%	3.2
	Feb 2019	71.0	6.00%	3.4

#### Notes:

- 1. As at date of valuation
- 2. Includes 8-12 Geddes Street, Balcatta and 5 Kenhelm Street, Balcatta properties in WA
- 3. Includes Busselton Shopping Centre and amalgamated Kent Street properties
- 4. Amalgamated Kent Street properties were valued as at Sep 2016 and this has been included in the WALE calculation
- 5. \$31.6m 'as is' value, \$36.8m 'as if development complete' value. The carrying amount reflects the 'as is' value
- 6. Weighted by gross passing income as at the date of independent property valuation
- 7. \$46.5m subject to existing occupancy arrangements at valuation date, \$48.5m subject to execution of a new Woolworths lease which has since been executed

Source: Independent property valuations

The portfolio has seen strong increases in valuations over the last three valuation reporting periods, driven predominately by decreases in capitalisation rates. In particular, the Dog Swamp Shopping Centre has seen a substantial decrease in its capitalisation rate due to the completion of a redevelopment and a new 15 year lease to ALDI supermarkets. The Parramatta property has also seen a large drop in its capitalisation rate driven by an increase in the market rental income and a buoyant transactional market.

The time since the last property valuation for each asset is presented in the figure below.

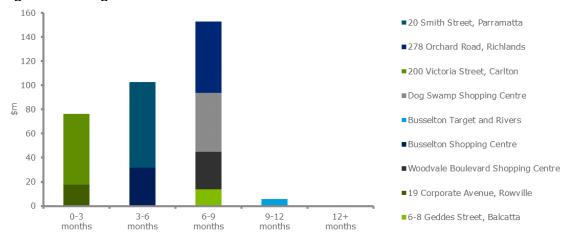


Figure 1: Passage of time since last valuation

Source: Independent property valuations

The following figure presents the movements in the value of the property portfolio over the last two years.

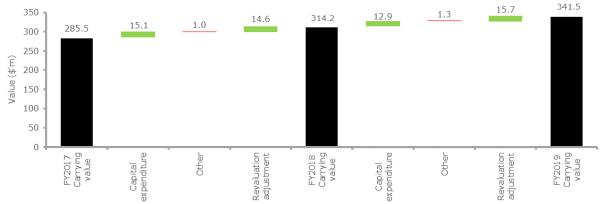


Figure 2: Historical movement in DPF property valuations

Source: DPF audited and unaudited financials

The main driver behind the revaluation adjustments has been the general decrease in capitalisation rates due to two factors; 1. Improved leasing terms and increased WALE; and 2. Strong domestic and international demand for Australian commercial property and competition for assets in a buoyant transactional market. Furthermore, the DPF portfolio has benefited from capital expenditure relating to the completion of redevelopments of assets, as well as improved performance through the management of vacancy rates across office properties, in particular in Sydney and Melbourne where demand for office space continues to remain strong.

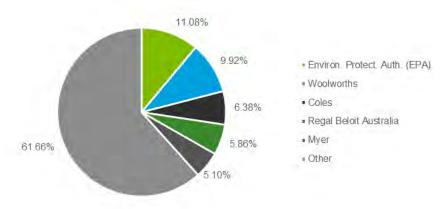
The carrying value of an investment property varies from the independent valuation of the property due to acquisition costs, capital expenditure and the accounting treatment of leasing commissions and lease incentives.

#### 3.2.3 Key tenants

DPF's portfolio has a diverse tenant base across a range of sectors including office, retail and industrial. The portfolio is also geographically diverse, with properties located in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia. Approximately 60% of the portfolio is located on the eastern seaboard. Currently 70% of the portfolio is leased to tenants (including the tenant's parent entity) with at least an investment grade credit rating or who are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

The following table summarises DPF's key tenants by gross passing income.

Figure 3: DPF's key tenants (by income)



Source: DPF Fund Update June 2019

#### 3.2.4 Development opportunities

DPF is currently evaluating two key redevelopments:

- 200 Victoria Street, Carlton: development approval has been granted for an additional eight levels on top of the existing office complex, resulting in an additional circa 9,000m², doubling the lettable area. However, the Carlton redevelopment project is currently on hold. Management has extended the development approval and is seeking for pre-commitments from tenants for the majority of the new space before the redevelopment can commence
- Busselton Central Shopping Centre: further progress has been made on the redevelopment. The new Coles supermarket opened late in November 2018 and has been trading above expectations. DPF is working on delivering four new mini-major stores and speciality stores (which required Best & Less to be relocated) in late 2019 and early 2020. Work is continuing to relocate other tenants to create a specialty mall and a food and beverage precinct. This will also require the fund to acquire some neighbouring properties.

## 3.3 Management and other fees

Australian Unity Property Limited (AUPL) is the RE and manager of DPF and is entitled to receive:

- management fees: for acting as the Manager of the fund equivalent to 0.25% to 0.40% of the GAV. The calculated management fee comprises of 0.25% of the Balcatta (excluding the land component), Richlands, Dog Swamp and Busselton Central properties, 0.30% of the GAV of the property securities and 0.40% of all remaining properties and assets.
  - AUPL will simplify its management fee to a flat fee of 0.65% of the GAV of DPF rather than the current method which applies a different fee structure to direct property assets, unlisted and listed holdings. The change will take effect on the Implementation Date. We understand that the change will take place irrespective of whether the Proposed Merger is approved
- **performance fees**: the performance fee is equal to 20.0% of the amount of return (based on the net assets of DPF) above the benchmark performance<sup>4</sup> in a financial year multiplied by the GAV of DPF. Subject to the Proposed Merger proceeding, AUPL will change the last component of this performance fee to be multiplied by net asset value of the Proposed Merged Entity. It will also

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> MSCI/Mercer Australia Core Wholesale Monthly Property Fund Index

change the benchmark performance to 10%. Additionally, the performance fee is subject to the fund recovering any prior underperformance

- **termination fees**: no fees are payable upon retirement or removal (by vote of the majority of all unitholders eligible to vote) of the RE of the fund
- acquisition fees: an acquisition fee of up to 1% of the purchase price of real property acquired by DPF (directly or through any subsidiary trusts or companies) will be introduced upon investor approval for the Proposed Merger
- **removal fees**: a removal fee of up to 1% of the GAV of the Fund payable if AUPL is removed as Responsible Entity will be introduced upon investor approval for the Proposed Merger
- other fees: other fees and costs may be payable by the fund relating to day-to-day expenses incurred by the RE in performing its duties. These expenses are expected to reduce, as a portion will be encompassed as part of the management fee, as a result of the change to the base management fee.

## 3.4 Investments in listed and unlisted property trusts

DPF holds 9.5m units in the ASX listed Australian Unity Office Fund (AOF) valued at \$28.0m as at 30 June 2019.

## 3.5 Debt facility

DPF has a \$155m syndicated debt facility comprised of two tranches, expiring in September 2019 and June 2020 respectively. The facility is secured by a registered mortgage over the fund's properties and is non-recourse to unitholders. DPF is working to receive credit approved term sheets for amendments to the DPF's existing debt facilities. The amended debt facilities will only be available on finalisation and execution of full-form financing documents and is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including a successful merger. If the Proposed Merger does not go ahead, it is management's intention that the existing debt facility will remain in place for an extended term, subject to any consents required from the lenders.

As of 30 June 2019, \$147.3m of the facility had been drawn down.

A summary of the key terms of the debt facility are set out below:

- maximum loan to value ratio (LVR) of 55.0% over the entire period of the facility (actual LVR of 43.7% as at 30 June 2019)
- interest coverage ratio greater than 1.60x times (actual interest coverage ratio of 2.7 times as at 30 June 2019)
- interest on the loan is the bank bill reference rate plus a margin
- no principal repayments are required until the end of the loan term.

DPF has entered into interest rate swaps to hedge against adverse interest rate movements by swapping the floating rate for a fixed rate. As at 30 June 2019, 61.1% of the drawn debt is hedged with the swaps expiring in 2023 and 2024.

## 3.6 Financial performance

We have summarised the statements of financial performance of DPF for the three years ended 30 June 2017 to 30 June 2019.

Table 4: DPF financial performance

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the second	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
<b>\$m</b>	Audited	Audited	Unaudited
Rental income	28.6	29.2	28.4
Property expenses	(10.3)	(10.8)	(11.7)
Net property income	18.3	18.5	16.7
Distribution (and other) income	1.8	2.0	3.7
Total income before fair value movements	20.1	20.5	20.4
Net fair value increment of investment properties	12.2	14.6	15.7
Net fair value gains on financial instruments	2.3	2.4	(3.2)
Total income after fair value movements	34.6	37.5	32.9
Responsible Entity management fees	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.2)
Responsible Entity performance fees	(0.1)	(3.3)	(3.7)
Other expenses	(0.6)	(0.6)	(0.9)
Operating earnings	32.9	32.6	27.1
Finance costs (net of interest income)	(6.0)	(6.6)	(5.9)
Profit attributable to unitholders	27.0	26.0	21.3
Cash distributions per unit (cents)	6.7	6.8	6.8

#### Notes:

Net property income has decreased by 9.5% in FY2019 to \$16.7m. This has been driven by a decrease in rental income due to mainly to the loss of the key tenant Coca Cola Amatil who have now vacated from the Richlands Property.

Distribution and other income has increased by 85% in FY2019 to \$3.7m, which was predominantly driven by a special distribution received on termination of the Australian Unity Rockdale Property Trust in January 2019.

The positive revaluations of investment properties has grown steadily over the three year period, with valuation increases largely driven by a decrease in capitalisation rates and property improvements.

Responsible Entity fees comprise (i) management fees which have increased in line with the GAV of the fund (ii) reimbursable day-to-day expenses, which have remained relatively stable during this period and (iii) performance fees, which explain the majority of Responsible Entity fee variance driven by strong outperformance in FY2018 and FY2019.

The audited financial results for the year ended 30 June 2019 will be available from the Australian Unity website, australianunity.com.au/wealth/dpf on or about 30 September 2019
 Source: DPF audited and unaudited financials

## 3.7 Financial position

We have summarised the statements of financial position of DPF as at 30 June 2018 and 30 June 2019, and the projected pro-forma statement of financial position reflecting the one-off increase to the capped withdrawal facility, revaluations since 30 June 2019 and transaction costs associated with the Proposed Merger that would be incurred regardless of whether the Proposed Merger proceeds.

Table 5: DPF financial position

\$m (unless otherwise stated)	FY2018 Audited	FY2019 Unaudited <sup>1</sup>	Adjustments <sup>2</sup>	FY2019 Projected pro-forma
		(a)	(b)	(c) =
Receivables and prepaid expenses	2.0	2.3		2.3
Payables	(10.6)	(11.6)	(15.7)	(27.4)
Net working capital	(8.6)	(9.3)	(15.7)	(25.1)
Investment in property trusts	27.5	28.0	0.0	28.0
Investment properties	314.2	341.5	3.5	345.0
Investment in property assets	341.7	369.5	3.5	373.0
Financial liabilities held at fair value	(2.1)	(8.1)		(8.1)
Borrowings	(142.5)	(147.2)	(3.8)	(151.0)
less: cash and cash equivalents	5.6	3.7	0.0	3.7
Net cash (debt)	(139.0)	(151.6)	(3.8)	(155.4)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	194.1	208.5	(16.0)	192.6
Number of securities	195.1m	201.4m	(14.6)m	186.8m
Net assets per security	\$0.99	\$1.04		\$1.03
Balance sheet gearing <sup>3</sup>	39.2%	38.2%		38.9%

#### Notes:

Source: DPF audited and unaudited financials, DPF Explanatory Memorandum

Total assets increased by \$26.2m in FY2019, attributable predominantly to an increase in the revaluation of investment properties, with cash and financial assets increasing marginally. Over the same period \$4.7m in additional debt was drawn to fund property capital expenditure and withdrawals, however the fund's gearing decreased due to the increase in value of the assets.

Over FY2019 a total of 21.1m units were redeemed, offset by 26.4m in new applications plus 1m units in reinvestments from distributions. The above result, along with the increase in net assets attributable to unitholders resulted in a 4.1% increase in the net assets per security to \$1.04.

The pro-forma 2019 financial position presents the expected impact of the once-off increase to the capped withdrawal facility, revaluations since 30 June 2019 and transaction costs of \$0.3m associated with the Proposed Merger. Under the capped withdrawal offer, \$15m will be made available to meet withdrawal requests<sup>5</sup>, which are expected to be paid in October 2019. The Withdrawal Facility is

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Pro-forma adjustments per the Explanatory Memorandum, which may differ from pro-forma adjustments adopted for our valuation as presented in Sections 6 and 7

<sup>3.</sup> Calculated as the ratio of net debt divided by total assets

 $<sup>^{5}</sup>$  At a price of net asset value less a 0.5% sell spread

currently reflected as a payable in the pro-forma balance sheet and will then be funded through cash and debt in the Proposed Merged Entity.

The pro-forma position effectively reflects the financial position of DPF immediately prior to the Proposed Merger and the net asset position being contributed by DPF. Further information on the pro-forma financial position is set out in Section 5.8 of the DPF Explanatory Memorandum.

#### 3.8 Units on issue

DPF has 201.4m ordinary units on issue as at 30 June 2019.

#### 3.8.1 Distribution yield

The cash distributions made to unitholders along with the implied distribution yields are set out in the table below:

Table 6: DPF Distribution yield

	FY2017 Audited	FY2018 Audited	FY2019 Unaudited <sup>1</sup>
Ordinary units			
Unit price as at relevant reporting date <sup>2</sup>	\$0.93	\$0.99	\$1.04
Distribution yield <sup>3</sup>	8.5%	7.7%	7.1%
Cash distribution per unitholder (cents)	6.7	6.8	6.8

#### Notes:

- 1. The audited financial results for the year ended 30 June 2019 will be available from the Australian Unity website, australianunity.com.au/wealth/dpf on or about 30 September 2019
- 2. Unit price is representative of the net asset position
- 3. Based on the unit price at the start of the financial year.

Source: DPF audited and unaudited financials

The fund has seen a strong increase in the unit value of its ordinary units over the last three years, driven by an increase in the value of its properties. Total distributions have been stable during this period. The distribution yield has decreased driven by the relatively faster increase in asset values caused by the reduction in capitalisation rates.

#### 3.8.2 Unit price performance

Unit prices are determined by reference to the net tangible assets attributable to unitholders in the fund, divided by the total number of units. The below table compares the performance of DPF to its benchmark, the MSCI/Mercer Australia Core Wholesale Monthly Property Fund Index.

Table 7: DPF relative performance

	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
DPF ordinary units total return net of fees	17.6%	15.0%	11.2%
MSCI/Mercer Australia Core Wholesale Monthly Property Fund Index	12.0%	12.0%	7.2%

Source: DPF audited and unaudited financials, MSCI/Mercer Australia Core Wholesale Monthly Property Fund Index benchmark data

DPF has outperformed relative to the benchmark over the last three years, driven by distribution returns and net asset growth. Asset growth outperformance was primarily driven by asset valuation uplifts.

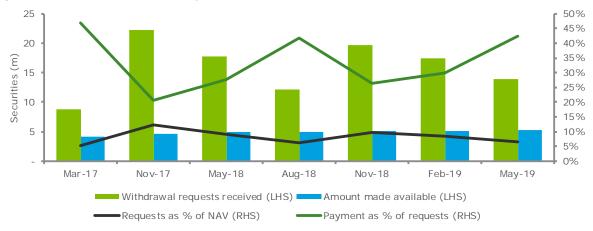
#### 3.8.3 Withdrawal facility

Withdrawals are paid quarterly via a withdrawal facility, with the maximum amount per quarter capped at 2.5% of net tangible assets. If the withdrawal facility is oversubscribed in any quarter, withdrawals are met on a pro-rata basis at the discretion of the fund. The RE may alter this threshold at its discretion.

Previously withdrawals were made available every six months, with DPF amending its withdrawal policy to 2.5% quarterly effective February 2018.

The following chart outlines the withdrawals over the last 2.5 years. While the amount made available for withdrawal has remained relatively steady over this period, withdrawal requests have fluctuated until November 2018. However this trend has reversed over the last three withdrawal periods, the number of withdrawal requests has steadily declined, with the drop largely attributable to lower requests from institutional holders.

Figure 4: DPF withdrawal history



Source: DPF Explanatory Memorandum

## 4 Profile of RPF

#### 4.1 RPF overview

RPF is an unlisted property fund that currently owns two freehold investment properties; one in Victoria and one in New South Wales, as well as investments in listed property REITs, collectively valued at \$163.8m<sup>6</sup> as at 30 June 2019.

RPF generates rental income from its properties and distributions from its listed property fund investments. RPF has been in operation since February 2009 and was formed by combining six property trusts.

#### 4.1.1 Investment objective

RPF's stated objective is to provide securityholders with a steady level of income through periods of change in the economic environment while achieving a total return, inclusive of distribution income and capital growth, above the Property Council of Australia/MSCI Australia Annual Retail Property Index (Unfrozen) published quarterly. RPF intends to achieve this objective by acquiring, actively managing and growing a diversified portfolio of Australian retail assets.

RPF typically holds 70-100% of its assets in direct property, and may hold up to 20% in listed Australian REITs or unlisted property investments, with the balance invested in cash or similar investments.

## 4.2 Property assets

#### 4.2.1 Overview of properties

RPF currently owns two properties:

- Caltex Twin Service Centres: comprises two separate north and south bound properties (consolidated as one property for reporting purposes) on the M1 Pacific Motorway in New South Wales. Both properties are currently leased and occupied by Caltex. The property was acquired in January 2001
- North Blackburn Square Shopping Centre: a neighbourhood shopping centre in Victoria, occupied by national supermarket retailers and 35 other specialty tenancies. The property was acquired in July 2000.

Key metrics of the RPF portfolio are summarised in the following table.

Table 8: RPF's property portfolio as at 30 June 20196

Portfolio	Valuation <sup>1</sup> (\$m)	Lettable area(m²)	Cap. Rate <sup>1</sup> (%)	WALE <sup>2</sup> (years)	Occupancy (%)
Caltex Twin Service Centres, NSW	97.0 <sup>1</sup>	4,286	6.5	19.0	100.0
North Blackburn Square Shopping Centre, VIC	57.0 <sup>1</sup>	11,905	6.5	0.8	70.3
Total	154.0 <sup>3</sup>	16,191			
Weighted average4			6.5	11.1	87.1

#### Notes

1. Value based on latest independent property valuations available as at 30 June 2019

- 2. WALE weighted average lease expiry, weighted by gross passing income as at 30 June 2019
- 3. The value for financial reporting purposes may vary from the independent valuation of the property primarily due to leasing commissions and lease incentives
- 4. Weighted by net passing income as at 30 June 2019

Source: Australian Unity Management (Management)/RPF and DPF Explanatory Memorandums

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> excludes the value of its 50% interest in the Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre which was sold by RPF on 3 July 2019 for \$145m

#### 4.2.2 **Property valuations**

RPF has a documented property valuation policy, which is followed by all RPF owned properties. This valuation policy is consistent the valuation policy adopted by DPF. Refer to Section 3.2.2 for more details.

We have set out the historical valuation outcomes for the properties in the table below.

Table 9: Historical valuation summary

Portfolio	Valuation date	Valuation (\$m) <sup>1</sup>	Capitalisation rate	WALE <sup>2</sup>
	Nov 2016	\$67.5	8.00%	1.7
Caltex Twin Service Centres	Jun 2017	\$74.5	7.50%	11.0
Callex TWIII Service Certifies	Jun 2018	\$88.0	6.75%	10.0
	Oct 2018	\$97.0	6.50%	19.7
	Dec 2015	\$46.0	7.50%	4.2
North Blackburn Square	Oct 2016	\$54.0	6.50%	3.8
Shopping Centre	Oct 2017	\$55.2	6.50%	2.9
	Oct 2018	\$57.0	6.50%	2.1

Notes:

Source: Independent property valuations

For details of the work undertaken by the independent property valuers, refer to Section 7.2.6 below.

We note that both assets within RPF's current portfolio were valued within 9 months of 30 June 2019.

The following figure presents the changes in the value of the property portfolio over the last two years.



Figure 5: Historical movement in RPF property valuations

Note: The carrying value of Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre as at 30 June 2019 was equal to the sale price Source: RPF audited and unaudited financials

The portfolio has seen strong increases in valuations over the last two reporting periods, driven predominately by decreases in the capitalisation rate for the Caltex Twin Service Centres, dropping from 7.50% to 6.50%, as a result of the extension in lease term from 10 years to 20 years.

The reduction in capitalisation rates has been driven by new long term leasing and generally strong domestic and international demand for Australian property, with competition for assets and a buoyant transactional market. Further, leasing conditions and net operating income remain sound due to the performance of grocery supermarkets and food retailing anchor tenants.

Reflects values at RPF ownership level

<sup>2.</sup> As at date of valuation

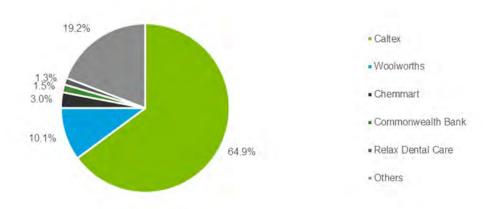
The carrying value of an investment property varies from the independent valuation of the property due to acquisition costs, capital expenditure and the accounting treatment of leasing commissions and lease incentives.

#### 4.2.3 Key tenants

RPF's portfolio comprises approximately 40 retail tenancies, anchored by fuel and supermarket retailers. Approximately 77% of the portfolio was leased to tenants (including the tenant's parent entity) with at least an investment grade credit rating or who are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

The following table summarises RPF's key tenants by income as at 30 June 2019, excluding Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre.

Figure 6: RPF's key tenants as at 30 June 2019 (by income), excluding Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre



Source: Australian Unity Management

#### 4.2.4 Development opportunities

RPF has received conditional approval for a Development Application with the City of Whitehorse to redevelop the North Blackburn Shopping Centre. The proposed development will extend the existing North Blackburn Shopping Centre to accommodate the introduction of a major national supermarket operator, which will be another anchor tenant in addition to Woolworths, as well as a medical facility and a food and beverage entertainment precinct. The development is expected to cost approximately \$60m (including incentives and leasing fees) over three stages and take approximately two years to complete. Stage 1, estimated at \$20m is expected to commence in 2019 and will include the creation of the 4,000m² supermarket premises, new amenities and the refurbishment of 12 specialty retailers. The works are expected to take 12 months to complete. The development is expected to result in a short term reduction of rent revenue but higher long term rent revenue.

RPF is continuing to work with the City of Whitehorse to satisfy the remaining conditions of the approval in order to proceed with the development.

## 4.3 Management and other fees

AUFML, as the RE, also acts as the investment manager of RPF. The RE is entitled to receive:

- management fees (excluding GST): for acting as the Manager of RPF equivalent to 0.93% p.a. of the GAV of the retail securities of RPF and 0.75% of the GAV of the wholesale securities of RPF
- **performance fee:** the performance fee is equal to 12.50% of the amount of return above the benchmark<sup>7</sup> performance in a financial year
- removal/retirement fees: of 1% of GAV, representing the fee payable upon retirement or removal (by a vote of the majority of all securityholders eligible to vote) of the RE of RPF
- termination fee: of 1% of GAV, upon termination of the fund

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The Property Council of Australia/MSCI Australia Annual Retail Property Index (Unfrozen) Published Quarterly

- acquisition fees: no fees are contractually stipulated for the acquisition of new assets, however
  we understand that fees are commercially negotiated when assets are acquired
- **other fees**: other fees and costs may be payable by RPF relating to day-to-day expenses incurred by the RE in performing its duties.

## 4.4 Investments in listed property trusts

RPF owns investments in three listed REITs: 0.9m units in the Charter Hall Retail Trust, 1.4m units in the Vicinity Centres Trust and 0.9m units in the Shopping Centre Australasia Property Group, which were collectively valued at \$9.8m as at 30 June 2019. The units were purchased in FY2016 in order to provide further income from retail investments, with surplus funds generated from the divestment of an investment property.

## 4.5 Debt facility

RPF has a \$70m syndicated debt facility due to expire in April 2020. The facility is secured by a registered mortgage over RPF's properties and is non-recourse to securityholders.

A summary of the key terms of the debt facility are set out below:

- maximum loan to value ratio (LVR) of 50.0% over the entire period of the facility (actual LVR of 39.5% as at 30 June 2019)
- interest coverage ratio greater than 2.0x times (actual interest cover ratio of 3.08 times as at 30 June 2019)
- interest on the loan is the bank bill reference rate plus a margin
- no principal repayments are required until the end of the loan term.

Subsequent to the sale of the Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre in July 2019, RPF repaid its borrowings and reduced the credit limit of its debt facilities from \$145m to \$70m. In addition to the above, RPF terminated all of its interest rate swaps and incurred \$2.3m in swap break costs. The interest rate swaps were recorded as a \$2.2m liability as at 30 June 2019.

## 4.6 Financial performance

We have summarised the statements of financial performance of RPF for the three years ended 30 June 2017 to 30 June 2019.

Table 10: RPF financial performance

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\$m	FY2017 Audited	FY2018 Audited	FY2019 Unaudited <sup>1</sup>
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Rental income	22.5	24.0	23.9
Property expenses	(6.4)	(6.9)	(7.0)
Net property income	16.1	17.1	17.0
Distribution (and other) income	0.7	0.6	0.6
Total income before fair value movements	16.8	17.8	17.6
Net fair value increment of investment properties	41.9	14.3	12.2
Net fair value gains on financial instruments	(0.5)	0.7	(1.6)
Total income after fair value movements	58.2	32.8	28.2
Responsible Entity management fees	(2.8)	(2.9)	(3.2)
Responsible Entity performance fees	(4.7)	(1.1)	(1.3)
Other expenses	(0.2)	(0.0)	(0.2)
Operating earnings	50.6	28.7	23.5
Finance costs (net of interest income)	(4.0)	(4.3)	(4.7)
Profit attributable to securityholders	46.6	24.4	18.7
Cash distribution per Retail security (cents)	5.0	5.2	5.2
Cash distribution per Wholesale security (cents)	6.9	7.2	7.2

#### Notes:

Source: RPF audited and unaudited financials

Net property income was relatively stable in FY2019 when compared to FY2018. The higher rental income in FY2018 (relative to FY2017) is the result of turnover rent growth from the sub-tenants at the Caltex Twin Service Centres.

The decrease in total income after fair value movements for FY2019 was primarily attributable to a loss on financial instruments and a smaller increase in the fair value of the investment properties when compared to FY2018.

Future distributions are expected to materially decline as a result of the sale of Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre and the proposed development of the North Blackburn Shopping Centre which is likely to require funding for capex and generate lower income over the period of the development.

Responsible Entity fees comprise (i) management fees which have increased in line with the GAV of RPF (ii) reimbursable day-to-day expenses, which have remained relatively stable during this period and (iii) performance fees, which explain the majority of Responsible Entity fee variance driven by strong outperformance in FY2017 and to a lesser extent in FY2018 and FY2019.

The audited financial results for the year ended 30 June 2019 will be available from the Australian Unity website, australianunity.com.au/wealth/rpf on or about 30 September 2019

## 4.7 Financial position

We have summarised the statements of financial position of RPF as at 30 June 2018 and 30 June 2019, and the projected pro-forma statement of financial position, adjusted for the sale of the Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre and the establishment of the withdrawal facility and the one off increase to the withdrawal facility.

Table 11: RPF financial position

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\$m (unless otherwise stated)	FY2018 Audited	FY2019 Unaudite d <sup>1</sup>	Adjust- ments for sale of Waurn Ponds <sup>2</sup>	FY2019 projected post sale of Waurn Ponds	Other Adjust- ments <sup>2</sup>	FY2019 Projected pro- forma
		(a)	(b)	(c) = (a) + (b)	(d)	(e) = (c) + (d)
Receivables and prepaid expenses	2.2	2.3		2.3	-	2.3
Payables	(5.7)	(8.5)		(8.5)	(64.0)	(72.5)
Net working capital	(3.4)	(6.1)		(6.1)	(64.0)	(70.1)
Investment in property trusts	9.9	9.8		9.8	(9.8)	
Investment properties	284.9	302.7	(145.0)	157.7	(0.7)	157.0
Investment in property assets	294.8	312.5	(145.0)	167.5	(10.5)	157.0
Financial liabilities held at fair value	(0.7)	(2.2)		(2.2)	2.2	0.0
Borrowings	(105.0)	(118.0)	118.2	0.2	(11.2)	(11.0)
less: cash and cash equivalents	3.3	3.0	25.2	28.5	(16.6)	11.9
Net cash (debt)	(102.4)	(117.2)	143.7	26.5	(25.6)	0.9
Net assets attributable to securityholders	189.0	189.1	(1.3)	187.8	(100.1)	87.78
Number of securities	181.8m	173.9m		173.9m	(73.9)m	100.0m
Net assets per security	\$1.04	\$1.09		\$1.08		\$0.88
Balance sheet gearing <sup>3</sup>	33.9%	36.2%		n/a		n/a

#### Notes:

Source: RPF audited and unaudited financials, Explanatory Memorandum

Total assets increased by \$17.5m in FY2019, attributable predominantly to an increase in the value of investment properties, with receivables and investment in property trusts remaining relatively stable. Over the same period \$13.0m in additional debt was drawn, resulting in an increase in RPF's gearing.

Over FY2019 a total of 8.8m securities were redeemed by RPF, partially offset by 269,000 new applications. The above result, along with the increase in net assets attributable to securityholders, resulted in a 4.7% increase in the net assets per security to \$1.09.

The pro-forma FY2019 financial position presents the impact of the completed sale of RPF's 50% interest in the Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre along with the sale of the investments in REITs held by RPF, with the proceeds being used to repay RPF's borrowings, pay interest rate swap break fees, and fund a special distribution to RPF securityholders (\$33.9m). The pro-forma balance sheet also takes into

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<sup>2.</sup> Pro-forma adjustments per the Explanatory Memorandum, which may differ from pro-forma adjustments adopted for our valuation as presented in Sections 6 and 7

<sup>3.</sup> Calculated as the ratio of net debt divided by total assets.

account the expected take-up<sup>8</sup> of the one-off increase to the withdrawal facility of \$64m (reflected as a payable, which will then be funded through cash and debt in the Proposed Merged Entity).

The adjustments also include the revaluations of the properties and the transaction costs incurred by RPF as part of the Proposed Merger, including advisory services. Therefore, the pro-forma position effectively reflects the estimated financial position of RPF immediately prior to the Proposed Merger and the net asset position being contributed by RPF. Further information on the pro-forma financial position is set out in Section 5.8 of the DPF Explanatory Memorandum, split between wholesale and retail securities.

#### 4.8 Securities on issue

RPF currently has two classes of securities on issue. As at 30 June 2019, there were 173.9m securities on issue, comprised of 155.6m retail securities and 18.3m wholesale securities. The fund no longer issues retail securities and applications for wholesale securities are currently suspended given the Waurn Ponds sale process. The key differences between the retail and the wholesale securities are the relative net asset entitlement of each class of security arising from the different inception dates for wholesale and retail classes and the differential management fee paid. Otherwise there is no difference in the rights, entitlements and obligations of the two types of securities.

#### 4.8.1 Distribution yield

The cash distributions made to retail and wholesale securityholders along with the implied distribution yields for each class are set out in the table below:

Table 12: RPF Distribution yield

	FY2018 Audited	FY2019 Unaudited <sup>1</sup>
Retail		
Security price as at relevant reporting date <sup>2</sup>	\$1.01	\$1.06
Distribution yield <sup>3</sup>	6.0%	5.2%
Cash distributions per security (cents)	5.2	5.2
Wholesale		
Security price as at relevant reporting date <sup>2</sup>	\$1.26	\$1.31
Distribution yield <sup>3</sup>	6.7%	5.8%
Cash distribution per security (cents)	7.2	7.2

#### Notes:

- 1. The audited financial results for the year ended 30 June 2019 will be available from the Australian Unity website, australianunity.com.au/wealth/rpf on or about 30 September 2019
- 2. The security price noted above is based on the net assets attributable to each security class
- 3. Based on the security price at the start of the financial year.

Source: RPF audited and unaudited financials

The difference in the distribution and the value between the retail and wholesale securities is primarily due to the relative NTA entitlement of each class of security arising from the different inception dates for wholesale and retail classes.

RPF has seen a steady increase in its security value over the last two years, driven by an increase in the value of its properties. Cash distributions per security in FY2018 and FY2019 have remained relatively stable, while the distribution yield has decreased over this period as asset values increased by a greater amount.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> At a price of net asset value less a 0.5% sell spread

#### 4.8.2 Security price performance

Security values are determined by reference to the net tangible assets attributable to securityholders in RPF, divided by the total number of securities on issue for the relevant class. Retail and wholesale securities are entitled to equal rights and distributions, however differ with respect to the management fees structure and their share of net tangible assets.

The table below compares the performance of the retail and wholesale securities of RPF to the benchmark, the Property Council of Australia/MSCI Australia Annual Retail Property Index (Unfrozen) published quarterly.

Table 13: RPF relative performance

	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
RPF retail securities total return net of fees	32.6%	14.3%	9.9%
RPF wholesale securities total return net of fees	32.9%	14.5%	10.2%
The Property Council of Australia/MSCI Australia Annual Retail Property Index (Unfrozen) published quarterly <sup>1</sup>	10.3%	9.1%	5.1%

#### Note:

RPF outperformed relative to its benchmark over the last three years. In particular, RPF strongly outperformed in FY2017, driven by the revaluation of its investment properties.

<sup>1.</sup> Calculated based on an annualised return for the year ended 31 March. According to the RPF constitution, RPF's performance fee is based on the latest benchmark data available as at 30 June each year, which would be the benchmark data for the March quarter

Source: RPF audited and unaudited financials, the Property Council of Australia/MSCI Australia Annual Retail Property Index (Unfrozen) published quarterly

#### 4.8.3 Withdrawal facility

Withdrawals are paid quarterly via a withdrawal facility, with the maximum amount per quarter available for withdrawals capped at 1.25% of the net tangible asset value of RPF. If the withdrawal facility is oversubscribed in any quarter, withdrawals are met on a pro-rata basis at the discretion of RPF. The RE may alter this threshold at its discretion.

The following chart outlines the withdrawal events over the last two years. While the amount made available for withdrawal has remained relatively stable over this period, withdrawal requests have increased over the last two years, leading to the withdrawal facility being consistently oversubscribed, with RPF pro-rating the requests. This was driven by an increase in withdrawal requests from wholesale securityholders, with retail securityholders remaining relatively stable.

The large decrease in withdrawal requests for the November 2018 withdrawal offer was largely attributed to one particular institutional investor who did not request any withdrawals during that quarter. The spike in withdrawal requests in July 2019 was due to greater requests from institutional investors.

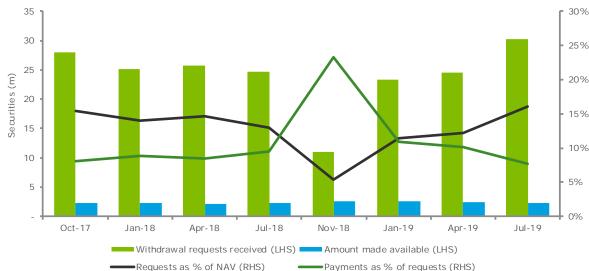


Figure 7: RPF withdrawal history

Source: RPF Explanatory Memorandum

## 5 Profile of the Proposed Merged Entity

## 5.1 Overview of the Proposed Merged Entity

The Proposed Merged Entity will include the two properties of RPF and the eight<sup>9</sup> properties of DPF plus listed property investments. The Proposed Merged Entity is expected to be geographically diversified between Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia, as presented in the figure below.

Northern
Territory

Queensland

1 property valued at \$59.3m (12%)
• 278 Orchard Road, Richlands

Vestern
Australia

South Australia

2 properties valued at \$168.0m (34%)
• Caltex Twin Service Centres
• 20 Smith Street, Parramatta

Figure 8: Proposed Merged Entity portfolio summary

Woodvale Boulevard Shopping Centre
Busselton Central Shopping Centre
Dog Swamp Shopping Centre

Source: RPF and DPF 30 June 2019 Fund updates

4 properties valued at \$130.7m (27%)

• 6-8 Geddes Street, Balcatta

The Proposed Merged Entity is expected to benefit from additional scale, having a larger more diversified property portfolio, as presented in the key portfolio metrics and sector allocation below.

Tasmania

Table 14: Proposed Merged Entity key metrics

Unit	
\$m	537.0
\$m	279.2
no.	10.0 <sup>9</sup>
%	87.6
years	6.5
%	43.42
cents	6.4
	\$m \$m no. % years %

Note:

1. WALE – weighted average lease expiry, weighted by gross passing income as at 30 June 2019

2. Assuming the withdrawal facilities provided by DPF and RPF are fully subscribed

Source: Explanatory Memorandum

3 properties valued at \$133.5m (27%)

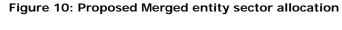
· North Blackburn Shopping Centre

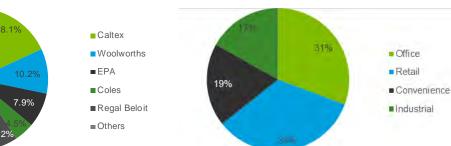
• 19 Corporate Avenue, Rowville

· 200 Victoria Street, Carlton

<sup>9</sup> For reporting purposes, DPF consolidates co-located properties, including the three properties in Busselton and two properties in Balcatta

Figure 9: Proposed Merged entity key tenants (by income)





Source: RPF and DPF Explanatory Memorandum

## 5.2 Proposed fee structure

Source: Management

Should the Proposal proceed, the Proposed Merged Entity will amend its performance fee structure and introduce an acquisition and termination fee. AUPL as RE will be entitled to receive:

- management fees: for acting as the manager of the fund equivalent to 0.65% of the GAV
- **performance fees:** if the Proposed Merged Entity outperforms its benchmark in a financial year. The performance fee is equal to 20.0% of the amount of return (based on the net assets of the Proposed Merged Entity) in excess of a threshold performance return of 10% per annum, subject to earning back any prior underperformance
- removal fee: payable if the RE is removed (by a vote of the majority of all unitholders eligible to vote), equal to 1% of GAV
- acquisition fees: for the purchase of established property and land assets, equivalent to 1% of the purchase price
- **other fees**: other fees and costs may be payable by the fund relating to day-to-day expenses incurred by the RE in performing its duties.

## 5.3 Pro-forma financial position

We have summarised the pro-forma statement of financial position of the Proposed Merged Entity in the table below.

**Table 15: Proposed Merged Entity financial position** 

\$m (unless otherwise stated)	RPF Pro-forma	DPF Pro-forma	Adjustments <sup>1</sup>	Proposed Merged Entity Pro-forma
				(D) = (A) + (B) +
	(a)	(b)	(C)	(C)
Receivables and prepaid expenses	2.3	2.3		4.7
Payables	(72.5)	(27.4)	80.5	(19.4)
Net working capital	(70.1)	(25.1)	80.5	(14.7)
Investments in property trusts		28.0		28.0
Investment properties	157.0	345.0		502.0
Investment in property assets	157.0	373.0		530.0
Financial liabilities held at fair value	0.0	(8.1)		(8.1)
Borrowings	(11.0)	(151.0)	(68.7)	(230.7)
less: cash and cash equivalents	11.9	3.7	(13.0)	2.6
Net debt	0.9	(155.4)	(81.7)	(236.2)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	87.8	192.6	(1.2)	279.1
Number of securities	100.0m	186.8m		272.0m
Net assets per security (or unit)	\$0.88	\$1.03		\$1.03
Balance sheet gearing <sup>3</sup>	n/a	38.9%		42.5%

#### Notes:

Source: Explanatory Memorandum

The table above presents the pro-forma statements of financial position of RPF and DPF as presented in Table 5 and Table 11, respectively. These are combined and transaction adjustments applied in order to present the Proposed Merged Entity pro-forma statement of financial position.

The adjustments reflect the redemption of the expected level of withdrawal requests from the total withdrawal facilities of \$79m. This is expected to be funded by cash and additional debt. The remaining impact is due to stamp duty and refinancing costs associated with the Merger.

<sup>1.</sup> Pro-forma adjustments per the Explanatory Memorandum, which may differ from pro-forma adjustments adopted for our valuation as presented in Sections 6 and 7

<sup>2.</sup> Calculated as 186.8m units + (100.0m securities x proposed exchange ratio of 0.8297 for RPF retail securities and 1.0255 for wholesale securities)

<sup>3.</sup> Calculated as net debt to total assets. Unamortised borrowing costs is estimated at \$136,000 for DPF pre-merger and \$2.1m for the proposed merged entity

## 6 Valuation of DPF

#### 6.1 Introduction

To estimate the market value of a DPF unit, we have:

• estimated the market value of DPF on a net assets on a going concern basis.

The net assets on a going concern basis approach is commonly used in valuing property investment trusts and other asset holding businesses. We are of the opinion that this approach is the most appropriate methodology to value DPF. In addition, the assets of DPF (predominately the properties) are the subject of periodic revaluations. Further discussion of these revaluations is provided in Section 4.2 and Section 6.2.2.

We have made adjustments based on projected pro-forma impacts reflecting the one-off increase to the capped withdrawal facility, revaluations since 30 June 2019, performance fee liability, transaction costs associated with the Proposed Merger, capitalised costs included in the book value of investment properties and borrowings and revaluation of investments in property trusts

- considered whether it is appropriate to apply a portfolio premium to reflect the scale and efficiencies of a larger property portfolio
- deducted the capitalised operating costs reflecting the costs associated with the management of the properties and financing of the properties
- divided the net asset value of DPF by the number of units to obtain the net asset value of one unit in DPF.

The valuation methodologies available to value entities such as DPF are set out in Appendix 2.

#### 6.2 Valuation of DPF

In order to arrive at the market value of DPF, some adjustments are required for the following:

- 1. Certain transactions RPF intends to undertake prior to the Proposed Merger
- 2. Changes in assets and liabilities between 30 June 2019 and the Implementation Date
- 3. Certain amounts included in the net assets of DPF at 30 June 2019 that we consider a prospective investor in DPF would seek to adjust in assessing the market value of DPF.

Our assessment of the market value of DPF, reflecting the adjustments summarised above, is set out in the following table.

Table 16: Valuation of DPF

\$m	Reference	Low value	High value
Net assets as at 30 June 2019	6.2.1	208.5	208.5
Adjustments			
DPF revaluations between July and October 2019	6.2.2	-	7.9
Performance fee	6.2.3	(0.7)	(0.7)
Transaction costs	6.2.4	(0.3)	(0.3)
Withdrawal offer	6.2.5	(15.0)	(15.0)
Capitalised costs included in book value of investment properties and borrowings	6.2.6	(0.1)	(0.1)
Revaluation of investment in property trusts	6.2.7	0.5	0.5
Market value of DPF (before premiums/discounts and deduction of capitalised operating costs)		192.8	200.7

Source: Deloitte Corporate Finance analysis

#### 6.2.1 Net assets as at 30 June 2019

The value of DPF's net assets as at 30 June 2019 is based on the aggregate of the following:

- the value of DPF's property portfolio including investments in property trusts as at 30 June 2019 as recorded in the financial statements of DPF as at 30 June 2019, as presented in Section 4.7
- the market value of DPF's other balance sheet items, such as cash, borrowings, receivables and payables. Based on discussions with the executives of AUPL and noting some of the adjustments we make below, the NTA of DPF has not changed materially in the period since 30 June 2019.

We note the financial statements of DPF as at 30 June 2019 have been subject to an audit by PwC.

All profits from 1 July 2019 to the Implementation Date will be paid out to DPF unitholders.

#### 6.2.2 Pro-forma adjustments for DPF revaluations between July and October 2019

Supporting the net assets of DPF are independent property valuations. Independent property experts, CBRE Valuations Pty Limited (CBRE), Savills Valuations Pty Ltd (Savills), and M3 Property, were engaged by AUPL to prepare valuation reports for the assessment of the value of DPF's property portfolio.

We have undertaken a review of the independent property valuations, along with holding discussions with executives of AUPL, and have concluded that:

- the protocols that are used by the manager to commission independent property valuations are sufficiently robust and appropriately addresses perceived and actual conflicts of interest
- the valuations are undertaken by suitably qualified and credentialed firms and personnel who
  have experience in valuing similar assets and knowledge of the markets in which the assets are
  located
- from our review of the valuations:
  - the valuation methods used and applied are consistent with those generally applied in the industry and based on our experience. Both the discounted cash flow and capitalisation of net income approaches have been used as the primary approaches. The valuation conclusion had regard to the results of each primary methodology
  - the assumptions and valuation metrics used by the valuer are not unreasonable and not inappropriate for the purpose of estimating the market value of the property.

Accordingly, we consider that the property valuations provide a reasonable estimate of the market value of DPF's property portfolio as at the relevant date of the valuations.

As set out in Section 3.2.2, a large portion of the DPF portfolio was valued more than 9 months prior to 30 June 2019. Based on our experience, the capital expenditure incurred or anticipated to be incurred at the properties (in particular at Bussleton) and having regard to market movements in the period since the last valuations were prepared, we consider an adjustment in the range of 0% to 5.0% for these properties would not be unreasonable.

The net impact is in the range of nil and \$7.9m.

Independent valuations dated 16 October 2019 will be obtained by AUPL for each property and adopted for the purposes of calculating the net tangible asset value of each DPF unit.

#### 6.2.3 Pro-forma adjustment for performance fees

AUPL will be entitled to a performance fee as a result of revaluation of properties of (\$0.7m). This amount represents the previous under accrual as at 30 June 2019 as a result of lower than forecast actual benchmark for June 2019. This amount has been reflected in DPF's unit price in mid-July.

#### 6.2.4 Pro-forma adjustments for transaction costs

Total costs associated with the Proposed Merger include:

- \$0.6m of budgeted or committed costs to be incurred regardless whether the Proposed Merger is successful
- \$2.1m of refinancing costs comprising a debt establishment fee which will be incurred once the refinancing becomes effective. The refinancing will occur prior to the expiry of current debt facilities in FY2020

• \$0.9m of costs relating to stamp duty to be paid by the Proposed Merged Entity.

For the purposes of the valuation of DPF prior to the Proposed Merger, we do not consider it appropriate to take account of the refinancing and debt establishment costs and stamp duty costs (as these costs will only be incurred if the Proposed Merger goes ahead). In respect of the budgeted or committed costs to be incurred regardless of whether the Proposed Merger is successful, both DPF and RPF have incurred costs of \$0.3m per fund.

#### 6.2.5 Pro-forma adjustments for withdrawal offer to DPF unitholders

The Withdrawal Facility offer is expected to result in the redemption units up to the value of \$15m<sup>10</sup> which decreases the net assets of DPF. Management believes that all of the withdrawal amount will be utilised by DPF investors, based on soundings from specific investors and stratifying the remaining investors with reference to their historical redemption behaviour.

#### 6.2.6 Capitalised costs included in book value of investment properties and borrowings

There are no capitalised leasing commissions or lease incentives (such as cash, rent-free periods, lessee or lessor owned fitouts) capitalised on the balance sheet and as such no adjustment is necessary.

The book value of the unamortised establishment cost of the previous debt facility of \$0.1m has been deducted to reflect the actual amount of debt due.

#### 6.2.7 Revaluation of investment in property trusts

DPF holds interests in various listed and unlisted property trusts with a book value of \$28.0m. The current market value of the securities is \$0.5m higher than book value.

#### 6.3 Valuation of DPF's units

Set out in the table below is a summary of an estimate of the value of a DPF unit:

**Table 17: Valuation of DPF unit** 

	Reference	Unit	Low value	High value
Market value of DPF (before portfolio premiums and deduction of capitalised operating costs)		\$m	192.8	200.7
Premium to NTA	6.3.1	\$m	-	10.0
Capitalised operating costs	6.3.2	\$m	(18.8)	(9.4)
Market value of DPF (on a going concern, control basis)		\$m	174.0	201.4
Number of DPF units following exercise of withdrawal offers	6.3.3	m	186.8	186.8
Market value of one DPF unit		\$	0.93	1.08

Source: Deloitte Corporate Finance analysis

#### 6.3.1 Portfolio premium

Each property owned by DPF has been valued on a standalone basis. The underlying valuations of the properties represent a "control" value (i.e. assume 100% ownership of each asset). It is, therefore, not appropriate to add an additional "premium for control" in considering the value of the individual assets of DPF.

A large diversified property portfolio can provide scale and greater efficiencies (as well as risk mitigation) that would not otherwise be available through ownership of an individual property and, as a result, a market participant may be willing to pay a premium for a portfolio of assets when compared to the aggregate market value of the same assets on a standalone basis. Set out at Appendix 3 is our analysis of recent transactions the premium to net assets paid in those transactions. The results are

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$  At a price of net asset value less a 0.5% sell spread

mixed because the premium to net assets can also be influenced by numerous other factors which can vary over time.

We have adopted a portfolio premium to the net asset value of DPF in the range of 0% to 5%, which we consider appropriate based on the following reasons:

- DPF has a portfolio of eight<sup>11</sup> properties, with overall diversification including exposure across property sectors including office, retail and industrial sectors
- the property portfolio is across four Australian states, including NSW, WA, VIC and QLD
- the costs avoided and the time saved with replicating a portfolio of eight properties with a market value of approximately \$312m based on valuations as at 30 June 2019.

#### 6.3.2 Capitalised operating costs

The strategy development, management, compliance function and reporting of DPF is undertaken by the manager on behalf of the RE, for which DPF pays a base management fee (refer to Section 3.3). We consider that any prospective buyer would incur costs associated with the management of the properties along with managing the financing of the properties (until the properties are ultimately divested) and therefore we consider it reasonable to deduct a portion of the capitalised value of such costs in assessing the value of DPF.

We have applied the following assumptions in determining the appropriate adjustment:

- ongoing expenses: we have calculated the base management fee based on the proposed management fee arrangement for existing DPF unitholders (i.e. 0.65% p.a.) which will be implemented regardless of whether the Proposed Merger is approved, and applied this to the pro-forma GAV for DPF. We have excluded performance fees paid given historical volatility in terms of timing and magnitude
- capitalisation rate: 6.51%, based on the weighted average capitalisation rate (WACR) of the underlying valuations of the DPF property portfolio determined by independent valuers.

For the reasons noted above (namely the costs of managing the assets and the fund, which would be incurred by any prospective buyer until the assets are disposed), we consider that a market participant would include these costs when considering the acquisition of DPF.

However, noting that these costs would not accrue to unitholders without some expectation of benefits the manager brings to the fund or conversely, in the context of a buyout of the fund or its assets, some avoidance of costs on the part of a prospective buyer, we have assumed that 25% to 50% of the costs would be incurred.

#### 6.3.3 Number of units

The number of DPF units has been determined based on the pro-forma number of units on issue after redemption of units under the Withdrawal Facility which is forecast to be fully utilised.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Properties consolidated for reporting purposes

## 7 Valuation of the Consideration

#### 7.1 Introduction

To estimate the market value of the Consideration, we have:

 estimated the market value of the Proposed Merged Entity on a net assets on a going concern basis.

The net assets on a going concern basis approach is commonly used in valuing property investment trusts and other asset holding businesses. We are of the opinion that this is the most appropriate methodology to value the Proposed Merged Entity. The assets of the Proposed Merged Entity, which will comprise the assets of RPF and DPF (predominately the properties), are the subject of periodic revaluations. Further discussion of these revaluations is provided in Section 4.2 above and Section 7.2.5 below.

 divided the net asset value of the Proposed Merged Entity by the number of units on issue immediately after implementation to obtain the net asset value of one unit in the Proposed Merged Entity.

## 7.2 Valuation of the Proposed Merged Entity

We have estimated the current market value of the net assets of the Proposed Merged Entity by aggregating the current market value of the property portfolio and other assets and liabilities, net of an estimate of the market value of ongoing operating costs and other adjustments. In our assessment of the current market value of the Proposed Merged Entity, we have also considered whether it is appropriate to apply a portfolio premium.

Our assessment of the market value of the Proposed Merged Entity is set out in the following table:

**Table 18: Valuation of the Proposed Merged Entity** 

	Reference	Unit	Low value	High value
Market value of DPF <sup>1</sup>	7.2.1	\$m	192.8	200.7
RPF net assets as at 30 June 2019	7.2.2	\$m	189.1	189.1
Adjustments in respect of market value of RPF				
Adjustment relating to sale of Waurn Ponds	7.2.3	\$m	(1.3)	(1.3)
Estimated distribution to securityholders from proceeds on sale of Waurn Ponds	7.2.4	\$m	(33.9)	(33.9)
Swaps mark-to-market and break fees	7.2.5	\$m	(0.2)	(0.2)
RPF revaluations between July and October 2019	7.2.6	\$m	-	3.9
Performance fee	7.2.7	\$m	(-)	(-)
Transaction costs	7.2.8	\$m	(0.3)	(0.3)
Withdrawal offer	7.2.9	\$m	(64.0)	(64.0)
Capitalised costs included in book value of investment properties and borrowings	7.2.10	\$m	(0.5)	(0.5)
Revaluation of investment in property trusts	7.2.11	\$m	0.6	0.6
Market value of RPF <sup>1</sup>		\$m	89.5	93.4
Total market value of RPF and DPF <sup>1</sup>		\$m	282.4	294.1
Refinance and debt establishment costs	7.2.8	\$m	(2.1)	(2.1)
Stamp duty	7.2.12	\$m	(0.9)	(0.9)
Premium to NTA	7.2.13	\$m	-	14.6
Capitalised operating costs	7.2.14	\$m	(26.7)	(13.4)
Market value of Merged Entity (on a going concern, control basis)		\$m	252.6	292.3

Note

Source: Deloitte Corporate Finance analysis

#### 7.2.1 DPF net assets as at 30 June 2019

Our calculation of the market value of the net assets being contributed by DPF is set out in Section 6.2.

#### 7.2.2 RPF net assets as at 30 June 2019

The value of RPF's net assets as at 30 June 2019 is based on the aggregate of the following:

- the value of RPF's property portfolio including investments in property trusts as at 30 June 2019 as recorded in the financial statements as at 30 June 2019, presented in Section 4.7
- the market value of the RPF's other balance sheet items, such as cash, borrowings, receivables
  and payables. Based on discussions with the executives of AUFML and noting some of the
  adjustments we make below, the NTA of RPF has not changed materially in the period since
  30 June 2019.

We note the financial statements of RPF as at 30 June 2019 have been subject to an audit by PwC.

All profits from 1 July 2019 to the Implementation Date will be paid prior to the date of implementation.

Before premiums/discounts and capitalised operating costs

#### 7.2.3 Pro-forma adjustments for sale of Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre

The proposed sale of Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre is expected to impact RPF's financial position in the following manner (as outlined in the Explanatory Memorandum):

- sale of Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre for a price of \$145.0m less \$1.3m selling costs, resulting in gross proceeds of \$143.7m
- less carrying value in the financial statements of Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre of \$145.0m.

The net impact of the above is a decrease in the net asset value of RPF by \$1.3m.

#### 7.2.4 Pro-forma adjustment for estimated distribution to securityholders

Of the gross proceeds from the disposal of the interest in Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre, \$118.2m has been used to pay down debt and \$33.9m has been returned to securityholders as a special distribution (in order to allow them to meet the tax liabilities associated with the disposal of the asset). The special distribution was funded by \$24m of RPF's existing cash balance plus \$10m in debt.

#### 7.2.5 Swaps mark-to-market and break fees

The settlement of the interest rate swaps is expected to impact RPF's financial position in the following manner:

- Cash has been used to settle the interest rate swap liability of \$2.3m in July 2019, resulting in no net asset impact
- Fair value movement of the mark-to-market interest rate swaps of \$2.2m as at 30 June 2019 and the value of the interest rate swap of \$2.3m at settlement date, being \$0.2m.

The net impact of the above is a decrease in the net asset value of RPF of \$0.2m

#### 7.2.6 Pro-forma adjustments for RPF revaluations between July and October 2019

For the purposes of our valuation, we have considered the property valuations prepared by independent property valuers in line with RPF's valuation policy.

We have undertaken a review of the independent property valuations, along with holding discussions with executives of the AUFML, and have concluded that:

- the protocols that are used by the manager to commission independent property valuations are sufficiently robust and appropriately address perceived and actual conflicts of interest
- the valuations are undertaken by suitably qualified and credentialed firms and personnel who
  have experience in valuing similar assets and knowledge of the markets in which the assets are
  located
- from our review of the valuations:
  - the valuation methods used and applied are consistent with those generally applied in the industry and based on our experience. Both the discounted cash flow and capitalisation of net income approaches have been used as the primary approaches. The valuation conclusion had regard to the results of each primary methodology
  - the assumptions and valuation metrics used by the valuer are not unreasonable and not inappropriate for the purpose of estimating the market value of the property.

Accordingly, we consider that the property valuations provide a reasonable estimate of the market value of RPF's property portfolio as at the relevant date of the valuations.

As set out in Section 4.2.2, we note that both the North Blackburn Shopping Centre and the Caltex Twin Service Centre were valued more than 6 months prior to 30 June 2019. Based on our experience, the capital expenditure incurred or anticipated to be incurred at the properties (in particular at North Blackburn Shopping Centre which has commenced early works for development) and having regard to market movements in the period since the last valuations were prepared, we consider an adjustment in the range of 0% to 2.5% for these properties would not be unreasonable.

The net impact is in the range of nil and \$3.9m.

Independent valuations dated 16 October 2019 will be obtained by AUFML for each property and adopted for the purposes of calculating the net tangible asset value of each RPF security.

#### 7.2.7 Performance fees

AUFML is not expected to be entitled to a performance fee prior to the merger of the funds.

#### 7.2.8 Pro-forma adjustments for transaction costs

The transaction costs total \$0.6m and are set out in Section 6.2.4. In our assessment of the value of DPF, we took account of \$0.3m of merger costs, representing DPF's budgeted or committed merger costs. Similarly, RPF's budgeted or committed merger costs is \$0.3m. However, in the context of considering the value of the Proposed Merged Entity, we consider it appropriate to take account of all of the debt establishment costs (\$2.1m) given they will be incurred on the formation of the Proposed Merged Entity.

The net impact is a decrease in net asset position of RPF of \$0.3m, and a decrease of \$2.0m to the Proposed Merged Entity.

#### 7.2.9 Withdrawal offer to RPF securityholders

The withdrawal offer is expected to result in the redemption of securities <sup>12</sup> in RPF up to the value of \$64.0m. This is reflected as an increase in payables, as well as corresponding decrease in the number of securities in the fund. Management believes that the majority of the withdrawal offer will be utilised by RPF investors, based on intentions communicated by specific investors.

#### 7.2.10 Capitalised costs included in book value of investment properties and borrowings

The book value of investment properties includes capitalised leasing commissions or lease incentives (such as cash, rent-free periods, lessee or lessor owned fitouts) of \$0.3m. These sunk costs do not reflect any value which is not already incorporated into the fair value of the properties and should not form part of the fair value of the properties.

The book value of the unamortised establishment cost of RPF's previous debt facility of \$0.2m has also been deducted from the net asset value.

#### 7.2.11 Revaluation of investments in property trusts

RPF holds interests in various listed and unlisted property trusts with a book value of \$9.8m. The current market value of the securities is \$0.6m higher.

#### 7.2.12 Stamp duty

The Proposed Merged Entity is expected to pay stamp duty of \$0.9m on the acquisition of RPF's underlying properties, which we have deducted in order to arrive at the value of the Proposed Merged Entity. There are rollover provisions in place for RPF's income tax profile such that the underlying assets retain their existing tax cost base.

#### 7.2.13 Portfolio premium

Each property owned by RPF and DPF has been valued on a standalone basis. The underlying valuations of the properties represent a "control" value (i.e. assume 100% ownership of the assets). It is, therefore, not appropriate to add an additional "premium for control" in considering the value of the Proposed Merged Entity.

A large diversified property portfolio can provide scale and greater efficiencies (as well as risk mitigation) that would not otherwise be available through ownership of an individual property and, as a result, a market participant may be willing to pay a premium for a portfolio of assets when compared to the aggregate market value of the same assets on a standalone basis. Set out at Appendix 3 is our

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> At a price of net asset value less a 0.5% sell spread

analysis of recent transactions of the premium to net assets paid in those transactions. The results are mixed because the premium to net assets can also be influenced by other factors which can vary over time.

We have adopted a portfolio premium to the net asset value of the Proposed Merged Entity in the range of 0% to 5%, which we consider appropriate to be applied based on the following reasons:

- the Proposed Merged Entity will have a total of ten<sup>13</sup> properties, with overall diversification including exposure across a number of property sectors including office, retail, industrial and convenience sectors
- the investment property portfolio is diversified across four Australian states, including NSW, WA, VIC and QLD
- economies of scale and synergies are expected from a significant increase in the net tangible
  asset value after implementation. Examples of such benefits could include lower administration
  costs and an ability to attract additional funding (potential debt funders are likely to be
  interested in lending larger pools of their capital) and at a lower cost
- the costs avoided and the time saved with replicating a portfolio of ten<sup>10</sup> properties with a market value of almost \$492m based on valuations as at 30 June 2019.

#### 7.2.14 Capitalised operating costs

Other adjustments are required to assess the market value of net assets as at 30 June 2019. The strategy development, management, compliance function and reporting of the Proposed Merged Entity will be undertaken by the manager on behalf of the RE, for which the Proposed Merged Entity pays a base management fee (refer to Section 5.2).

We consider that any prospective buyer would incur costs associated with the management of the properties along with managing the financing of the properties (until the properties are ultimately divested) and therefore we consider it reasonable to deduct a portion of the capitalised value of such costs in assessing the value of the Proposed Merged Entity.

We have estimated this cost by capitalising the operating costs using the following assumptions:

- ongoing expenses: we have applied the pro-forma base management fee of 0.65% to the proforma GAV of the Proposed Merged Entity. Consistent with Section 6.3.2, we have excluded performance fees paid given historical volatility in terms of timing and magnitude.
- capitalisation rate: 6.50%, being the WACR of the Proposed Merged Entity as at 30 June 2019, utilised in the underlying valuations of the properties held by RPF and DPF as at 30 June 2019.

For the reasons noted above (namely the costs of managing the assets and the fund, which would be incurred by any prospective buyer until the assets are disposed), we consider that a market participant would adjust for these costs when considering the acquisition of the Proposed Merged Entity. However, noting that these costs would not accrue to unitholders without some expectation of benefits the manager brings to the fund or conversely, in the context of a buyout of the fund or its assets, some avoidance of costs on the part of a prospective buyer, we have assumed that 25% to 50% of the capitalised value of such costs should be reflected in the market value of the Proposed Merged Entity.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Properties consolidated for reporting purposes

## 7.3 Valuation of a security in Proposed Merged Entity

Set out in the table below is a summary of our translation of the value of the Proposed Merged Entity to the value of a unit in the Proposed Merged Entity:

Table 19: Valuation of a security in the Proposed Merged Entity

	Reference	Unit	Low value	High value
Market value of Merged Entity (on a going concern, control basis)		\$m	252.6	292.3
Discount for lack of control	7.3.1	%	-%	-%
Market value of Proposed Merged Entity from the perspective of DPF unitholders		\$m	252.6	292.3
Units on issue in Proposed Merged Entity	7.3.2	mil	272.0	272.0
Market value of one unit in Proposed Merged Entity from the perspective of DPF unitholders		\$	0.93	1.07

Source: Deloitte Corporate Finance analysis

#### 7.3.1 Discount for lack of control or liquidity

Given that the values of the underlying properties to be owned by the Proposed Merged Entity have been determined on a control basis, we consider that our valuation of the Proposed Merged Entity represents a control value on a going concern basis.

In considering a discount for lack of control, we have considered the following:

- Australian studies indicate the premiums required to obtain control of companies range between 20% and 40% of the portfolio holding values. A minority interest discount is the inverse of a premium for control and generally ranges between 15% and 30%
- it is common in the property trusts sector for securities to trade at or close to net asset value and consequently the level of control premium (and conversely minority discount) is limited. This is due to a number of factors including the fact that property trusts are required to distribute the majority of their profits and therefore there is limited value in having control over distributions
- DPF unitholders are expected to hold a 68.7% interest in the Proposed Merged Entity, upon implementation of the Proposal. The collective interest DPF unitholders will have in the Proposed Merged Entity could be considered to be a significant controlling interest, which could allow substantial influence over the management of the Proposed Merged Entity
- there will be limited change in operational control for DPF unitholders. The Proposed Merged Entity will continue to be managed by the same manager and in a similar way to how DPF is currently managed
- the Proposed Merged Entity will be unlisted and unitholders can redeem on a quarterly basis at net asset value to the extent of the redemption facility that will be made available to unitholders on a regular basis (capped withdrawal facility of approximately \$27.9m per annum).

Having regard to the above, we do not consider a discount for lack of control or liquidity to be necessary.

#### 7.3.2 Number of units in the Proposed Merged Entity

The number of units in the Proposed Merged Entity has been calculated based on the exchange of securities in RPF for DPF units at the proposed exchange ratios, plus existing DPF units after completion of the Withdrawal Facility.

## **Appendix 1: Context to the report**

#### Individual circumstances

We have evaluated the Proposed Merger for DPF unitholders as a whole and have not considered the effect of the Proposed Merger on the particular circumstances of individual investors. Due to their particular circumstances, individual investors may place a different emphasis on various aspects of the Proposed Merger from the one adopted in this report. Accordingly, individuals may reach different conclusions to ours on whether the Proposed Merger is fair and reasonable. If in doubt investors should consult an independent adviser, who should have regard to their individual circumstances.

#### Limitations, qualifications, declarations and consents

The report has been prepared at the request of the Independent Directors of AUPL and is to be included in the Explanatory Memorandum to be given to securityholders for approval of the Proposed Merger. Accordingly, it has been prepared only for the benefit of the Independent Directors and those persons entitled to receive the Explanatory Memorandum in their assessment of the Proposed Merger outlined in the report and should not be used for any other purpose. Neither Deloitte Corporate Finance, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, nor any member or employee thereof, undertakes responsibility to any person, other than the unitholders and AUPL, in respect of this report, including any errors or omissions however caused.

This engagement has been conducted in accordance with professional standard APES 225 Valuation Services issued by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board Limited.

The report represents solely the expression by Deloitte Corporate Finance of its opinion as to whether the Proposed Merger is fair and reasonable to, and is the best interests of, DPF unitholders. Deloitte Corporate Finance consents to this report being included in the Explanatory Memorandum.

Statements and opinions contained in this report are given in good faith but, in the preparation of this report, Deloitte Corporate Finance has relied upon the completeness of the information provided by AUPL and its officers, employees, agents or advisors (as set out below in 'Sources of Information'). Deloitte does not imply, nor should it be construed, that it has carried out any form of audit or verification on the information and records supplied to us. Drafts of our report were issued to the executives of AUPL for confirmation of factual accuracy.

In recognition that Deloitte Corporate Finance may rely on information provided by AUPL and its officers, employees, agents or advisors, AUPL has agreed that it will not make any claim against Deloitte Corporate Finance to recover any loss or damage which AUPL may suffer as a result of that reliance and that it will indemnify Deloitte Corporate Finance against any liability that arises out of either Deloitte Corporate Finance's reliance on the information provided by AUPL and its officers, employees, agents or advisors or the failure by AUPL and its officers, employees, agents or advisors to provide Deloitte Corporate Finance with any material information relating to the Proposed Merger.

To the extent that this report refers to prospective financial information we have considered the prospective financial information and the basis of the underlying assumptions. The procedures involved in Deloitte's consideration of this information consisted of enquiries of AUPL personnel and analytical procedures applied to the financial data. These procedures and enquiries did not include verification work nor constitute an audit or a review engagement in accordance with standards issued by the AUASB or equivalent body and therefore the information used in undertaking our work may not be entirely reliable.

Based on these procedures and enquiries, Deloitte considers that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the prospective financial information for RPF, DPF and the Proposed Merged Entity included in this report has been prepared on a reasonable basis in accordance with the requirements of ASIC Regulatory Guide 111. In relation to the prospective financial information, actual results may be different from the prospective financial information of RPF, DPF and the Merged Entity referred to in this report since anticipated events frequently do not occur as expected and the variation may be material. The achievement of the prospective financial information is dependent on the outcome of the assumptions. Accordingly, we express no opinion as to whether the prospective financial information will be achieved.

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#### Independence disclosure

In the interests of transparency, we disclose that we have also been appointed as the independent expert to provide our opinion as to whether the Proposed Merger is fair and reasonable to RPF unitholders. Our opinion is contained in a separate report included in an explanatory memorandum provided to RPF unitholders.

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- AUPL proposes to issue an Explanatory Memorandum in respect of the Proposed Merger between RPF and DPF
- the Explanatory Memorandum will be issued in hard copy and be available in electronic format
- it has previously received a copy of the draft Explanatory Memorandum for review (Draft Explanatory Memorandum)
- it is named in the Explanatory Memorandum as the 'independent expert' and the Explanatory Memorandum includes its independent expert's report in Section 15 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

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#### Sources of information

In preparing this report we have had access to the following principal sources of information:

- explanatory memorandum to be provided to RPF securityholders
- explanatory memorandum to be provided to DPF unitholders
- audited financial statements for RPF and DPF for the years ending 30 June 2017 and 30 June 2018
- unaudited financial statements for RPF and DPF for the year ending 30 June 2019
- Independent property valuation reports
- RPF and DPF Fund Updates as at 30 June 2019
- RPF wholesale securities Product Disclosure Statement dated 25 June 2014
- RPF wholesale securities Supplementary Product Disclosure Statements dated 30 September 2017
- DPF Product Disclosure Statement dated 30 September 2018
- RPF and DPF Management Services Agreements dated 2012
- Australian Unity Valuation Policy dated May 2018
- publicly available information, media releases and broker reports on Australian Unity and the property industry/sectors.

In addition, we have had discussions and correspondence with certain directors and executives of AUPL, including Andrew Kanis, Senior Legal Counsel; Mark Lumby, Head of Commercial Property; Nikki Panagopoulos, Fund Manager and Amanda Chung, Portfolio Analyst, as well as Amanda Hagan, Independent non-conflicted director of DPF; Mark Pratt, Emily O'Brien, Liesl Petterd from the DPF Management Committee, in relation to the above information and to current operations and prospects.

## **Appendix 2: Valuation methodologies**

Common market practice and the valuation methodologies which are applicable are discussed below.

#### Market based methods

Market based methods estimate an entity's market value by considering the market price of transactions in its securities or the market value of comparable companies. Market based methods include:

- capitalisation of maintainable earnings
- analysis of an entity's recent share trading history
- industry specific methods.

The capitalisation of maintainable earnings method estimates market value based on an entity's future maintainable earnings and an appropriate earnings multiple. An appropriate earnings multiple is derived from market transactions involving comparable companies. The capitalisation of maintainable earnings method is appropriate where the entity's earnings are relatively stable.

The most recent share trading history provides evidence of the market value of the securities in an entity where they are publicly traded in an informed and liquid market.

Industry specific methods estimate market value using rules of thumb for a particular industry. Generally rules of thumb provide less persuasive evidence of the market value of an entity than other valuation methods because they may not account for entity specific factors.

#### Discounted cash flow methods

Discounted cash flow methods estimate market value by discounting an entity's future cash flows to a net present value. These methods are appropriate where a projection of future cash flows can be made with a reasonable degree of confidence. Discounted cash flow methods are commonly used to value early stage companies or projects with a finite life.

#### Asset based methods

Asset based methods estimate the market value of an entity based on the realisable value of its identifiable net assets. Asset based methods include:

- orderly realisation of assets method
- liquidation of assets method
- net assets on a going concern basis.

The orderly realisation of assets method estimates market value by determining the amount that would be distributed to securityholders, after payment of all liabilities including realisation costs and taxation charges that arise, assuming the entity is wound up in an orderly manner.

The liquidation method is similar to the orderly realisation of assets method except the liquidation method assumes the assets are sold in a shorter time frame. Since wind up or liquidation of the entity may not be contemplated, these methods in their strictest form may not necessarily be appropriate.

The net assets on a going concern basis method estimates the market values of the net assets of an entity, does not take account of realisation costs, but has regard to ongoing costs that may be associated with maintaining the business or entity as a going concern.

These asset based methods ignore the possibility that the entity's value could exceed the realisable value of its tangible assets as they ignore the value of intangible assets such as customer lists, management, supply arrangements and goodwill. Asset based methods are appropriate when companies are not profitable, a significant proportion of an entity's assets are liquid, or for asset holding companies.

# Appendix 3: Premiums and discounts to the market value of the properties

In considering the extent to which it is appropriate to apply a premium or discount to the aggregated value of the property portfolio of Proposed Merged Entity, we have considered market evidence on the extent to which a market participant may be willing to pay a premium for a portfolio of investment properties as compared to the aggregate market value of the same investment properties on a standalone basis. In the absence of public information on unlisted REITs, we have had regard to comparable listed REITs which have been the subject of control transactions as a point of reference.

We considered the premium or discount to NTA observed in transactions involving ASX listed REITs, as set out in the figure below.

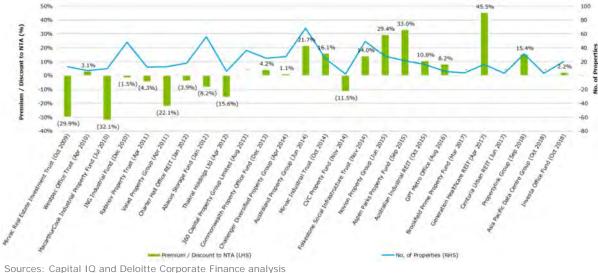


Figure 10: Premiums or discounts to NTA from transactions

We make the following observations in relation to the above transactions:

- given the limited number of transactions that have occurred in this sector, we have looked at transactions going back a relatively long period of time. However, we have placed the most weight in our analysis on transactions that occurred over the last three years
  - over the period 2009 to 2012, market conditions were more challenging than today. A number of REITs were in a deleveraging phase requiring capital injections and, therefore, the transactions reflect an element of distress which resulted in a number of transactions occurring at significant discounts to NTA
  - since 2012, market conditions have improved and most transactions during this period have taken place at a premium to NTA, albeit that some transactions have shown very small premiums to NTA, and that in a rising market, some element of the transaction premium could relate to time differences between the transaction announcement and the most recent property valuations
- over the past three years, most transactions have involved REITs owning more than 10 properties. In addition, the higher premium to NTA implicit in the price paid in the Generation Healthcare REIT transaction is reflective of the fact that a number of properties were under development and nearing completion, yet their valuation uplift (from the development activities) was not included in the NTA figure
- the premium implicit in the Propertylink Group transaction relates primarily to the fund management activities which were not included in the NTA.

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## 16. GLOSSARY

TERM	DEFINITION
AEDT	Australian Eastern Daylight Time.
AMIT	Attribution Managed Investment Trust
AMMA statement	AMIT Member Annual statement
ASIC	Australian Securities & Investments Commission
ASX	Australian Securities Exchange.
AUFML	Australian Unity Funds Management Limited ABN 60 071 497 115.
AUPL	Australian Unity Property Limited ABN 58 079 538 499.
Australian Unity Group	Australian Unity Limited ABN 23 087 648 888 and its related bodies corporate.
Base Management Fee	The 'Base Management Fee' payable to the Responsible Entity under the Constitution.
Capped Withdrawal Facility	The Capped Withdrawal Facility offered by AUPL from time to time to Unitholders in the Fund.
Capped Withdrawal Facility Booklet	The form under which Unitholders may request a redemption of Units under the Capped Withdrawal Facility.
Conditions	<ol> <li>The following Conditions must be met in order for the Proposal to proceed:</li> <li>all Resolutions must be passed by the requisite majorities;</li> <li>all resolutions must be passed at a meeting of Securityholders of RPF scheduled to be held at 9:30am AEDT on 23 October 2019; and</li> <li>the Merged DPF Refinancing.</li> </ol>
Constitution	The constitution of the Fund.
Corporations Act	Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).
Deloitte	The independent expert is Deloitte Corporate Finance Pty Limited (a network member firm of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited).
Exchange Ratio	NTA per Security in RPF divided by NTA per Unit in the Fund.
Explanatory Memorandum or EM	This explanatory memorandum enclosed with the Notice of Meeting issued by AUPL on 23 September 2019 including any attachments and schedules for the Australian Unity Diversified Property Fund.
DPF or Fund	Australian Unity Diversified Property Fund ARSN 106 724 038.
FFO	Funds From Operations is a term used by the Property Council of Australia definition which adjusts statutory Australian International Financial Reporting Standards net profit for non-cash changes in investment properties, non-cash impairment of goodwill, non-cash fair value adjustments to financial instruments, amortisation of incentives, rental straight-line adjustments and other unrealised on-off items.

TERM	DEFINITION
Foreign Securityholder	Securityholders in RPF who are resident in a jurisdiction other than Australia.
Gross Asset Value	The gross value of the Fund's assets determined in accordance with the Fund's Constitution.
Independent Expert	The appointed independent expert is Deloitte Corporate Finance Pty Limited.
Independent Expert's Report	The report provided by Deloitte Corporate Finance Pty Limited in relation to the Proposal.
Implementation Date	The date upon which the Proposal is implemented.
IPO	An Initial Public Offering is a type of public offering in which capital is raised from institutional and retail Unitholders. An IPO is underwritten by one or more investment banks, who also arrange for the units to be listed the Australian Securities Exchange.
Meeting	The meeting of Unitholders to consider and if thought fit pass the necessary Resolutions.
Meeting RSVP Form	The form under which Unitholders may register their attendance for the Unitholder Meeting to be held on 23 October 2019
Merged DPF Refinancing	The existing facility agreement between the DPF RE and its lenders being amended as described in section 5.3 of this EM, and the term "Merged DPF Refinances" has a corresponding meaning.
NLA	The Net Lettable Area of an asset.
Notice of Meeting	The Notice of Meeting sent to Unitholders on 23 September 2019 in respect of the Meeting.
NTA	Net tangible assets, being the value of assets of the Fund (or RPF as the context requires), less the liabilities of the Fund (or RPF as the context requires) and less the intangible assets of the Fund (or RPF as the context requires) from time to time.
Objectives	To increase the likelihood of raising further equity to reinvest back into the Fund's assets, fund potential developments, acquire additional assets, and provide liquidity to Unitholders who elect to exit their investment
Offer	The offer of Units under (and as contemplated by) the PDS and Supplementary PDS.
PDS and Supplementary PDS	The product disclosure statement for the issue of Units by AUPL in connection with the Proposal. The Product Disclosure Statement dated 18 September 2019 and Supplementary Product Disclosure Statement dated 23 September 2019.
Pre-merger distribution	The cash payment to the Unitholders of all or some of the income of the Fund that will have accrued before the Implementation Date as determined by the Responsible Entity under the Fund's Distribution Policy.
Proposal	<ul> <li>The Proposal is to:</li> <li>merge the Fund with RPF whereby the Fund will acquire all Securities on issue in RPF, based on the net tangible asset value of RPF as at the Implementation Date; and</li> <li>subject to the merger proceeding, provide a once-off increase to the Capped Withdrawal Facility such that the Capped Withdrawal Facility is \$15 million.</li> </ul>
Proxy Form	The proxy form accompanying the Notice of Meeting.

TERM	DEFINITION
Resolutions	Each of the resolutions in connection with the Proposal to be considered by Unitholders at the Meeting as set out in the Notice of Meeting.
Responsible Entity	The responsible entity of the Fund or AUFML as the responsible entity of RPF, as the context requires.
RPF	Australian Unity Retail Property Fund and the schemes that form part of RPF as defined as RPF Schemes
RPF Schemes	<ul> <li>Each scheme which forms part of RPF being</li> <li>Australian Unity Retail Property Trust ARSN 086 218 199;</li> <li>Australian Unity Property Syndicate East West ARSN 091 941 061; and</li> <li>Australian Unity Gillies Street Trust ARSN 103 267 447.</li> </ul>
Security	A security in RPF, provided through the issue of a stapled security and represents a unit holding in each of the RPF Schemes.  RPF has on issue Retail Securities and Wholesale Securities.
Securityholder	A registered holder of Retail or Wholesale Securities in RPF.
Special Distribution	A \$33.86 million special distribution paid to the Fund's Securityholders, associated with the sale of the Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre.
Transaction Costs	<ul> <li>Costs associated with the Proposal including:</li> <li>Transaction Costs incurred and/or paid by the Fund prior to the Implementation Date. These include legal, accounting and other advisory services in developing the Proposal, totalling approximately \$0.3 million. These Transaction Costs will reduce the Fund's NTA per Unit by approximately 0.2%.</li> <li>On the Implementation Date, the Fund will incur stamp duty on the acquisition of all Securities in RPF and legal and refinancing costs totalling approximately \$1.2 million. This will reduce the Fund's NTA per Unit by approximately 0.4%. As RPF's Securities will be exchanged for Fund Units before the Fund incurs stamp duty and refinancing costs, Unitholders in the Fund and RPF will effectively share these Transaction Costs.</li> </ul>
Unit	A Unit in the Fund.
Unitholder	A registered holder of Units in the Fund.
WALE	Weighted Average Lease Expiry by income



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