# Artesian Green & Sustainable **Bond Fund**



## **Product Disclosure Statement**

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#### **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 Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund (the "Fund"). It contains a number of references to important information (including a glossary of terms), contained in the Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund 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 in Australia and New Zealand (electronically or otherwise). New Zealand investors must read the Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund New Zealand Investor Information Sheet before investing in the Fund. All references to dollars or "\$" in this PDS are to Australian dollars. New Zealand investors wishing to invest in the Fund should be aware that there may be different tax implications of investing in the Fund and should seek their own tax advice as

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.

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## 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, Target Market Determination and the Reference Guide, free of charge, by emailing the Investment Manager greenbondoperations@artesianinvest.com, visiting www.artesianinvest.com, calling +61 3 9028 7392 or by calling the Responsible Entity.

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 emailing the Investment Manager on greenbondoperations@artesianinvest.com, visiting www.artesianinvest.com, calling +61 3 9028 7392. A paper copy of the updated information will be provided free of charge on request.

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## 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 Artesian Corporate Bond Pty Ltd 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

## Artesian Corporate Bond Pty Ltd ("Investment Manager")

Artesian Capital Management ("Artesian") is an alternative investment management company that was part of ANZ Banking Group's capital markets business until 2004 when it became a standalone business. Artesian is wholly owned by its directors and employees. Since 2004, Artesian has managed specialised funds focused on credit arbitrage and relative-value strategies across global financial markets. Artesian has offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Singapore, Shanghai, London and New York and leverages its global relationships, risk systems, knowledge and research with the aim of delivering above market returns for investors.

## How the Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond 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. The minimum initial investment amount for the Fund is \$25,000.

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

Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd Client Services Registry Team GPO Box 4968 Sydney, NSW, 2001

Please note that cash cannot be accepted.

Additional applications may be faxed to +61 2 9251 3525 or emailed to registry@apexgroup.com (please insert the fund name in the subject line of the email).

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 0.10%.

The Buy/Sell Spread may change depending on the liquidity of the assets within the Fund's portfolio at that time www.artesianinvest.com/green-and-sustainable-bond-fund will be updated as soon as practicable to reflect any change.

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 is \$5,000. Investors who wish to establish a regular savings plan will need to complete the direct debit section of the Application Form. The minimum additional investment into the Fund through the regular savings plan each month is \$1,000, provided the investor also holds a minimum investment balance of \$25,000. All direct debits are subject to the Direct Debit Request Service Agreement and this agreement is in the Reference Guide. It can also be found at www.eqt.com.au/insto.

#### 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

The Fund usually distributes income quarterly at the end of March, June, September and December, however, Equity Trustees may change the distribution frequency without notice. 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 Australian dollar 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.

New Zealand investors can elect to have their distribution directly credited to their nominated Australian domiciled or New Zealand domiciled bank account where provided, otherwise it must be reinvested (refer to the Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund -New Zealand Investor Information Sheet).

#### 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

Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd Client Services Registry Team **GPO Box 4968** Sydney, NSW, 2001

Or sending it by fax to: +61 2 9251 3525

Or emailing the request to registry@apexgroup.com (please insert the fund name in the subject line).

The minimum withdrawal amount is \$5,000. 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).

Equity Trustees will generally allow an investor to access their investment within 3-5 days of acceptance of a withdrawal request by transferring the withdrawal proceeds to such investor's nominated AUD denominated Australian domiciled bank account. However, Equity Trustees is allowed to reject withdrawal requests, and also to make payment up to 21 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

The Buy/Sell Spread may change depending on the liquidity of the assets within the Fund's portfolio at that time and www.artesianinvest.com/green-and-sustainable-bond-fund will be updated as soon as practicable to reflect any change.

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 \$25,000 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;
- Regular saving plan;
- Authorised signatories;
- Reports;
- Withdrawal cut-off times;
- Withdrawal terms; and
- Withdrawal restrictions,

under the "Investing in the Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund", "Managing your investment" and "Withdrawing your investment" sections before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at www.egt.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 Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund

The Fund will invest in global green, sustainable and social bonds and cash. These bonds will be issued by Australian and international companies and governments. Whilst the focus of the Fund will be to invest in corporate bonds, the Fund is also permitted to investment in government bonds.

The Fund will invest in liquid securities which allow the Investment Manager to enter and exit positions easily (in normal market conditions) resulting in daily liquidity for investors. As this is a new fund, it may not be possible to fully implement the investment strategy and asset allocation parameters until the Fund reaches a particular size (for further details see section 5 "How we invest your

Investing in the Fund may offer a number of benefits, including:

- a) access to investment opportunities and diversification that individual investors are otherwise unable to achieve;
- b) a disciplined risk management process that manages different levels of investment risk relative to anticipated investment returns;
- c) an experienced, skilled investment management team, with a broad and multi-faceted base of knowledge and experience; and d) participation in any income distributions from the Fund.

## **Further Reading**

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

- Fund overview;
- Investment approach; and
- Why invest in bonds?

under the "Features and benefits" section before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at 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.

## 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.

The Responsible Entity does not 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.

## The significant risks of the Fund include (but are not limited to):

#### Market risk

Investment returns are influenced by the performance of the market as a whole. Economic, technological, political, legal factors, pandemic outbreaks and market sentiment can change. These changes may affect the value of investment markets, the Fund's investments and the value of the units.

#### Investment specific risk

The price of a specific investment of the Fund may be affected by market risk (above) but also by factors which are specific to that investment; for example, a circumstance or change impacting a particular company, sector, region or type of product in which the Fund has invested.

### Liquidity risk

Under abnormal or difficult market conditions, some normally liquid assets may become illiquid, restricting the Investment Manager's ability to sell them and the Responsible Entity's ability to make withdrawal payments to investors without a potentially significant delay.

#### Investment manager risk

Like other investment managers, the Investment Manager's approach directly impacts the value of the Fund's performance. There is no guarantee the Fund will achieve its performance objective or produce results that are positive. Changes in key personnel within the Investment Manager may also impact the Fund's future return.

### Fund risk

Risks specific to the Fund include the risk that the Fund could terminate and that the fees and costs payable by the Fund could change. There is also a risk that investing in the Fund may give different results than direct investing because of income or capital gains accrued in the Fund and the consequences of investments and withdrawals by other investors.

### Currency risk

The Fund may invest in securities denominated in currencies other than Australian dollars. If these currencies change in value relative to the Australian dollar, the value of the investment can change. The Investment Manager will typically hedge currency risk to Australian dollars.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the loss incurred when the borrower or an issuer of a security fails to pay their principal or interest obligations when they are due. This is the primary risk within the portfolio and it is analysed in many different ways by the Investment Manager. Credit limits, which are set through risk management processes, provide a framework for the amount of credit risk that the Fund can take, and this risk can be supplemented or hedged through the use of tools such as credit derivative products.

## Counterparty risk

There is a risk that a counterparty may breach its obligations. This could include, but is not limited to, failing to make settlement payments or returning margin payments.

#### Interest rate risk

The yield and face value of securities can be affected by interest rate movement. In instances where interest rates rise, the face value of certain fixed rate securities may decline. Equally, in circumstances where interest rates decline, the yield of certain floating rate securities will drop to reflect the floating rate nature of the yield. Also, longer term interest rate expectations have the ability to impact the value of longer dated fixed rate securities. The expectation of future rates is embodied in the "yield curve".

#### Derivative risk

The Investment Manager may use derivatives, such as interest rate futures, to hedge interest rate risk arising from the bonds in the portfolio, and derivatives such as foreign exchange forward contracts and cross currency swaps to hedge currency risk. The Investment Manager may also buy credit default swaps to hedge the credit risk arising from the bonds in the portfolio, and equity derivatives to hedge the market risk in the portfolio. Risks particular to derivatives include the risk that the value of a derivative may not move in line with the underlying asset and the risk that a particular derivative may be difficult or costly to trade. Derivatives will only be used for risk management purposes. Derivatives will not be used within the Fund for speculative or gearing purposes.

#### 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 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 outperform the Benchmark net of fees through active management.

## Benchmark

Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0-5 Yr Index.

## Minimum suggested time frame

The minimum suggested investment time frame for the Fund is two to four years.

### Risk level

The Investment Manager considers this product to be medium risk (for example, riskier than term deposits, but of lower risk and volatility than that historically seen in equities).

#### Investor suitability

The Fund is generally suited for persons seeking stable returns.

#### Investment style and approach

The Investment Manager's strategy for the Fund is to invest in a diversified portfolio of liquid, fixed and floating rate green, sustainable and social bonds.

#### Asset allocation

The asset classes in which the Fund invests are: Green Bonds – target exposure 70% (range 0% to 100%), Sustainable Bonds – target exposure 15% (range 0% to 100%), Social Bonds - target exposure 10% (range 0% to 100%); cash – target exposure 5% (range 0% to 100%). The Fund may also invest in other labelled bonds as these markets mature and new products become available. Cash products are cash held by Australian Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions ("ADIs"), including certificates of deposit, bank bills and other cash-like instruments. Assets are held directly. The Investment Manager also uses derivatives, such as interest rate futures, credit default swaps, foreign exchange forwards, cross currency swaps and equity derivatives, to hedge certain risks arising from the bonds in the portfolio.

### 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 Standards, Environmental, Social and Ethical Factors ("ESG considerations")

The Investment Manager may from time to time take into account ESG considerations in the selection, retention and realisation of fund

The Investment Manager has determined various products and practices attract unacceptable social and environmental risks. The Investment Manager adopts a zero-tolerance for issuers involved in the production of tobacco, alcohol, pornography, munitions, palm oil, gaming equipment and exploration and or production of fossil fuels.

## Fund performance

Up to date information on the performance of the Fund can be obtained from www.artesianinvest.com. A free of charge paper copy of the information will also be available on request.

## Market region and product

The Investment Manager aims to provide the following:

(a) a portfolio containing exposure to Australian and international floating rate and fixed rate green, sustainable and social bonds and cash. Cash products are cash held by Australian ADIs, including certificates of deposit, bank bills and other cash-like instruments;

(b) a global team to facilitate international credit and market analysis for the increasing issuance of global green, sustainable and social debt: and

(c) an active management approach to generate income for investors

Table 1. Minimum, maximum and target region weights.

	Min	Max	Target
Exposure to foreign bond issuers*	0%	50%	30%
Exposure to Australian bond issuers	0%	100%	60%
Exposure to cash	0%	100%	0-10%

<sup>\*</sup>This exposure may be held in AUD, USD or EUR.

## Credit ratings

(a) the Fund will invest at least 90% of funds not invested in cash, in investment grade debt rated either BBB- or higher by Standard & Poor's or Fitch, or Baa3 or higher by Moody's.

(b) although not a key focus for the Fund, the Fund may invest up to 10% of the portfolio in non-rated debt if deemed appropriate by the Investment Manager.

(c) although not a key focus for the Fund, the Fund may invest up to 10% of the portfolio in non-investment grade debt if deemed appropriate by the Investment Manager.

Table 2. Minimum, maximum and target credit rating weights

	Min	Max	Target
Exposure to investment grade debt	81%	100%	90%
Exposure to non-rated debt	0%	10%	0%
Exposure to non-investment grade debt	0%	10%	0%
Exposure to cash	0%	100%	0-10%

These weights are indicative only and the portfolio may fall outside these weights from time to time.

## Interest rate risk management

The Fund will have interest rate exposure which may be hedged by the Investment Manager using interest rate futures. The Investment Manager will observe the following risk metrics when managing the interest rate risk of the portfolio:

Table 3. Minimum, maximum and target interest rate risk duration

	Min	Max	Target
Deviation from benchmark modified	0 years	2 years	0 years -
interest rate duration			0.5 years

## Credit risk management

The Fund will have credit risk exposure which may be hedged by the Investment Manager using credit default swaps. The Investment Manager will observe the following risk metrics when managing the credit risk of the portfolio:

Table 4. Minimum, maximum and target credit risk duration.

	Min	Max	Target
Deviation from benchmark credit spread duration	0 years	2 years	0 years - 0.5 years

These durations are indicative only and the portfolio may fall outside these durations from time to time.

## Concentration risk management

The Fund will aim to avoid concentration risk in the portfolio. The Investment Manager will observe the following risk metrics when managing the concentration risk of the portfolio:

**Table 5.** Minimum, maximum and target concentration risk weights.

	Min	Max	Target
Exposure to any one bond as a % of total portfolio	0%	20%	3%
Exposure to any one bond as a % of total bond issue size	0%	10%	0-3%

## 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

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) 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

Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund			
Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid	
Ongoing annual fee	s and costs <sup>1</sup>		
Management fees and costs The fees and costs for managing your investment <sup>2</sup>	0.50% p.a. 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.	

Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund			
Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid	
Performance fees	Not applicable	Not applicable	
Amounts deducted from your investment in relation to the performance of the product			
Transaction costs The costs incurred by the scheme when buying or selling assets	0.00% p.a. 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.	

## Member activity related fees and costs (fees for services or when your money moves in or out of the scheme)

Establishment fee	Not applicable	Not applicable
The fee to open your investment		
Contribution fee	Not applicable	Not applicable
The fee on each amount contributed to your investment		
Buy-sell spread	0.10% upon entry	These costs are an
An amount deducted from your investment representing costs incurred in transactions by the scheme	and 0.10% upon exit	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.
Withdrawal fee	Not applicable	Not applicable
The fee on each amount you take out of your investment		
Exit fee	Not applicable	Not applicable
The fee to close your investment		
Switching fee	Not applicable	Not applicable
The fee for changing investment options		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All fees guoted 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.

## 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 0.50% 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 is variable and reflected in the unit price of the Fund/Class 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 2024.

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 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 0.10% upon entry and 0.10% upon exit. The dollar value of these costs based on an application or a withdrawal of \$25,000 is \$25 for each individual transaction. The Buy/Sell Spread can be altered by the Responsible Entity at any time www.artesianinvest.com/green-and-sustainable-bond-fund 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 0.02% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund, which is based on the relevant costs incurred during the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

However, actual transaction costs for future years may differ.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

#### 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 2.00% of the GAV 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

#### 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

**DURING THE YEAR** 

Transaction costs

Equals

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 or New Zealand Wholesale Investors. Please contact the Investment Manager on +61 3 9028 7392 for further information.

# Example of annual fees and costs for an investment

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 - Artesian Green & Sustainable Bond Fund

BALANCE OF \$50,000 WITH A CONTRIBUTION OF \$5,000

#### Contribution Fees For every additional \$5,000 you put in, you will be charged \$0 Plus And, for every \$50,000 you have in the Artesian Green & Management fees 0.50% p.a. and costs Sustainable Bond Fund you will be charged or have deducted from your investment \$250 each year Plus Not applicable And, you will be charged or Performance fees have deducted from your investment \$0 in performance fees each year Plus 0.00% p.a. And, you will be charged or

have deducted from your

investment \$0 in transaction

If you had an investment of

fees you negotiate.

Cost of Artesian	\$50,000 at the beginning of
Green &	the year and you put in an
Sustainable Bond	additional \$5,000 during that
Fund	year, you would be charged
	fees and costs of:
	\$250*
	What it costs you will
	depend on the investment
	option you choose and the

\* 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

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, 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. The material relating to these matters may change between the time when you read this PDS and the day when you acquire the product.

## 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. 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

To invest please complete the Application Form accompanying this PDS, send funds (see details in the Application Form) and your completed Application Form to:

Apex Fund Services Pty Ltd Client Services Registry Team **GPO Box 4968** Sydney, NSW, 2001

Additional applications may be faxed to +61 2 9251 3525 or emailed to registry@apexgroup.com (please insert the fund name in the subject line of the email).

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 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 an investor 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 an investor 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

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 Phone: 1800 931 678 Email: 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.

## 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.

## 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");
- Indirect Investors;
- Information on underlying investments;
- Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA");
- Common Reporting Standard ("CRS"); and
- Direct Debit Request Service Agreement,

under the "Other important information" and "Direct Debit Request Service Agreement" sections before making a decision. Go to the Reference Guide which is available at 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.