

# Spectrum Strategic Income Fund

## Product Disclosure Statement

mFund SPE01  
ARSN 120 567 133  
APIR ETL0072AU  
Issue Date 3 May 2023

### About this PDS

This Product Disclosure Statement ("PDS") has been prepared and issued by Equity Trustees Limited ("Equity Trustees", "we" or "Responsible Entity") and is a summary of the significant information relating to an investment in the Spectrum Strategic Income Fund (the "Fund"). It contains a number of references to important information (including a glossary of terms), contained in the Spectrum Reference Guide ("Reference Guide"), each of which forms part of this PDS. You should carefully read and consider both the information in this PDS, and the information in the Reference Guide, before making a decision about investing in the Fund.

The information provided in this PDS is general information only and does not take account of your personal objectives, financial situation or needs. You should obtain financial and taxation advice tailored to your personal circumstances and consider whether investing in the Fund is appropriate for you in light of those circumstances.

The offer to which this PDS relates is only available to persons receiving this PDS (electronically or otherwise) in Australia.

This PDS does not constitute a direct or indirect offer of securities in the US or to any US Person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933 as amended ("US Securities Act"). Equity Trustees may vary this position and offers may be accepted on merit at Equity Trustees' discretion. The units in the Fund have not been, and will not be, registered under the US Securities Act unless otherwise approved by Equity Trustees and may not be offered or sold in the US to, or for, the account of any US Person (as defined in the Reference Guide) except in a transaction that is exempt from the registration requirements of the US Securities Act and applicable US state securities laws.

### Contents

1. About Equity Trustees Limited
2. How the Spectrum Strategic Income Fund works
3. Benefits of investing in the Spectrum Strategic Income Fund
4. Risks of managed investment schemes
5. How we invest your money
6. Fees and costs
7. How managed investment schemes are taxed
8. How to apply
9. Other information

### The Reference Guide

Throughout the PDS, there are references to additional information contained in the Reference Guide. You can obtain a copy of the PDS and the Reference Guide, free of charge, by visiting [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) or by calling the Equity Trustees Limited on 1300 133 472.

The information contained in the Reference Guide may change between the day you receive this PDS and the day you acquire the product. You must therefore ensure that you have read the Reference Guide current as at the date of your application.

### Updated information

Information in this PDS is subject to change. We will notify you of any changes that have a material adverse impact on you or other significant events that affect the information contained in this PDS. Any information that is not materially adverse information is subject to change from time to time and may be obtained by visiting [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) or by calling Equity Trustees Limited on 1300 133 472. A paper copy of the updated information will be provided free of charge on request.

**Investment Manager**  
Equity Trustees Limited  
ABN 46 004 031 298, AFSL 240975  
GPO Box 2307  
Melbourne VIC 3001  
Ph: +61 1300 133 472  
Web: [www.eqt.com.au](http://www.eqt.com.au)

**Administrator**  
Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd  
Unit Registry  
GPO Box 4968  
Sydney, NSW, 2001  
Phone: 1300 133 451 or +61 2 8259 8888  
Fax: +61 2 9251 3525  
Email: [registry@apexfunds.com](mailto:registry@apexfunds.com)

**Responsible Entity**  
Equity Trustees Limited  
ABN 46 004 031 298, AFSL 240975  
GPO Box 2307  
Melbourne VIC 3001  
Ph: +61 3 8623 5000  
Web: [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto)

# 1. About Equity Trustees Limited

## The Responsible Entity

### Equity Trustees Limited

Equity Trustees Limited ABN 46 004 031 298 AFSL 240975, a subsidiary of EQT Holdings Limited ABN 22 607 797 615, which is a public company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: EQT), is the Fund's responsible entity and issuer of this PDS. Established as a trustee and executorial service provider by a special Act of the Victorian Parliament in 1888, today Equity Trustees is a dynamic financial services institution which continues to grow the breadth and quality of products and services on offer.

Equity Trustees' responsibilities and obligations as the Fund's responsible entity are governed by the Fund's constitution ("Constitution"), the Corporations Act and general trust law. Equity Trustees has appointed Spectrum Asset Management Limited ("Spectrum") as the investment manager of the Fund. Equity Trustees has appointed a custodian to hold the assets of the Fund. The custodian has no supervisory role in relation to the operation of the Fund and is not responsible for protecting your interests.

## The Investment Manager

### Equity Trustees Limited

Equity Trustees Limited ("Equity Trustees" or "ETL") was established in 1888 by an Act of the Victorian Parliament to provide trustee and executor services, offering traditional trustee and estate management services. Equity Trustees has developed into a financial services provider offering a broad range of products and services to a diverse client base. Equity Trustees is the investment manager of the Fund. Equity Trustees is a wholly owned subsidiary of EQT Holdings Limited. Equity Trustees has an experienced team of investment professionals managing over \$3.9bn for clients such as individual investors, corporate superannuation trusts, philanthropic investors and not-for-profit organisations.

# 2. How the Spectrum Strategic Income Fund works

The Fund is a registered managed investment scheme governed by the Constitution. The Fund comprises assets which are acquired in accordance with the Fund's investment strategy. Direct investors receive units in the Fund when they invest. In general, each unit represents an equal interest in the assets of the Fund subject to liabilities; however, it does not give investors an interest in any particular asset of the Fund.

If you invest in the Fund through an IDPS (as defined in the Reference Guide) you will not become an investor in the Fund. The operator or custodian of the IDPS will be the investor entered in the Fund's register and will be the only person who is able to exercise the rights and receive the benefits of a direct investor. Your investment in the Fund through the IDPS will be governed by the terms of your IDPS. Please direct any queries and requests relating to your investment to your IDPS Operator. Unless otherwise stated, the information in the PDS applies to direct investors.

## Applying for units

You can acquire units by completing the Application Form that accompanies this PDS or by making an application through the mFund settlement service ("mFund") by placing a buy order for units with your licensed broker. The minimum initial investment amount for the Fund is \$5,000.

Completed Application Forms should be sent along with your identification documents (if applicable) to:

Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd  
Unit Registry  
GPO Box 4968  
Sydney, NSW, 2001  
Fax: +61 3 8648 6885  
Email: registry@apexgroup.com

Please note that cash cannot be accepted.

If applying via mFund you will need to provide the application money directly to your licensed broker.

We reserve the right to accept or reject applications in whole or in part at our discretion. We have the discretion to delay processing applications where we believe this to be in the best interest of the Fund's investors.

The price at which units are acquired is determined in accordance with the Constitution ("Application Price"). The Application Price on a Business Day is, in general terms, equal to the Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the Fund, divided by the number of units on issue and adjusted for transaction costs ("Buy Spread"). At the date of this PDS, the Buy Spread is 0.05%.

The Application Price will vary as the market value of assets in the Fund rises or falls.

## Making additional investments

You can make additional investments into the Fund at any time by sending us your additional investment amount together with a completed Application Form. The minimum additional investment into the Fund is \$1,000.

## Distributions

An investor's share of any distributable income is calculated in accordance with the Constitution and is generally based on the number of units held by the investor at the end of the distribution period.

The Fund usually distributes income quarterly at the end of March, June, September and December. Distributions are calculated effective the last day of each distribution period and are normally paid to investors as soon as practicable after the distribution calculation date.

Investors in the Fund can indicate a preference to have their distribution:

- reinvested back into the Fund; or
- directly credited to their AUD Australian domiciled bank account.

Investors who do not indicate a preference will have their distributions automatically reinvested. Applications for reinvestment will be taken to be received immediately prior to the next Business Day after the relevant distribution period. There is no Buy Spread on distributions that are reinvested.

In some circumstances, the Constitution may allow for an investor's withdrawal proceeds to be taken to include a component of distributable income.

Indirect Investors should review their IDPS Guide for information on how and when they receive any income distribution.

## Access to your money

Investors in the Fund can generally withdraw their investment by completing a written request to withdraw from the Fund and mailing it to:

Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd  
Unit Registry  
GPO Box 4968  
Sydney, NSW, 2001  
Fax: +61 3 8648 6885  
Email: registry@apexgroup.com

or by fax to +61 2 9251 3525

or by making a withdrawal request through mFund by placing a sell order for units with your licensed broker

The minimum withdrawal amount is \$1,000. Once we receive and accept your withdrawal request, we may act on your instruction without further enquiry if the instruction bears your account number or investor details and your (apparent) signature(s), or your authorised signatory's (apparent) signature(s) or if the withdrawal is received via mFund.

Equity Trustees will generally allow an investor to access their investment within 7 days of acceptance of a withdrawal request by transferring the withdrawal proceeds to such investor's nominated bank account or, where the request is received via mFund, to the investor's licensed broker. However, Equity Trustees is allowed to reject withdrawal requests, and also to make payment up to 60 days after acceptance of a request (which may be extended in certain circumstances) as outlined in the Constitution and Reference Guide.

We reserve the right to accept or reject withdrawal requests in whole or in part at our discretion.

The price at which units are withdrawn is determined in accordance with the Constitution ("Withdrawal Price"). The Withdrawal Price on a Business Day is, in general terms, equal to the NAV of the Fund, divided by the number of units on issue and adjusted for transaction costs ("Sell Spread"). At the date of this PDS, the Sell Spread is 0.05%.

The Withdrawal Price will vary as the market value of assets in the Fund rises or falls.

Equity Trustees reserves the right to fully redeem your investment if your investment balance in the Fund falls below \$4,000 as a result of processing your withdrawal request. In certain circumstances, for example, when there is a freeze on withdrawals, where accepting a withdrawal is not in the best interests of investors in the Fund including due to one or more circumstances outside its control or where the Fund is not liquid (as defined in the Corporations Act), Equity Trustees can deny or suspend a withdrawal request and you may not be able to withdraw your funds in the usual processing times or at all. When the Fund is not liquid, an investor can only withdraw when Equity Trustees makes a withdrawal offer to investors in accordance with the Corporations Act. Equity Trustees is not obliged to make such offers.

If you are an Indirect Investor, you need to provide your withdrawal request directly to your IDPS Operator. The time to process a withdrawal request will depend on the particular IDPS Operator and the terms of the IDPS.

### Unit pricing discretions policy

Equity Trustees has developed a formal written policy in relation to the guidelines and relevant factors taken into account when exercising any discretion in calculating unit prices (including determining the value of the assets and liabilities). A copy of the policy and, where applicable and to the extent required, any other relevant documents in relation to the policy will be made available free of charge on request.

### Additional information

If and when the Fund has 100 or more direct investors, it will be classified by the Corporations Act as a 'disclosing entity'. As a disclosing entity, the Fund will be subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations. Investors would then have a right to obtain a copy, free of charge, of any of the following documents:

- the most recent annual financial report lodged with ASIC ("Annual Report");
- any subsequent half yearly financial report lodged with ASIC after the lodgement of the Annual Report; and
- any continuous disclosure notices lodged with ASIC after the Annual Report but before the date of this PDS.

Equity Trustees will comply with any continuous disclosure obligation by lodging documents with ASIC as and when required.

Copies of these documents lodged with ASIC in relation to the Fund may be obtained from ASIC through ASIC's website.

#### Further reading

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide about:

- Application cut-off times;
- Application terms;
- Authorised signatories;
- Reports;
- Withdrawal cut-off times;
- Withdrawal terms; and
- Withdrawal restrictions,

under the "Investing in the Spectrum Strategic Income Fund", "Managing your investment" and "Withdrawing your investment" sections before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto). The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 3. Benefits of investing in the Spectrum Strategic Income Fund

The Fund is an actively managed portfolio of debt and income securities designed to deliver reliable income.

### The significant benefits and features of investing in the Fund include:

- access to the expertise of an active manager of credit who utilises an investment process that combines fundamental research with disciplined portfolio construction and risk controls;
- access to a diversified portfolio of debt and hybrid debt securities;

- access to investments which may be only be offered to institutional investors;
- strong focus on income generation, with some opportunity of capital gain; and
- regular reporting to keep you up to date on your investments.

## 4. Risks of managed investment schemes

All investments carry risks. Different investment strategies may carry different levels of risk, depending on the assets acquired under the strategy. Assets with the highest long-term returns may also carry the highest level of short-term risk. The significant risks below should be considered in light of your risk profile when deciding whether to invest in the Fund. Your risk profile will vary depending on a range of factors, including your age, the investment time frame (how long you wish to invest for), your other investments or assets and your risk tolerance.

Neither the Responsible Entity nor the Investment Manager guarantee the liquidity of the Fund's investments, repayment of capital or any rate of return or the Fund's investment performance. The value of the Fund's investments will vary. Returns are not guaranteed and you may lose money by investing in the Fund. The level of returns will vary and future returns may differ from past returns. Laws affecting managed investment schemes may change in the future. The structure and administration of the Fund is also subject to change.

In addition, we do not offer advice that takes into account your personal financial situation, including advice about whether the Fund is suitable for your circumstances. If you require personal financial or taxation advice, you should contact a licensed financial adviser and/or taxation adviser.

### Credit risk

The risk that an issuer of a security in which the Fund invests will be unable to meet its obligations under the terms of the relevant security is usually referred to as credit risk. These obligations may include scheduled interest payments and or repayment of principal. Spectrum aims to manage these risks with careful analysis of research from many sources and making qualitative and quantitative credit assessments of issuers of the security using available research.

### Extension risk

The risk that issuers may elect to extend the repayment of certain securities and pay a higher interest rate to the Fund. While the issuer will pay a higher rate of interest to the Fund, the delayed repayment of capital of a security may cause a delay in the reinvestment of capital.

### Hybrid securities

Hybrid securities have the characteristics of both fixed interest (debt) and equity investments. They have an exposure to interest rate risk as well as market risk in relation to equity markets. Some hybrid securities are able to be converted from convertible bonds into shares. There is the added risk they may not be readily exchanged for cash or an equivalent asset value.

### Inflation risk

Inflation risk is the risk that returns will not be sufficiently higher than inflation to enable an investor to meet their financial goals.

### Interest rate risk

Changes in official interest rates can directly and indirectly impact on investment returns.

### Issuer risk

The value of investments can vary because of changes to management, product distribution or the issuer's business environment.

### Key personnel risk

Spectrum is currently dependent upon the expertise of their existing management team – the performance of the Fund could be adversely affected if key members of the investment team do not continue to provide their services.

### Liquidity risk

There may be times when securities may not be readily sold (for example, in a falling market where some traded securities may become less liquid) and investors may not be able to withdraw their investments in the Fund.

Management risk

The Fund is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment portfolio. Investment techniques and risk analyses will be used in making investment decisions for the Fund, but there can be no guarantee that these will produce the desired results.

Market risk

Changes in legal and economic policy, political events technology failure, economic cycles, investor sentiment and social climate can all directly or indirectly create an environment that may influence (negatively or positively) the value of your investment in the Fund.

Reinvestment risk

This is the risk that arises if the Fund receives significant amounts of cash from securities that mature or are redeemed and there is a lack of suitable securities for the Fund to invest in, within the terms of the investment model.

Sector specific risk

Companies in certain industries face unprecedented change and competitive pressures. Accordingly, the securities of these companies may be subject to high price volatility. These companies face competition from technologies and processes (being developed or to be developed in the future) which may make their products or services obsolete.

Security selection risk

While the Investment Manager expects to add value from its stock selection efforts, this may not be the case especially over the short-term. Investors might therefore consider an investment in the Fund as just one element of a well diversified portfolio. The Investment Manger may make poor investment decisions resulting in sub-standard returns (for example, where The Investment Manager gains exposure to a security on behalf of the Fund that significantly underperforms relative to other securities). Security selection risk is mitigated to some extent by the knowledge and experience of the Investment Manager. Credit rating downgrades result when ratings agencies lower their rating on a security – for example a ratings change from A to BBB. Downgrades are usually accompanied by price declines as the market requires higher credit margins.

Sovereign risk

This is the risk that may result from changed circumstances of a particular country. The risks may be perceived or actual, relating to ratings changes, perceptions of default, or currency movements and may impact the liquidity and trading spreads of securities.

Structural risk

This is the risk that structured securities may not perform as expected. This may be due to changes in credit ratings, non performance of underlying asset pool(s) or counterparty default and may result in non payment of interest, or delay / non payment of capital.

Pandemic and other unforeseen event risk

Health crises, such as pandemic and epidemic diseases, as well as other catastrophes that interrupt the expected course of events, such as natural disasters, war or civil disturbance, acts of terrorism, power outages and other unforeseeable and external events, and the public response to or fear of such diseases or events, have and may in the future have an adverse effect on the economies and financial markets either in specific countries or worldwide and consequently on the value of the Fund's investments. Further, under such circumstances the operations, including functions such as trading and valuation, of the Investment Manager, Fund Manager and other service providers could be reduced, delayed, suspended or otherwise disrupted.

5. How we invest your money

**Warning:** When choosing to invest in the Fund or an option of the Fund, you should consider the likely investment returns, the risks of investing and your investment time frame.

Investment objective

To generate returns in excess of the benchmark by investing in a diversified portfolio of debt and income securities.

Benchmark

Cash Rate determined by Reserve Bank of Australia.

Minimum suggested time frame

The minimum suggested investment time frame for the Fund is 3 – 5 years.

Risk level

Medium

Investor suitability

The Fund is suited for investors who:

- have a low tolerance for volatility of returns; and
- are more focused on income generation than capital gain.

Investment style and approach

The Investment Manager will seek to provide enhanced returns by selecting securities that are considered to have the potential to offer strong returns together with the potential for capital appreciation. The Investment Manager has developed an investment process that has been specifically tailored for Australian market conditions. The key elements of the investment process are:

- taking a global macroeconomic and political view of the likely future level of interest rates;
- using quantitative techniques and credit research to identify stocks that the Investment Manager expects to offer a yield premium in excess of the market for a particular creditworthiness;
- taking a medium term investment horizon view, whilst seeking to maintain appropriate liquidity requirements associated with a managed fund;
- adhering to a portfolio based investment process that features a disciplined approach to diversification and a comprehensive limit system; and
- engaging in active management of credit.

The Investment Manager utilises an investment process that combines fundamental research with disciplined portfolio construction and risk controls. Various analysis techniques are applied to make decisions about the selection of individual investments as well as changing the mix of securities held in the portfolio on an ongoing basis. The Investment Manager supplements its own research with external research from local and international sources.

Fund investments will be comprised of assets drawn from the following security types:

- listed and unlisted corporate debt, financial, government and government-related debt securities;
- listed income securities and convertible notes issued by corporate issuers and financial issuers;
- investment grade collateralised mortgage and debt obligations, residential and commercial mortgage backed and other asset backed securities;
- international government agency securities issued in Australian dollars; and
- term deposits and bank certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances.

Asset allocation

The Fund will predominantly adhere to the following investment restrictions. If the portfolio falls outside of these limits due to changes in ratings or values, Spectrum will seek to rebalance the portfolio where appropriate.

Ratings	
Investment grade securities	0 – 100%
Sub investment grade and unrated securities	0 – 25%
Sectors	
Australian trading bank	0 – 50%
Non-Australian trading bank	0 – 15%
Sectors other than banks	No More than 30% per sector
Other limits	
Floating rate securities	50 – 100%

## Changing the investment strategy

The investment strategy and asset allocation parameters may be changed. If a change is to be made, investors in the Fund will be notified in accordance with the Corporations Act.

## Labour, environmental, social and ethical considerations

Equity Trustees and the Investment Manager do not generally take into account labour standards or environmental, social or ethical considerations for the purpose of selecting, retaining or realising investments.

## Fund performance

Up to date information on the performance of the Fund can be obtained from [www.spectruminvest.com.au](http://www.spectruminvest.com.au). A free of charge paper copy of the information will also be available on request.

# 6. Fees and costs

### DID YOU KNOW?

Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long-term returns.

For example, total annual fees and costs of 2% of your investment balance rather than 1% could reduce your final return by up to 20% over a 30-year period (for example, reduce it from \$100,000 to \$80,000).

You should consider whether features such as superior investment performance or the provision of better member services justify higher fees and costs.

You may be able to negotiate to pay lower fees. Ask the fund or your financial adviser.

### TO FIND OUT MORE

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)** Moneysmart website ([www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au)) has a managed funds fee calculator to help you check out different fee options.

The information in the following Fees and Costs Summary can be used to compare costs between different simple managed investment schemes. Fees and costs can be paid directly from an investor's account or deducted from investment returns. For information on tax please see Section 7 of this PDS.

## Fees and Costs Summary

Spectrum Strategic Income Fund		
Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
<b>Ongoing annual fees and costs<sup>1</sup></b>		
<i>Management fees and costs</i> The fees and costs for managing your investment <sup>2</sup>	0.75% of the NAV of the Fund	The management fees component of management fees and costs are accrued daily and paid from the Fund monthly in arrears and reflected in the unit price. Otherwise, the fees and costs are variable and deducted and reflected in the unit price of the Fund as they are incurred.
<i>Performance fees</i> Amounts deducted from your investment in relation to the performance of the product	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Spectrum Strategic Income Fund		
Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
<i>Transaction costs</i> The costs incurred by the scheme when buying or selling assets	0.00% of the NAV of the Fund	Transaction costs are variable and deducted from the Fund as they are incurred and reflected in the unit price. They are disclosed net of amounts recovered by the buy-sell spread.
<b>Member activity related fees and costs (fees for services or when your money moves in or out of the scheme)</b>		
<i>Establishment fee</i> The fee to open your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Contribution fee</i> The fee on each amount contributed to your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Buy-sell spread</i> An amount deducted from your investment representing costs incurred in transactions by the scheme	0.05% upon entry and 0.05% upon exit	These costs are an additional cost to the investor but are incorporated into the unit price and arise when investing application monies and funding withdrawals from the Fund and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into the Fund as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Fund as part of a redemption.
<i>Withdrawal fee</i> The fee on each amount you take out of your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Exit fee</i> The fee to close your investment	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Switching fee</i> The fee for changing investment options	Not applicable	Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> All fees quoted above are inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST) and net of any Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC). See below for more details as to how the relevant fees and costs are calculated.

<sup>2</sup> The management fee component of management fees and costs can be negotiated. See "Differential fees" in the "Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs" below.

## Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs

### Management fees and costs

The management fees and costs include amounts payable for administering and operating the Fund, investing the assets of the Fund, expenses and reimbursements in relation to the Fund and indirect costs if applicable.

Management fees and costs do not include performance fees or transaction costs, which are disclosed separately.

The management fees component of management fees and costs of 0.75% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund is payable to the Responsible Entity of the Fund for managing the assets and overseeing the operations of the Fund. The management fees component is accrued daily and paid from the Fund monthly in arrears and reflected in the unit price. As at the date of this PDS, the management fees component covers certain ordinary expenses such as Responsible Entity fees, investment management fees, custodian fees, and administration and audit fees.

The indirect costs and other expenses component of 0.00% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund may include other ordinary expenses of operating the Fund, as well as management fees and costs (if any) arising from interposed vehicles in or through which the Fund invests. The indirect costs and other expenses component are variable and reflected in the unit price of the Fund as the relevant fees and costs are incurred. They are borne by investors, but they are not paid to the Responsible Entity or Investment Manager. The indirect costs and other expenses component is based on the relevant costs incurred during the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

Actual indirect costs for the current and future years may differ. If in future there is an increase to indirect costs disclosed in this PDS, updates will be provided on Equity Trustees' website at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) where they are not otherwise required to be disclosed to investors under law.

Transaction costs

In managing the assets of the Fund, the Fund may incur transaction costs such as brokerage, buy-sell spreads in respect of the underlying investments of the Fund, settlement costs, clearing costs and applicable stamp duty when assets are bought and sold. Transaction costs also include costs incurred by interposed vehicles in which the Fund invests (if any), that would have been transaction costs if they had been incurred by the Fund itself. Transaction costs are an additional cost to the investor where they are not recovered by the Buy/Sell Spread, and are generally incurred when the assets of the Fund are changed in connection with day-to-day trading or when there are applications or withdrawals which cause net cash flows into or out of the Fund.

The Buy/Sell Spread that is disclosed in the Fees and Costs Summary is a reasonable estimate of transaction costs that the Fund will incur when buying or selling assets of the Fund. These costs are an additional cost to the investor but are incorporated into the unit price and arise when investing application monies and funding withdrawals from the Fund and are not separately charged to the investor. The Buy Spread is paid into the Fund as part of an application and the Sell Spread is left in the Fund as part of a redemption and not paid to Equity Trustees or the Investment Manager. The estimated Buy/Sell Spread is 0.05% upon entry and 0.05% upon exit. The dollar value of these costs based on an application or a withdrawal of \$5,000 is \$2.50 for each individual transaction. The Buy/Sell Spread can be altered by the Responsible Entity at any time and [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto) will be updated as soon as practicable to reflect any change. The Responsible Entity may also waive the Buy/Sell Spread in part or in full at its discretion. The transaction costs figure in the Fees and Costs Summary is shown net of any amount recovered by the Buy/Sell Spread charged by the Responsible Entity.

Transaction costs generally arise through the day-to-day trading of the Fund's assets and are reflected in the Fund's unit price as an additional cost to the investor, as and when they are incurred.

The gross transaction costs for the Fund are 0.01% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund, which is based on the relevant costs incurred during the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

However, actual transaction costs for future years may differ.

Can the fees change?

Yes, all fees can change without investor consent, subject to the maximum fee amounts specified in the Constitution. The current maximum management fee to which Equity Trustees is entitled is 1.10% of the NAV of the Fund. However, Equity Trustees does not intend to charge that amount and will generally provide investors with at least 30 days' notice of any proposed increase to the management fees component of management fees and costs. In most circumstances, the Constitution defines the maximum level that can be charged for fees described in this PDS. Equity Trustees also has the right to recover all reasonable expenses incurred in relation to the proper performance of its duties in managing the Fund and as such these expenses may increase or decrease accordingly, without notice.

Payments to IDPS Operators

Subject to the law, annual payments may be made to some IDPS Operators because they offer the Fund on their investment menus. Product access is paid by the Investment Manager out of its investment management fee and is not an additional cost to the investor.

Differential fees

The Investment Manager may from time to time negotiate a different fee arrangement (by way of a rebate or waiver of fees) with certain investors who are Australian Wholesale Clients. Please contact the Investment Manager on 1300 133 472 for further information.

mFund

Warning: if you are transacting through mFund your stockbroker or accredited intermediary may charge you additional fees (see their Financial Services Guide).

Example of annual fees and costs for an investment option

This table gives an example of how the ongoing annual fees and costs in the investment option for this product can affect your investment over a 1-year period. You should use this table to compare this product with other products offered by managed investment schemes.

EXAMPLE – Spectrum Strategic Income Fund		
BALANCE OF \$50,000 WITH A CONTRIBUTION OF \$5,000 DURING THE YEAR		
Contribution Fees	Nil	For every additional \$5,000 you put in, you will be charged \$0
Plus Management fees and costs	0.75% p.a.	And, for every \$50,000 you have in the Spectrum Strategic Income Fund you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$375 each year
Plus Performance fees	0.00%	And, you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$0 in performance fees each year
Plus Transaction costs	0.00% p.a.	And, you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$0 in transaction costs
Equals Cost of Spectrum Strategic Income Fund		If you had an investment of \$50,000 at the beginning of the year and you put in an additional \$5,000 during that year, you would be charged fees and costs of: \$375* <b>What it costs you will depend on the investment option you choose and the fees you negotiate.</b>

\* Additional fees may apply. Please note that this example does not capture all the fees and costs that may apply to you such as the Buy/Sell Spread.

This example assumes the \$5,000 contribution occurs at the end of the first year, therefore the fees and costs are calculated using the \$50,000 balance only.

**Warning: If you have consulted a financial adviser, you may pay additional fees. You should refer to the Statement of Advice or Financial Services Guide provided by your financial adviser in which details of the fees are set out.**

ASIC provides a fee calculator on [www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au), which you may use to calculate the effects of fees and costs on account balances.

The indirect costs and other expenses component of management fees and costs and transaction costs may also be based on estimates. As a result, the total fees and costs that you are charged may differ from the figures shown in the table.

### Further reading

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide about fees and costs under the "Fees and other costs" section before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto). The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 7. How managed investment schemes are taxed

**Warning:** Investing in a registered managed investment scheme (such as the Fund) is likely to have tax consequences. You are strongly advised to seek your own professional tax advice about the applicable Australian tax (including income tax, GST and duty) consequences and, if appropriate, foreign tax consequences which may apply to you based on your particular circumstances before investing in the Fund.

The Fund is an Australian resident for tax purposes and does not generally pay tax on behalf of its investors. Australian resident investors are assessed for tax on any income and capital gains generated by the Fund to which they become presently entitled or, where the Fund has made a choice to be an Attribution Managed Investment Trust ("AMIT") and the choice is effective for the income year, are attributed to them.

### Further reading

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide about Taxation under the "Other important information" section before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto). The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 8. How to apply

Investors can complete the application process online (please go to <https://spectrum.apexgrouportal.com/apply> for further instructions) or via the hard copy Application Form accompanying this PDS. If you choose to apply for units in the Fund online you will be required to register, confirm your acceptance of the terms and conditions, and download a copy of this PDS prior to proceeding. The online application includes the option of completing your AML and KYC requirements online, and submitting the application directly. For details please visit our website [www.spectruminvest.com.au](http://www.spectruminvest.com.au).

You can also apply via the mFund settlement service ("mFund") by placing a buy order for units with your licensed broker. If applying via mFund you will need to provide the application money directly to your licensed broker.

Alternatively (hard copy) applications can be made by completing the Application Form accompanying this PDS, and direct credit funds by electronic transfer (details are in the Application Form), and send your Application Form to:

Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd  
Unit Registry  
GPO Box 4968  
Sydney, NSW, 2001  
Phone: 1300 133 451 or +61 2 8259 8888  
Fax: +612 9251 3525  
Email: [registry@apexfunds.com.au](mailto:registry@apexfunds.com.au)

Additional applications may be faxed to +61 2 92513525.

Please note that cash cannot be accepted and all applications must be made in Australian dollars.

### Who can invest?

Eligible persons (as detailed in the 'About this PDS' section) can invest, however individual investors must be 18 years of age or over. Investors investing through an IDPS should use the application form provided by their IDPS Operator.

### Cooling off period

If you are a Retail Client (as defined in the Corporation Act) who has invested directly in the Fund, you may have a right to a 'cooling off' period in relation to your investment in the Fund for 14 days from the earlier of:

- confirmation of the investment being received; and
- the end of the fifth business day after the units are issued.

A Retail Client may exercise this right by notifying Equity Trustees in writing. A Retail Client is entitled to a refund of their investment adjusted for any increase or decrease in the relevant Application Price between the time we process your application and the time we receive the notification from you, as well as any other tax and other reasonable administrative expenses and transaction costs associated with the acquisition and termination of the investment. The right of a Retail Client to cool off does not apply in certain limited situations, such as if the issue is made under a distribution reinvestment plan, switching facility or represents additional contributions required under an existing agreement. Also, the right to cool off does not apply to you if you choose to exercise your rights or powers as a unit holder in the Fund during the 14 day period, this could include selling part of your investment or switching it to another product.

Indirect Investors should seek advice from their IDPS Operator as to whether cooling off rights apply to an investment in the Fund by the IDPS. The right to cool off in relation to the Fund is not directly available to an Indirect Investor. This is because an Indirect Investor does not acquire the rights of a unitholder in the Fund. Rather, an Indirect Investor directs the IDPS Operator to arrange for their monies to be invested in the Fund on their behalf. The terms and conditions of the IDPS Guide or similar type document will govern an Indirect Investor's investment in relation to the Fund and any rights an Indirect Investor may have in this regard.

### Complaints resolution

Equity Trustees has an established complaints handling process and is committed to properly considering and resolving all complaints. If you have a complaint about your investment, please contact us on:

Phone: 1300 133 472  
Post: Equity Trustees Limited  
GPO Box 2307, Melbourne VIC 3001  
Email: [compliance@eqt.com.au](mailto:compliance@eqt.com.au)

We will acknowledge receipt of the complaint within 1 Business Day or as soon as possible after receiving the complaint. We will seek to resolve your complaint as soon as practicable but not more than 30 calendar days after receiving the complaint.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your complaint, you may be able to lodge a complaint with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority ("AFCA").

Contact details are:  
Online: [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)  
Phone: 1800 931 678  
Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)  
Post: GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001.

The external dispute resolution body is established to assist you in resolving your complaint where you have been unable to do so with us. However, it's important that you contact us first.

## 9. Other information

### Consent

The Investment Manager has given and, as at the date of this PDS, has not withdrawn:

- its written consent to be named in this PDS as the investment manager of the Fund; and
- its written consent to the inclusion of the statements made about it which are specifically attributed to it, in the form and context in which they appear.

The Investment Manager has not otherwise been involved in the preparation of this PDS or caused or otherwise authorised the issue of this PDS. None of the Investment Manager nor their employees or officers accept any responsibility arising in any way for errors or omissions, other than those statements for which they have provided their written consent to Equity Trustees for inclusion in this PDS.

## mFund Settlement Service

You must use a mFund accredited and licensed broker to facilitate your transactions on mFund. Your chosen broker may charge you additional fees which are not outlined in the Fees and Costs section of this PDS.

### Further reading

You should read the important information in the Reference Guide about:

- Your privacy;
- The Constitution;
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing ("AML/CTF");
- NAV for the Fund;
- Indirect Investors;
- Information on underlying investments;
- Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"); and
- Common Reporting Standard ("CRS"),

under the "Other important information" section before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at [www.eqt.com.au/insto](http://www.eqt.com.au/insto). The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.



# Spectrum Strategic Income Fund

## Application Form

This application form accompanies the Product Disclosure Statement ('PDS')/Information Memorandum ('IM') relating to units in the following product/s issued by Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298, AFSL 240975). The PDS/IM contains information about investing in the Fund/Trust. You should read the PDS/IM in its entirety before applying.

- **Spectrum Strategic Income Fund**

The law prohibits any person passing this Application Form on to another person unless it is accompanied by a complete PDS/IM.

- If completing by hand, use a black or blue pen and print within the boxes in BLOCK LETTERS, if you make a mistake, cross it out and initial. DO NOT use correction fluid
- The investor(s) must complete and sign this form
- Keep a photocopy of your completed Application Form for your records

**U.S. Persons: This offer is not open to any U.S. Person. Please refer to the PDS/IM for further information.**

### Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA") and Common Reporting Standard ("CRS")

We are required to collect certain information to comply with FATCA and CRS, please ensure you complete section 7.

#### If investing with an authorised representative, agent or financial adviser

Please ensure you, your authorised representative, agent and/or financial adviser also complete Section 6.

#### Financial adviser details and customer identification declaration

You do not need to provide copies of your certified identification documentation with your Application Form if this information has been provided to your licensed financial adviser and your licensed financial adviser has elected to retain this information, and agreed to make it available upon request, under Section 6 of this Application Form.

#### Provide certified copies of your identification documents

Please refer to section 9 on AML/CTF Identity Verification Requirements.

#### Send your documents & make your payment

See section 2 for payment options and where to send your application form.

## Section 1 - Are you an existing investor in the Fund/Trust and wish to add to your investment?

**Do you have an existing investment in the Fund/Trust and the information provided remains current and correct?**

☐

**Yes**, if you can tick both of the boxes below, complete Sections 2 and 8

☐

I/We confirm there are no changes to our identification documents previously provided.

☐

I/We confirm there have been no changes to our FATCA or CRS status

**If there have been changes in your identification documents or FACTA/CRS status since your last application, please complete the full Application Form as indicated below.**

☐

**No**, please complete sections relevant to you as indicated below:

#### Investor Type:

☐

**Individuals/Joint:** complete section 2, 3, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8 & 9

☐

**Companies:** complete section 2, 4, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8 & 9

☐

**Trusts/superannuation funds:**

- with an individual trustee - complete sections 2, 3, 5, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8 & 9
- with a company as a trustee – complete sections 2, 4, 5, 6 (if applicable), 7, 8 & 9

If you are an Association, Co-operative, Government Body or other type of entity not listed above, please contact Equity Trustees.

## Section 2 - Investment details

Investment to be held in the name(s) of (must include name(s) of investor(s))

Postal address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Country

Email address

Contact no.

Fund/Trust Name	APIR code	Application amount (AUD)
Spectrum Strategic Income Fund	ETL0072AU	\$

The minimum initial investment is \$5,000

### Distribution Instructions

If you do not select a distribution option, we will automatically reinvest your distribution. If you select cash, please ensure you provide your bank details below.

- ☐ **Reinvest distributions** if you select this option your distribution will be reinvested in the Fund/Trust
- ☐ **Pay distributions to the bank** if you select this option your distribution will be paid to the bank account below

### Investor bank details

For withdrawals and distributions (if applicable), these must match the investor(s)' name and **must be an AUD-denominated bank account with an Australian domiciled bank.**

Financial institution name and branch location

BSB number

Account number

Account name

### Payment method

- ☐ **Cheque – payable to Equity Trustee Limited as RE for Spectrum Strategic Income Fund**
- ☐ **Direct credit – pay to:**

Financial institution name and branch location	National Australia Bank Limited, 105 Miller Street, North Sydney, NSW 2060
BSB number	082 401
Account number	11 730 8076
Account name	Equity Trustee Limited as RE for Spectrum Strategic Income Fund
Reference	<Investor Name>

- ☐ **Direct debit – complete below:**

I/we request and authorise Apex Fund Services (Australia) Pty Ltd. (Direct Debit User ID **XXX**) to arrange, through its own financial institution, a debit to my/our nominated account any amount Equity Trustees has deemed payable by me/us. This debit or charge will be made through the Bulk Electronic Clearing System ("BECS") from my/our account held at the financial institution I/we have nominated below and will be subject to the "Direct Debit terms and conditions" (contained in the PDS/IM).

Financial institution name and branch location

BSB number

Account number

Account name

**\* Please ensure you sign the following page**

**Acknowledgement**

By signing and/or providing Equity Trustees with a valid instruction in respect to my/our direct debit request, I/we have understood and agreed to the terms and conditions governing the debit arrangements between me/us and Equity Trustees as set out in the "Direct Debit terms and conditions" (contained in the PDS/IM).

**Signature – Investor 1****Date****Signature – Investor 2****Date**

If signing for a company please include full name and capacity for signing (e.g. director)

**Source of investment**

Please indicate the source of the investment amount (e.g. retirement savings, employment income):

**Send your completed Application Form to:**

**Apex Fund Services (Australia) Pty Ltd.**

PO Box 189, Flinders Lane, VIC 8009

Additional applications may be faxed to: +61 1300 133 451

**Please ensure you have completed all relevant sections and signed the Application Form**

