Guided Process for Professional Practitioners

One of the greatest practical challenges facing Accountants is that they cannot comment on the advice and investment solutions presented to their clients because they are then providing advice themselves.

To address this Accountants need to be comfortable with the scope of service, fit and risk management frameworks prepared and maintained by Product Issuers and Investment Managers, whom often have different technical skills and speak different professional languages.

To this end, Australian Standfirst has developed a guided process for simplicity, ensuring a maintained focus on doing what’s best for clients, reducing risk for individual accounting practices by respecting the importance of accounting and audit standards, APES 325 compliance and other equally serious regulatory obligations.

Scope of Services

Structurally, to support this elevated scope of service, the public company, Australian Standfirst Funds Management Limited was established to serve as the Responsible Entity for the Global Core Fund, holding AFSL Number 510315 and amongst other things, is authorised to operate the Fund which is a Registered Managed Investment Scheme and provide general advice to retail and wholesale clients in relation thereto. The Responsible Entity has appointed Australian Standfirst Asset Management Pty. Ltd., to be the Investment Manager of this Fund.

Culturally and pragmatically, the Fund’s Due Diligence & Portfolio Management (“DDPM”) team then brought together a wide range of professionals and specialists with extensive experience in asset allocation, economic and market analysis, portfolio construction, risk management, corporations’ law and responsible investing.

Fund Portrait

Built patiently and with purpose for exacting clients and their advisors, the unique Global Core Fund Series was then launched as Australia’s first Global Fund to integrate Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) into its benchmark, which will publicly hold the Fund to account and elevate ESG as an enforceable performance requirement:

Announcing the S&P Global LargeMidCap Ex-Australia and New Zealand ESG and Green Bond TR 70/30 Monthly Blend Index.

The DDPM team sees regulation as an evolving area of important focus for global investors, as regulations will have implications for global equity fund flows and cost of capital for sectors and companies perceived to be sustainable or not.

For Accountants and related parties, this is significant as the integration of ESG risks and opportunities as part of the investment process is not just moving mainstream but is becoming mandated, both in Australia and globally.

Along with assisting accounting practices access ESG solutions in a more meaningful way, the Fund has a strong focus on displaying resilience in down markets and protecting capital is Australian Standfirst’s first priority, especially as investing does not follow a glide path of uninterrupted success.

Compliance Checklist

The DDPM team has also taken proactive steps to reduce potential risk for individual accounting practices by addressing Design and Distribution Obligations (DDO), practical elements and complexities of accounting in relation to International Financial Reporting Standards and many other areas of evolving accounting best practices.

Most importantly we welcome the feedback, input and collaboration of our investors, their accountants and their trusted advisors, forming an important part of the Australian Standfirst experience.
## Summary of Fund

### The Investment

Class A (Retail) & Class B (Wholesale) Units in the Australian Standfirst Global Core Fund, ARSN 633 755 512.

### Investment Objective

The objective of the Fund is to generate long term responsible total returns (income and capital growth), across global markets and asset classes with a priority placed on stability, capital preservation, resilience and responsible investing optimisation.

### Investment Strategy

A proprietary Global Macro Fund excluding Australia and New Zealand stratagem, solely designed to correctly identify global unilateral or idiosyncratic risks first, via a proprietary Core Activity Indicators (“CAI”) qualification and veto process that is completed before optimising portfolio construction. The strategy provides a flexible global asset allocation framework that has three goals: capital appreciation and income, avoidance of catastrophic capital loss and responsible investing optimisation throughout.

### Responsible Entity, Trustee & AFSL Holder

Australian Standfirst Funds Management Limited ACN 618 083 079 AFSL 510315.

### Investment Manager

Australian Standfirst Asset Management Pty Ltd ACN 612 265 219 AFS Representative 1276948.

### Fund Administrator & Custodian

RBC Investor Services Trust ABN 86 076 940 880.

### Benchmark

S&P Global LargeMidCap Ex-Australia and New Zealand ESG TR and S&P Green Bond AUD TR 70/30 Monthly Blend Index.

### Minimum Investment

Class A $25,000. Class B $100,000.

### Minimum Additional Investment

Class A $10,000. Class B $50,000.

### Minimum Withdrawal

Class A $10,000. Class B $50,000.

### Applications & Withdrawals

Applications must be received before 4pm on the last Business Day of each month. Withdrawal before 4pm Melbourne time on the second last Business Day of each month.

### Appointed Auditor

Pitcher Partners.

### Unit Price

The Unit price determined in accordance with the NAV calculated monthly.

### Management Fee

Class A 1.30% Class B 1.00% (excluding GST/RITC) per annum of the NAV of the Fund.

### Performance Fee

20.00%, exclusive of net GST/RITC, when the Fund outperforms the hurdle return. The hurdle return is the return of the nominated Benchmark.
Meet a sample of the Due Diligence and Portfolio Management (DDPM) Team

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Chair, Australian Standfirst Board

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When meeting members of the Australian Standfirst Family, you will notice that they all share one very important vision – to simplify global investing by empowering Australians with clear financial, investor and philanthropic education and investment solutions.

The Family encompasses approximately 300 people, ranging from Executive to Ambassadorial and it does not rely upon any one person, or group of people but rather functions collectively to serve Australians.

The Due Diligence & Portfolio Management (“DDPM”) team is the spear point that realises probabilistic insights into deterministic implementations for the Global Core Fund Series.

The establishment of the DDPM team was an important step towards driving the business and as importantly, culture, in the right direction. The constitution of this team is set to enhance important areas of commercial focus for the fund, such as tax (domestic and foreign), corporate and industry sector engagement and specialists risk management. It will also be commensurate with the brand profile, desired client audience and professional best standards.