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This annual report covers AB Emerging Markets Strategic Core Equities Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of AB Emerging Markets Strategic Core Equities Fund is AllianceBernstein Investment Management Australia Limited (ABN 58 007 212 606). The Responsible Entity's registered office is:

Level 32 Aurora Place, 88 Phillip Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

Directors' report

The directors of AllianceBernstein Investment Management Australia Limited ("ABIMAL") (ABN 58 007 212 606), the Responsible Entity of AB Emerging Markets Strategic Core Equities Fund (the "Fund"), present their report together with the financial statements of the Fund for the period from 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Principal activities

The Fund invests in equity securities located in the emerging markets.

The Fund did not have any employees during the period.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the Fund's activities during the period.

Directors

The following persons held office as directors of ABIMAL during the period and up to the date of this report:

Ajai Mohan Kaul (resigned on 31 December 2025)

Eileen Koo

Gerald Francis Spada

David Aquilina (appointed on 18 August 2025)

Derek Chun Kwok (appointed on 30 January 2026)

Review and results of operations

The Fund was registered with ASIC on 9 September 2025 and commenced its investment activities on 6 November 2025 when AllianceBernstein Australia Limited seeded the Fund with \$4,600,000.

During the period, the Fund invested its assets in accordance with target asset allocations as set out in the governing documents of the Fund and in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The performance of the Fund, as represented by the results of its operations, was as follows:

	Period from 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026 \$
Operating profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unitholders	<u>575,958</u>
Distributions paid and payable	<u>51,039</u>
Distributions (cents per unit)	<u>1.11</u>

Significant changes in state of affairs

In the opinion of the directors, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund that occurred during the financial period.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial period

Subsequent to the period end, on 9 July 2026 the Responsible Entity applied for the Fund to be admitted to trading status on the Securities Exchange operated by Cboe under the Securities Exchange Operating Rules. On 28 July 2026, the Fund commenced trading on the Cboe with the trade Ticker MORE and product name AB Emerging Markets Strategic Core Equities Fund - Active ETF. The Fund is structured to allow its units to be invested in and disposed of either by trading on a Securities Exchange or by direct applications and redemptions. This requires the Fund's units to be on two different sub-unit registers, the broker-sponsored and issuer-sponsored unit registers. The activities and performance of units held

Directors' report (continued)

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial period (continued)

on either sub-unit register will not be disclosed separately and disclosed together in the financial report. The Fund's units are fungible regardless of the register on which they are recorded. On 1 August 2026, Cboe was rebranded as TMX. The rebranding occurred due to TMX Group Limited acquiring Cboe Australia effective 31 July 2026.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2026 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (i) the operations of the Fund in future financial years,
- (ii) the results of those operations in future financial years, or
- (iii) the state of affairs of the Fund in future financial years.

Likely developments and expected results of operations

The Fund will continue to be managed in accordance with the investment objectives and guidelines as set out in the governing documents of the Fund and in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The results of the Fund's operations will be affected by a number of factors, including the performance of investment markets in which the Fund invests. Investment performance is not guaranteed and future returns may differ from past returns. As investment conditions change over time, past returns should not be used to predict future returns.

Further information on likely developments in the operations of the Fund and the expected results of those operations have not been included in this report because the Responsible Entity believes it would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Fund.

Indemnity and insurance of officers

No insurance premiums are paid for out of the assets of the Fund in regards to insurance cover provided to the officers of ABIMAL or the auditors of the Fund. So long as the officers of ABIMAL act in accordance with the Fund's Constitution and the Law, the officers remain indemnified out of the assets of the Fund against losses incurred while acting on behalf of the Fund.

Indemnity of auditors

The auditors of the Fund are in no way indemnified out of the assets of the Fund.

Fees paid to and interests held in the Fund by the Responsible Entity or its associates

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its associates out of Fund property during the period are disclosed in note 14 of the financial statements.

No fees were paid out of Fund property to the directors of the Responsible Entity during the period.

The number of interests in the Fund held by the Responsible Entity or its associates as at the end of the period are disclosed in note 14 of the financial statements.

Interests in the Fund

The movement in units on issue in the Fund during the period is disclosed in note 7 of the financial statements.

The value of the Fund's assets and liabilities is disclosed on the statement of financial position and derived using the basis set out in note 2 of the financial statements.

Environmental regulation

The operations of the Fund are not subject to any particular or significant environmental regulations under a Commonwealth, State or Territory law.

Directors' report (continued)

Rounding of amounts to the nearest dollar

The Fund is an entity of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2026/183 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the Directors' report. Amounts in the Directors' report have been rounded to the nearest dollar in accordance with that ASIC Corporations Instrument, unless otherwise indicated.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the Auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of *the Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 5.

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



Eileen Koo
Director

Sydney
18 September 2026



Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor of AB Emerging Markets Strategic Core Equities Fund's financial report for the period 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit of the financial report; and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit of the financial report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexandra Richardson'.

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Statement of comprehensive income

	Notes	Period from 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026 \$
Investment income		
Dividend income		111,564
Interest income		2,082
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	5	503,618
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)		<u>9,084</u>
Total net investment income/(loss)		<u>626,348</u>
Expenses		
Manager's fees	14	30,776
Dividend withholding tax expenses		11,676
Transaction costs		7,882
Other operating expenses		<u>56</u>
Total operating expenses		<u>50,390</u>
Profit/(loss) for the period		<u>575,958</u>
Other comprehensive income for the period		<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period		<u>575,958</u>

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

Statement of financial position

	Notes	As at 30 June 2026 \$
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	9	29,637
Receivables	12	24,777
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	<u>5,152,431</u>
Total assets		<u>5,206,845</u>
Liabilities		
Payables	13	12,346
Distributions payable	8	<u>51,039</u>
Total liabilities		<u>63,385</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity	7	<u>5,143,460</u>

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

Statement of changes in equity

		Period from 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026 \$
Total equity at the beginning of the period	Notes 7	-
Comprehensive income for the period		
Profit/(loss) for the period		575,958
Other comprehensive income		-
Total comprehensive income for the period		<u>575,958</u>
Transactions with unitholders		
Applications	7	4,618,541
Redemptions	7	-
Reinvestment of distributions	7	-
Distributions paid and payable	7	<u>(51,039)</u>
Total transactions with unitholders		<u>4,567,502</u>
Total equity at the end of the period		<u>5,143,460</u>

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of cash flows

	Period from 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026
Notes	\$
Cash flows from operating activities	
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	1,455,077
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(6,090,602)
Dividends received	75,788
Interest received	2,017
Manager's fees paid	(18,430)
Payment of other operating expenses	(8,550)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	10(a) <u>(4,584,700)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities	
Proceeds from applications by unitholders	<u>4,618,541</u>
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	<u>4,618,541</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	33,841
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	-
Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	<u>(4,204)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	<u>29,637</u>
Non-cash financing activities	10(b)

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

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1 General Information

These financial statements cover AB Emerging Markets Strategic Core Equities Fund (the “Fund”) as an individual entity. The Fund was constituted on 27 August 2025, registered by ASIC as a managed investment scheme on 9 September 2025 and commenced operations on 6 November 2025 when AllianceBernstein Australia Limited seeded the Fund with \$4,600,000. The Fund will terminate on 6 November 2105 unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the Fund’s Constitution.

The Responsible Entity of the Fund is AllianceBernstein Investment Management Australia Limited (“ABIMAL”) (ABN 58 007 212 606) (the “Responsible Entity”). The Responsible Entity’s registered office is Level 32 Aurora Place, 88 Phillip Street, Sydney, NSW 2000. The financial statements are presented in Australian currency.

The Fund invests in equity securities located in the emerging markets in accordance with the provisions of the Fund’s Constitution.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 18 September 2026. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

2 Summary of material accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all periods presented, unless otherwise stated in the following text.

(a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia. The Fund is a for profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

These financial statements are prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities except where otherwise stated.

The statement of financial position is presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and are not distinguished between current and non-current. All balances are expected to be recovered or settled within twelve months, except for investments in financial assets and net assets attributable to unitholders.

The Fund manages financial assets at fair value through profit or loss based on the economic circumstances at any given point in time, as well as to meet any liquidity requirements. As such, it is expected that a portion of the portfolio will be realised within 12 months, however, an estimate of that amount cannot be determined as at reporting date.

In the case of net assets attributable to unitholders, the units are redeemable on demand at the unitholder’s option. However, holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term. As such, the amount expected to be settled within 12 months cannot be reliably determined.

(i) Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards

The financial statements of the Fund also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

(ii) New and amended standards adopted by the Fund

The Fund has applied the following standards and amendments for the first time for its annual reporting period commencing 9 September 2025:

- *AASB 2023-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Lack of Exchangeability* [AASB 1, AASB 121 & AASB 1060] (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025). This amendment addresses how the Fund should account for foreign currency transactions when a currency cannot be freely exchanged into another currency.

The amendments listed above are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

(iii) *New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 July 2026 and have not been early adopted*

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 July 2026, and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements. The Fund's assessment of the impact of these new standards and amendments is set out below:

AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements ("AASB 18") effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027). The IASB issued the new standard on presentation and disclosure in financial statements, which replaces AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, with a focus on updates to the statement of profit or loss.

The key new concepts introduced in AASB 18 relate to:

- the structure of the statement of profit or loss with defined subtotals;
- the requirement to determine the most useful structured summary for presenting expenses in the statement of profit or loss;
- required disclosures in a single note within the financial statements for certain profit or loss performance measures that are reported outside an entity's financial statements (that is, management-defined performance measures); and
- enhanced principles on aggregation and disaggregation which apply to the primary financial statements and notes in general.

AASB 2024-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments [AASB 7 & AASB 9] (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026). The AASB issued targeted amendments to AASB 9 and AASB 7 to respond to recent questions arising in practice, and to include new requirements for all reporting entities. Among other amendments, the AASB included clarifying the date of recognition and derecognition of some financial assets and liabilities, with a new exception for some financial liabilities settled through an electronic cash transfer system.

The Fund is currently assessing the effects of the forthcoming standards and amendments.

No other new standards or amendments to standards are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

(b) Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

(i) *Classification*

Assets

The Fund classify their investments based on their business models for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The Fund portfolios of financial assets are managed and their performance are evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Fund documented investment strategies. The Fund uses fair value information to assess performance of the portfolios and to make decisions to rebalance the portfolio or to realise fair value gains or minimise losses through sales or other trading strategies. The Fund policies are for the Responsible Entity to evaluate the information about these financial assets on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

Equity securities and derivatives are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Liabilities

Derivative contracts that have a negative fair value are presented as liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

For financial liabilities that are not classified and measured at fair value are classified as financial liabilities at amortised cost (distributions payable, due to brokers, management fees payable and other payable).

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(b) Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

(ii) Recognition/derecognition

The Fund recognises financial assets and financial liabilities on the date it becomes party to the contractual agreement (trade date) and recognises changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities from this date.

Investments are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

(iii) Measurement

At initial recognition, the Fund measures financial assets and financial liabilities at its fair value. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss' category are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

For further details on how the fair values of financial instruments are determined please see Note 4 to the financial statements.

(iv) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

As at the end of the reporting period, there are no financial assets or liabilities offset or with the right to offset in the statement of financial position.

(c) Net assets attributable to unitholders

Units are redeemable at the unitholders' option, however, applications and redemptions may be suspended by the Responsible Entity if it is in the best interests of the unitholders.

The units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash based on the redemption price, which is equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value attributable to the unitholders.

The units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at balance sheet date if the holder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Fund. This amount represents the expected cash flows on redemption of these units.

Under AASB 132 *Financial instruments: Presentation*, puttable financial instruments are classified as equity where certain strict criteria are met. The Fund classifies the net assets attributable to unit holders as equity as they satisfy the following criteria:

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

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Payments and receipts relating to the purchase and sale of investment securities are classified as cash flows from operating activities, as movements in the fair value of these securities represent the Fund's main income generating activity.

(e) Investment income

Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost is recognised on a time-proportionate basis using the effective interest method and includes interest from cash and cash equivalents.

Interest from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is determined based on the contractual coupon interest rate and includes interest from debt securities.

Dividend and distribution income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within dividend income and distribution income when the Fund's right to receive payments is established.

Other changes in fair value for such instruments are recorded in accordance with the policies described in Note 2(b) to the financial statements.

(f) Expenses

All expenses, including Responsible Entity's fees, manager's fees and custodian's fees, are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on an accruals basis.

(g) Income tax

Under current legislation, the Fund is not subject to income tax provided it attributes the entirety of its taxable income to its unit holders.

The benefit of imputation credits and foreign tax paid are passed on to unitholders.

(h) Distributions

In accordance with the Fund's Constitution, the Fund distributes its distributable income adjusted for amounts determined by the Responsible Entity, to unitholders by cash or reinvestment. The distributions are recognised in the Statement of changes in equity.

(i) Increase/decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unitholders.

(j) Foreign currency translation

(i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the Fund's financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (the "functional currency"). This is the Australian Dollar, which reflects the currency of the economy in which the Fund competes for funds and is regulated. The Australian Dollar is also the Fund's presentation currency.

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(j) Foreign currency translation (continued)

(ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translations at period end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when fair value was determined. Translation differences on assets and liabilities carried at fair values are reported in the statement of comprehensive income on a net basis within net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

(k) Due from/to brokers

Amounts due from/to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet delivered by the end of the period. The due from brokers balance is held for collection and consequently measured at amortised cost.

These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on amounts due from broker at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses. Significant financial difficulties of the broker, probability that the broker will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due. Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit impaired.

(l) Deposits held with brokers for margin

Deposits held with brokers for margin comprise cash held as collateral for derivative transactions. The cash is held by the broker and is only available to meet margin calls.

(m) Receivables

Receivables may include amounts for dividends and interest. Dividends are accrued when the right to receive payment is established. Interest is accrued at the end of each reporting period from the time of last payment in accordance with the policy set out in note 2(e). Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recorded as receivables.

These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on receivables at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses. Significant financial difficulties of the counterparty, probability that the counterparty will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due. Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit impaired.

The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within other expenses. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the statement of comprehensive income.

2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

(m) Receivables (continued)

Receivables also include amounts receivable as a result of the Fund entering into foreign currency spot contracts. Foreign currency spot contracts are primarily used by the Fund for the purposes of trading settlements where the Fund agrees to receive or deliver a fixed quantity of foreign currency for an agreed upon price on the spot date.

(n) Payables

Payables include liabilities and accrued expenses owing by the Fund which are unpaid as at the end of the reporting period.

(o) Applications and redemptions

Applications received for units in the Fund are recorded net of any entry fees payable prior to the issue of units in the Fund. Redemptions from the Fund are recorded gross of any exit fees payable after the cancellation of units redeemed.

Unit prices are determined by reference to the net assets of the Fund divided by the number of units on issue at or immediately prior to the close of business each day. Issues and redemptions of units are processed simultaneously.

(p) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The GST incurred on the costs of various services provided to the Fund by third parties such as custodial services and investment management fees have been passed onto the Fund. The Fund qualifies for Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC) at a rate of 55% or 75%, hence investment management fees, custodial fees and other expenses have been recognised in the statement of comprehensive income net of the amount of GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Accounts payable are inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO is included in receivables in the statement of financial position. Cash flows relating to GST are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis.

(q) Use of estimates

The directors of the Responsible Entity make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. Estimates are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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

Models use observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations require management to make estimates. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments. Refer to note 4 for further information on how fair value is calculated.

For certain other financial instruments, including receivables, accounts payable and accrued expenses, the carrying amounts approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments.

(r) Rounding of amounts

The Fund is an entity of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2026/183 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the financial statements. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar in accordance with that ASIC Corporations Instrument, unless otherwise indicated.

3 Financial risk management

The Fund's investment activities expose it to a number of risks primarily market risk (including price risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Fund's Investment Manager manages these risks by researching markets and securities, selecting securities and constructing a portfolio consistent with the Fund's Investment Strategy set out in its Product Disclosure Statement. The Fund's Investment Strategy sets out the Fund's financial risk management policies and investment restrictions. The Investment Manager monitors compliance with the Fund's Investment Strategy daily and reports monthly to the Responsible Entity.

The Fund uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods include sensitivity analysis in the case of price risk of the investments of the Fund.

(a) Market risk

(i) Price Risk

The Fund's equity investments expose it to risks associated with fluctuations in security prices. Price risk is measured and managed against exposure limits set out in the Fund's Investment Strategy. Where non-monetary financial instruments are denominated in currencies other than Australian Dollar, the price in the future will also fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. Paragraph (ii) below sets out how this component of price risk is managed and measured.

The Fund's overall risk management programme focuses on ensuring compliance with the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement and seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Fund is exposed. The Fund's overall risk management program focuses on implementing its emerging market equity strategy by investing emerging market equities. The Fund will principally be comprised of equity securities of companies considered by the investment manager that are high quality, have low volatility and reasonable valuations and offer attractive shareholder returns. The Fund may use derivative financial instruments to alter certain risk exposures.

The table in note 3(b) summarises sensitivity analysis to price risk.

(ii) Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk arises as the value of assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates.

Listed international equity securities are held and an exposure to foreign exchange risk arises as these offshore securities are valued in foreign currency.

The investment manager has the discretion to use foreign currency contracts to increase, reduce or remove foreign currency exposure in order to assist in meeting the objectives of the Fund.

Foreign currency contracts designed to either hedge some or all of this exposure, or alternatively increase exposure to preferred foreign currencies can be entered into. Derivatives are accounted for as held for trading Instruments because the Fund does not apply hedge accounting.

The table below summarises the Fund's assets and liabilities that are denominated in a currency other than the Australian Dollar.

	Hong Kong Dollar \$	South Korean Won \$	New Taiwan Dollar \$	US Dollar \$	Other Currencies \$
As at 30 June 2026					
Cash and cash equivalents	980	-	-	2,096	3,390
Receivables	8,747	30	2,006	3,139	10,177
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<u>735,108</u>	<u>1,016,216</u>	<u>1,141,096</u>	<u>772,751</u>	<u>1,487,260</u>
Net Exposure	<u>744,835</u>	<u>1,016,246</u>	<u>1,143,102</u>	<u>777,986</u>	<u>1,500,827</u>

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(iii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is limited to cash at bank and deposits held with broker for margin.

The following table summarises the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk. It includes the Fund's assets and liabilities at fair value, categorised by the earlier of contractual repricing or maturity date.

	Floating interest rate \$	Fixed interest rate \$	Non-interest bearing \$	Total \$
30 June 2026				
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	29,637	-	-	29,637
Receivables	-	-	24,777	24,777
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	5,152,431	5,152,431
Liabilities				
Payables	-	-	12,346	12,346
Distributions payable	-	-	51,039	51,039
	<u>29,637</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,113,823</u>	<u>5,143,460</u>
Net exposure	<u>29,637</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,113,823</u>	<u>5,143,460</u>

(b) Summarised sensitivity analysis

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the Fund's operating profit and net assets attributable to unitholders to price risk. The Fund does not have a significant exposure to interest rate risk. The reasonably possible movements in the risk variables have been determined based on management's best estimate, having regard to a number of factors, including historical correlation of the Fund's investments with the relevant benchmark and market volatility. However, actual movements in the risk variables may be greater or less than anticipated due to a number of factors, including unusually large market shocks resulting from changes in the performance of the economies, markets and securities in which the Fund invests. As a result, historic variations in risk variables are not a definitive indicator of future variations in the risk variables.

	Price risk Impact on operating profit/Net assets attributable to unitholders	
	-20%	+20%
	\$	\$
30 June 2026	(1,030,486)	1,030,486

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Summarised sensitivity analysis (continued)

	Foreign exchange risk							
	Impact on operating profit/Net assets attributable to unitholders							
	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%	-10%	+10%
	HKD	HKD	KRW	KRW	TWD	TWD	USD	USD
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
30 June 2026	(74,484)	74,484	(101,625)	101,625	(114,310)	114,310	(77,799)	77,799

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when they fall due.

The Fund's exposure to credit risk is limited to cash and cash equivalents held with financial institutions and amounts due from brokers. The fund is also exposed to counterparty credit risk on derivative financial instruments. None of these assets are impaired nor past due.

The clearing and depository operations of the Fund's security transactions are mainly concentrated with one counterparty namely State Street Australia Limited. At 30 June 2026, State Street Australia Limited had a credit rating of AA. As at 30 June 2026, substantially all cash and investments are held in custody by State Street Australia Limited.

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle its obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous.

The Fund is exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. The Fund holds marketable securities and derivatives that can be readily sold to fund redemption requirements.

The Fund may, from time to time, invest in derivative contracts traded over the counter, which are not traded in an organised market and may be illiquid. As a result, the Fund may not be able to liquidate quickly its investments in these instruments at an amount close to their fair value to meet its liquidity requirements or to respond to specific events such as a deterioration in the creditworthiness of any particular issuer or counterparty. No such investments were held during the period.

Under the terms of the Fund's Constitution, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to defer, adjust or suspend a redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unitholders.

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Liquidity risk (continued)

The table below analyses the Fund's non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at balance sheet date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Net Assets attributable to unitholders is not considered a financial liability but has been included below as units are redeemed on demand at the unitholder's option. However, the Board of Directors does not envisage that the contractual maturity disclosed in the table below will be representative of the actual cash outflows, as holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term.

	Less than 1 month \$	1-6 months \$	6-12 months \$	Over 12 months \$	No stated maturity \$
As at 30 June 2026					
Payables	12,346	-	-	-	-
Distributions payable	51,039	-	-	-	-
Net assets attributable to unitholders	5,143,460	-	-	-	-
Contractual cash flows (excluding derivatives)	5,206,845	-	-	-	-

4 Fair value measurement

The Fund measures and recognises the following assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis.

- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) (see note 6)

The Fund has no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis in the current reporting period.

AASB 13 requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value hierarchy;

- quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1);
- inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly (level 2); and
- inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (level 3).

(i) Fair value in an active market (level 1)

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

The Fund values its investments in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the financial statements. For the majority of its investments, the Fund relies on information provided by independent pricing services of the valuation of its investments.

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

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

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of a substantially similar other instrument, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

4 Fair value measurement (continued)

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

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

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

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

Some of the inputs to these models may not be market observable and are therefore estimated based on assumptions.

The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Fund holds. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including liquidity risk and counterparty risk.

Recognised fair value measurements

The following table presents the Fund's assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value as at 30 June 2026.

As at 30 June 2026	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
Financial assets				
Equity securities	5,124,806	-	-	5,124,806
Unit trusts	<u>27,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,625</u>
Total	<u>5,152,431</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,152,431</u>

The Fund's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

(i) Transfer between levels

There were no transfers between levels during the period.

(ii) Movement in level 3 instruments

There were no investments classified as level 3 within the Fund as at 30 June 2026.

(iii) Fair value of financial instruments not carried at fair value

Due to their short-term nature, the carrying amounts of receivables and payables are assumed to approximate fair value.

5 Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

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

	Period from 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026 \$
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	503,618

6 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	As at 30 June 2026 \$
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	
Equity securities	5,124,806
Unit trusts	<u>27,625</u>
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<u>5,152,431</u>
Comprising:	
Equity securities	
International equity securities	<u>5,124,806</u>
Total Equity securities	<u>5,124,806</u>
Unit trusts	
Units in international trusts	<u>27,625</u>
Total Unit trusts	<u>27,625</u>
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<u>5,152,431</u>

An overview of the risk exposures relating to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is included in note 3.

7 Net assets attributable to unitholders

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

	Period from 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026 No.	Period from 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026 \$
Opening balance	-	-
Applications	4,618,107	4,618,541
Distributions paid and payable	-	(51,039)
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	575,958
Closing balance	<u>4,618,107</u>	<u>5,143,460</u>

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

Capital risk management

The Fund considers its net assets attributable to unitholders as capital. The amount of net assets attributable to unitholders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily applications and redemptions at the discretion of unitholders.

Daily applications and redemptions are reviewed relative to the liquidity of the Fund's underlying assets on a daily basis by the Responsible Entity. Under the terms of the Fund's Constitution, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer or adjust a redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unitholders.

8 Distributions to unitholders

The distributions for the period were as follows:

	Period from 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026 \$	Period from 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026 CPU
Distributions payable	<u>51,039</u>	<u>1.11</u>
Total distributions	<u>51,039</u>	<u>1.11</u>

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	As at 30 June 2026 \$
Cash at bank	29,637
	<u>29,637</u>

10 Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	Period from 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026 \$
(a) Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	
Profit/(loss) for the period	575,958
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	1,455,077
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(6,090,602)
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(516,906)
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses) on Cash and Cash equivalents	4,204
Net change in receivables	(24,777)
Net change in payables	12,346
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	<u>(4,584,700)</u>

(b) Non-cash financing activities

During the period, the following distribution payments were satisfied by the issue of units under the distributions reinvestment plan

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As described in note 2(i), income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unitholders. The change in this amount each period (as reported in (a) above) represents a non-cash financing cost as it is not settled in cash until such time as it becomes distributable (i.e. taxable).

11 Remuneration of auditors

During the period the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia (PwC) as the auditor of the Fund and by PwC's related network firms:

	Period from 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026 \$
Auditors of the Fund - PwC Australian firm and related network firms	
<i>Audit and other assurance services</i>	
Audit of financial reports	9,832
Other assurance services	
Audit of compliance plan	5,151
Other non-audit services	
Tax compliance services	<u>14,003</u>
Total other non-audit services	<u>14,003</u>
Total services provided by PwC	<u>28,986</u>

Remuneration of auditors was borne by the Responsible Entity. No audit fee was paid directly by the Fund.

12 Receivables

	As at 30 June 2026 \$
Interest receivable	65
Dividends receivable	24,100
RITC receivable	<u>612</u>
	<u>24,777</u>

13 Payables

	As at 30 June 2026 \$
Manager's fees payable	12,346
	<u>12,346</u>

14 Related party transactions

Responsible Entity and Investment Manager

The Responsible Entity of the Fund is AllianceBernstein Investment Management Australia Limited (ABN 58 007 212 606). The ultimate holding company of the Responsible Entity is AllianceBernstein L.P. (incorporated in the United States).

The Investment Manager of the assets of the Fund is AllianceBernstein Australia Limited. The ultimate holding company of the Investment Manager is AllianceBernstein L.P. (incorporated in the United States).

Key management personnel

(a) Directors

Key management personnel includes persons who were directors of the Responsible Entity at any time during the financial period as follows:

Ajai Mohan Kaul (resigned on 31 December 2025)
Eileen Koo
Gerald Francis Spada
David Aquilina (appointed on 18 August 2025)
Derek Chun Kwok (appointed on 30 January 2026)

(b) Other key management personnel

There were no other persons with responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Fund, directly or indirectly during the financial period.

Key management personnel unitholdings

At 30 June 2026 no key management personnel held units in the Fund.

Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel services are provided by the Responsible Entity and included in the management fees disclosed below. There is no separate charge for these services. There was no compensation paid directly by the Fund to any of the key management personnel.

Key management personnel loans

The Fund has not made, guaranteed or secured, directly or indirectly, any loans to the key management personnel or their personally related entities at any time during the reporting period.

Other transactions within the Fund

Apart from those details disclosed in this note, no key management personnel have entered into a material contract with the Fund and there were no material contracts involving directors' interests existing at period end.

14 Related party transactions (continued)

Responsible Entity's/manager's fees and other transactions

For the period ended 30 June 2026, in accordance with the Fund's governing documents, the Fund incurred a total management fee of 1.00% per annum of the average daily net assets of the Fund. All expenses in connection with the investment management, custody, administration, external auditors and tax advisors were fully borne by the Responsible entity.

All related party transactions are conducted on normal commercial terms and conditions. The transactions during the period and amounts payable at period end between the Fund and the Responsible Entity were as follows:

	30 June 2026
	\$
Investment Manager's fees for the period incurred by the Fund	30,776
Aggregate amounts payable to the Investment Manager at the end of the reporting period	12,346

Related party unitholdings

Related parties to the Fund and other schemes managed by ABIMAL, held units in the Fund as follows:

30 June 2026

Unitholder	Number of units held opening (Units)	Number of units held closing (Units)	Fair value of investment (\$)	Interest held (%)	Number of units acquired (Units)	Number of units disposed (Units)	Distributions paid/payable by the Fund (\$)
AllianceBernstein Australia Ltd	-	4,618,107	5,143,648	100.00	4,618,107	-	51,039

Investments

The Fund did not hold any investments in ABIMAL or its related parties during the period.

15 Events occurring after the reporting period

Subsequent to the period end, on 9 July 2026 the Responsible Entity applied for the Fund to be admitted to trading status on the Securities Exchange operated by Cboe under the Securities Exchange Operating Rules. On 28 July 2026, the Fund commenced trading on the Cboe with the trade Ticker MORE and product name AB Emerging Markets Strategic Core Equities Fund - Active ETF. The Fund is structured to allow its units to be invested in and disposed of either by trading on a Securities Exchange or by direct applications and redemptions. This requires the Fund's units to be on two different sub-unit registers, the broker-sponsored and issuer-sponsored unit registers. The activities and performance of units held on either sub-unit register will not be disclosed separately and disclosed together in the financial report. The Fund's units are fungible regardless of the register on which they are recorded. On 1 August 2026, Cboe was rebranded as TMX. The rebranding occurred due to TMX Group Limited acquiring Cboe Australia effective 31 July 2026.

No other significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period which would impact on the financial position of the Fund disclosed in the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the period ended on that date.

16 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets and liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2026.

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 6 to 28 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its performance, for the financial period ended on that date.
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable, and
- (c) Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

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



Eileen Koo
Director

Sydney
18 September 2026



Independent auditor's report

To the unitholders of AB Emerging Markets Strategic Core Equities Fund

Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of AB Emerging Markets Strategic Core Equities Fund (the Fund) is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its financial performance for the period 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

What we have audited

The financial report comprises:

- the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026;
- the statement of comprehensive income for the period 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026;
- the statement of changes in equity for the period 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026;
- the statement of cash flows for the period 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026;
- the notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information; and
- the directors' declaration.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of our report.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

Other information

The directors of the Responsible Entity of the Fund are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report for the period 9 September 2025 to 30 June 2026, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon through our opinion on the financial report.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the directors of the Responsible Entity of the Fund for the financial report

The directors of the Responsible Entity of the Fund are responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors of the Responsible Entity determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



In preparing the financial report, the directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for assessing the ability of the Fund to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors of the Responsible Entity either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Alexandra Richardson'.

Alexandra Richardson
Partner

Sydney
18 September 2026