

NATIONAL GUARANTEE FUND

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 JUNE 2024

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Trustees' Report

The directors of Securities Exchanges Guarantee Corporation Limited (SEGC), the trustee of the National Guarantee Fund (NGF or the Fund), present their report, together with the financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2024 and the auditor's report thereon.

Trustee and Board of Directors

The directors of SEGC, the trustee of the Fund, in office during the financial year and up until the date of this report were as follows:

Mr. Michael T. Willcock (Chairperson)
Mr. Vic J. Jokovic (appointed 26 October 2023)
Mr. Paul Mann (appointed 19 October 2023)
Mr. Colin R. Scully
Ms. Chitra Shanker (appointed 1 July 2024)
Ms. Nancy Milne (retired 18 October 2023)
Ms. Susan Doyle (resigned 25 June 2024)
Mr. David Trude (retired 25 October 2023)

Mr Colin R Scully was appointed by ASX Limited (**ASX**). Mr David Trude was appointed by Cboe Australia Pty Ltd (**Cboe**) and Mr Vic J Jokovic was appointed by Cboe as his replacement on his retirement. Mr Jokovic and Mr Trude were directors of Cboe during the financial year.

Principal Activities

The Fund's primary function is to provide investor compensation in the circumstances set out in Part 7.5 of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

SEGC administers the Fund and holds the Fund's assets on trust in accordance with Division 4 of Part 7.5 of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

In accordance with sections 7.5.89 of the *Corporations Regulations 2001*, funds in excess of the minimum amount can be paid from the Fund for certain purposes approved by the Minister. The minimum amount of the Fund is \$110 million. The size of the Fund exceeds the new minimum amount.

Review of Operations

During the financial year, the Fund remained invested in the Schroder Real Return Fund (Schroder RRF) and the IFM Specialised Credit Floating Feeder Fund (IFM SCF).

The profit for the period was \$9.296m (2023: profit \$3.979m).

In the current financial year, revenue increased by \$5.212m up from \$5.365m in the prior financial year to \$10.577m. This was primarily due to unrealised gains on investments in addition to fund distributions received. The market values in both Funds increased by \$3.850m during the year to the balance date (Schroder RRF \$2.466m / IFM SCF \$1.385m; 2023: Schrodgers RRF \$0.323m/ IFM SCF (\$0.588)m).

The Fund received fund distribution income of \$6.451m (2023: \$5.345m), which was for the most part reinvested to purchase additional units in each investment fund (other than \$1,075m which was received a cash).

As a result of the unrealised investment gains and fund distributions described above, net assets increased by \$9.296m to \$118.626m (2023: \$109.330m).

The following table summarises the number of compensation claims carried forward from prior year, received, disallowed, withdrawn, and paid in the current and prior year.

Number of	FY24	FY23
Open claims at start of period	3	3
Claims received	0	1
Claims disallowed	0	1
Claims withdrawn	0	0
Claims paid	3	0
Open claims at end of period	0	3
Determined or considered but not yet paid	0	3

Trustees' Report – Continued

During the financial year SEGC paid 3 outstanding claims to unclaimed monies with each of ASIC and Revenue NSW. The amount payable was offset against amounts that the liquidators of BBY indicated that they would be paying to unclaimed monies for the same claimants. There were no outstanding funds at the end of the period.

Financial Industry Development Account

FIDA is administered by ASX under section 7.5.89 of the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

The Fund did not make any distributions to FIDA during the financial year ended 30 June 2024 (2023: \$nil).

There were no purposes approved by the Minister for payments to FIDA in the financial year.

Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

Ms Milne and Mr Trude retired and Ms Doyle resigned from the Board. Mr Mann and Mr Jokovic were appointed to replace Ms Milne and Mr Trude. Ms Shanker was appointed on an interim basis by the Board to fill Ms Doyle's seat while the Board undergoes a process to select a permanent appointee for a 3 year term.

There are no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund.

Events Subsequent to Balance Date

No other matters or circumstances other than those noted in the review of operations and significant changes in the state of affairs have significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Fund, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Fund.

Likely Developments

There are currently no known likely developments that will affect the operations or state of affairs of the Fund.

Environmental Regulation

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

Indemnification and Insurance of Directors and Officers

SEGC has paid insurance premiums out of NGF in respect of directors' and officers' liability for current and former directors and officers of SEGC and related entities.

The constitution of the SEGC provides that every person who is or has been an officer of SEGC is indemnified by SEGC to the extent permitted by law against any liability incurred in that capacity. The indemnity does not apply where the liability arises out of lack of good faith or conduct contrary to SEGC's express instructions or where the liability is to SEGC or a related body corporate.

Corporate Governance

The Board of SEGC consists of five non-executive directors. ASX and Cboe as the members of SEGC, each appoint one director and those directors appoint three independent directors while each of them:

- is not a director, officer, or employee of or a partner in a participant of ASX or Cboe;
- is not a director, officer, or employee of ASX or Cboe or a body corporate that operates another financial market, or their related bodies corporate;
- is not a professional adviser to ASX or Cboe or a body corporate that operates another financial market, or their related bodies corporate;
- is not a spouse, parent, or child of a person in any of the previous categories; and
- otherwise has no interest in a participant of ASX or Cboe or another financial market, or their related bodies corporate, which would enable the person to influence the management and policies of the participant's stockbroking business.

SEGC's constitution provides that the term of office of each director expires three years after the date the director's appointment takes effect. A retiring director is eligible to be reappointed to the Board. Directors' remuneration is determined from time to time by the members of SEGC.

Three executives perform the management and secretarial functions for SEGC.

Trustees' Report – Continued

Non-Audit Services

There were no non-audit services provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers during the year.

Rounding of Amounts

The Fund is of the kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 2016/191. In accordance with that class order, amounts in the directors' report and financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration, as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, is included on page 6.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:



Michael T Willcock
Chairperson
Sydney, 20 August 2024



Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the audit of National Guarantee Fund for the year ended 30 June 2024, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derrick Ives', written in a cursive style.

Derrick Ives
Partner
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Sydney
20 August 2024

Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 June	Note	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Revenue			
Unrealised Net gain/(loss) on financial instruments held at fair value	3	3,850	(235)
Distribution Income	4	6,451	5,345
Member Contributions		60	160
Imputation Credits		73	16
Net Claims Recovery		10	(19)
Interest Income		81	34
Other Income		52	64
		10,577	5,365
Expenses			
Staff Related Costs		(94)	(140)
Legal Expenses		(239)	(261)
Administration		(865)	(899)
Occupancy		(83)	(85)
		(1,281)	(1,386)
(Loss)/profit before income tax expense		9,296	3,979
Income tax expense		-	-
Net (loss)/profit for the period attributable to members of the Fund		9,296	3,979
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period attributable to members of the Fund		9,296	3,979

The above Statement of comprehensive income should be read in accordance with the accompanying notes.

Balance sheet

As at 30 June	Note	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Current assets			
Cash	5	775	899
Receivables		1,268	3,233
Prepayments		44	43
Investments	6	116,635	105,307
Total current assets		118,722	109,482
Non - current assets			
Fixed Assets		7	12
Right of Use Asset		178	252
Total Non - current assets		185	264
Total assets		118,907	109,746
Current liabilities			
Sundry Creditors		17	66
Lease Liability		77	71
Expense Accruals		42	40
Withholding Tax Payable		9	10
Unearned Member Contributions		19	19
Outstanding Claims Liability	7	0	15
Total current liabilities		164	221
Non - current liabilities			
Lease Liability		117	195
Total Non - current liabilities		117	195
Total liabilities		281	416
Net assets		118,626	109,330
Equity			
Retained Earnings		118,626	109,330
Total equity		118,626	109,330

The above Balance sheet should be read in accordance with the accompanying notes.

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 30 June	Note	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Opening balance of retained earnings at 1 July		109,330	105,351
(Loss)/profit for the period		9,296	3,979
Other comprehensive income for the period		-	-
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period, net of tax		9,296	3,979
Closing balance of retained earnings at 30 June		118,626	109,330

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30 June	Note	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Proceeds from the redemption of investments		1,026	-
Payments for applications to new investments		(1,000)	(500)
Investment distribution income received		1,075	1,769
Other income (including interest)		98	354
Payments to suppliers (inclusive of GST)		(1,387)	(1,345)
Proceeds from recovered GST		69	64
Claims		(5)	(19)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		(124)	324
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of PP&E		-	(8)
Net cash (outflow) from investing activities		-	(8)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash		(124)	315
Cash at the beginning of the financial period		899	584
Cash at the end of the financial period		775	899
Reconciliation of the operating (loss)/profit after income tax to the net cash flows from operating activities			
Net (loss)/profit after tax		9,296	3,979
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation and amortisation		5	5
Net(gain) / loss on financial instruments held at fair value		(3,850)	235
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Decrease/(increase) in investments		(7,478)	(2,519)
Decrease/(increase) in right of use asset		74	74
Increase/(decrease) in lease liability		(72)	(66)
Increase (decrease) in unearned contributions		-	-
Decrease/(increase) in receivables		1,965	(1,483)
Decrease/(increase) in prepayments		(1)	29
Increase/(decrease) in payables		(15)	2
Increase (decrease) in expense accruals		(49)	68
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities assets & liabilities		(124)	324

The above Statement of cash flows should be read in accordance with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Summary of Material Accounting Policies

National Guarantee Fund (the Fund) is a not-for-profit trust domiciled in Australia. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 were authorised for issue by the directors of the trustee, Securities Exchanges Guarantee Corporation (SEGC) on 20 August 2024. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that:

- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB)
- have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for investments, which have been measured at fair value
- are measured and presented in Australian dollars (being the Fund's functional and presentation currency) with all values rounded to the nearest thousand dollars unless otherwise stated, in accordance with ASIC Class Order 2016/191.

New and Amended Standards Adopted by the Fund

No new or revised standards have been adopted by the Fund.

New Accounting Standards and Interpretations Not Yet Adopted by the Fund

In June 2024, the AASB issued a new standard AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements, which will be effective for the Fund] from 1 July 2027 and is applied retrospectively. AASB 18 will replace AASB 101 Presentation of Financial statements. The Fund continues to assess the impact of adopting AASB18.

There are no other standards that are not yet effective that are expected to have a material impact on the Fund in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

(b) Revenue Recognition

Movements in the fair value of investment units

Investments in units of managed funds are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and are stated at fair value in accordance with AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement*. Net gains and losses that result from fair value movements in investment units are included in revenue.

Distributions

Distribution revenue from investments in managed funds is recognised when the right to receive the distribution has been established.

Interest

Interest revenue on cash at bank and term deposit is recognised using the effective interest method.

Miscellaneous Income

Rebates of management fees associated with investments in managed funds are treated as miscellaneous income to differentiate this management fee offset.

Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

Refund of Imputation Credits

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has endorsed the Fund as an income tax exempt charitable entity. As a result, imputation credits arising from distributions received during the year are recognised as revenue. Imputation credits not received by the end of the financial year are recognised as receivables.

(c) Claims

Claims are recognised on an accruals basis when they are considered by the Claims Committee of the SEGC Board as valid. Provisions for claims are recognised when the following conditions are met:

- (i) the Fund has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events;
- (ii) it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and
- (iii) the amount can be reliably estimated.

If compensation is paid in respect of a claim, SEGC is subrogated to the extent of that payment to the claimant's rights and remedies in relation to the loss to which the claim relates (section 892F of the *Corporations Act 2001*).

(d) Income Tax

No provision is made for income tax as the Fund has received notification from the ATO of endorsement as an income tax exempt charitable entity.

(e) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses, and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the item of expense to which it relates.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office is included as a current asset or liability in the balance sheet.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office are classified as operating cash flows.

(f) Cash

Cash as presented on the balance sheet and statement of cash flows comprises the cash balance held with the National Australia Bank.

(g) Receivables

Receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment.

(h) Prepayments

Prepayments represent insurance premiums paid in advance for directors' and officers' liability insurance and investment manager's insurance. Prepayments are amortised over the period that the service is provided.

(i) Investments

The investments of the Fund are unit trust investments currently managed by two professional investment portfolio managers, IFM Investors Pty Limited (IFM) and Schroder Investment Management Limited (Schroders). The IFM Specialised Credit Feeder Fund (IFM SCF) employs a range of credit and interest rate relative value strategies to enhance returns and minimise the risk of underperforming the Bloomberg Ausbank Bill Index over any rolling three-year period. The Schroder Real Return Fund – Professional Class (Schroder RRF) invests in a wide range of assets, including domestic and global equities. The main risks specifically with investing in this strategy are market risk, equities risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, derivatives risk and risks associated with international investing such as movements in exchange rates.

Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

The fair value of the investments is established by referring to redemption prices quoted by both fund managers. The fund managers are responsible for using the relevant market bid prices of underlying instruments in the portfolios at balance date to calculate the redemption prices for the funds.

(j) Payables

Payables are initially measured at invoice value and represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Fund prior to the end of the reporting period which are unpaid. The amounts, which are stated at amortised cost, are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of the end of each quarter to which they relate.

(k) Payments to Financial Industry Development Account (FIDA)

Requests for payment in relation to purposes approved for FIDA funding are recognised as a liability of the Fund once the request for payment has been submitted to and approved by the Board of Directors of SEGC.

(l) Comparative Restatement

Comparative information has been restated for consistency with current year's presentation in the Financial report in respect of the Fund's lease liabilities.

Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

2. Financial Risk Management

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including market risk (comprising interest rate risk, equity risk and foreign currency risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Fund's overall risk management strategy seeks to manage potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Fund. Risk management is carried out under policies approved by the Board of SEGC, as trustee of the Fund. The Board has endorsed an Investment Policy Statement (Statement) which is varied from time to time to meet the needs of the Fund. In developing the investment policy and investment strategy contained in the Statement, the Board has regard to several matters, including but not limited to, the purpose of the Fund as set out in the Division 4 or Part 7.5 of the *Corporations Act 2001*. The Fund's risks are managed in accordance with this Statement.

The Fund holds the following financial assets and liabilities by category.

As at 30 June 2024	Fair value through profit or loss \$'000	Amortised cost \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets	-		
Cash	-	775	775
Term deposits	-	525	525
Investments	116,110	-	116,110
Total financial assets	116,110	1,300	117,410
Financial liabilities			
Sundry creditors	-	17	17
Lease liability	-	194	194
Other payables	-	9	9
Accrued expenses	-	42	42
Unearned member contribution	-	19	19
Outstanding claims liability	-	0	0
Total financial liabilities	-	281	281

As at 30 June 2023	Fair value through profit or loss \$'000	Amortised cost \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets			
Cash	-	899	899
Term deposits	-	500	500
Investments	104,807	-	104,807
Total financial assets	104,807	1,399	106,206
Financial liabilities			
Sundry creditors	-	66	66
Lease liability	-	266	266
Other payables	-	10	10
Accrued expenses	-	40	40
Unearned member contribution	-	19	19
Outstanding claims liability	-	15	15
Total financial liabilities	-	416	416

Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

(a) Market Risk

Market risk is the risk of loss arising from movements in observable market variables such as interest rates and other market prices. The Fund is exposed to market risks, predominantly through the investment of Fund balances. For the year ended 30 June 2024 the Fund balances were invested with IFM and Schroders in accordance with the SEGC NGF Investment Policy as approved by the Board.

(i) Interest Rate Risk

The Fund has exposure to interest rate risk which arises in relation to cash at bank and investments in managed funds. Cash at bank includes an amount of cash held for operational purposes. Investments, represented by holdings in IFM SCF, and Schroders RRF, have significant exposure to interest rate risk but are classified as non-interest bearing as the revenue generated from these investments is derived from variations in unit prices and distribution income. Unit prices, which are used to value the investments, may however be impacted by interest rate movements.

Interest rate risk is managed through diversifying the total investment portfolio between two professional investment portfolio managers and regular performance monitoring of both investments by the Board of SEGC. The IFM Specialised Credit Fund includes investments in interest income and credit assets. The Schroder Real Return Fund may include exposure to cash, domestic fixed interest, inflation linked securities, higher yielding credit, mortgage and floating rate credit, emerging market debt and global fixed income, and other securities that are exposed to interest rate risk.

The Fund's receivables and payables are non-interest bearing and not subject to interest rate risk since neither the carrying amount nor the future cash flows will fluctuate due to a change in market interest rates.

The maximum direct and indirect exposure to interest rate risk is represented by the below financial assets:

As at 30 June 2024	Interest - bearing	Non - interest - bearing	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets			
Cash	775	-	775
Term deposits	525	-	525
Investments	-	116,110	116,110
Total financial assets	1,300	116,110	117,410
Weighted average earning rate for the year	4.49%	9.24%	
As at 30 June 2023	Interest - bearing	Non - interest - bearing	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Financial assets			
Cash	899	-	899
Term deposits	500	-	500
Investments	-	104,807	104,807
Total financial assets	1,399	104,807	106,206
Weighted average earning rate for the year	1.6%	4.8%	

Sensitivity Analysis

Fair Value Sensitivity Analysis of Interest - Bearing Financial Assets:

At 30 June 2024, an increase/decrease of 100 basis points in interest rates from year end rates would have resulted in an immaterial change (\$0.013m) in profit or loss.

Variations in interest rates may also affect the unit prices of the Fund's non - interest - bearing financial assets (Investments), however the amount cannot be reliably measured.

Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

Fair Value Sensitivity Analysis of Non - Interest - Bearing Financial Assets:

At 30 June 2024, if investment redemption prices increased/decreased by 100 basis points from year end prices, profit would have been \$1.161m (2023: \$1.069m) higher/lower due to a change in the fair value of the investments.

(ii) Foreign Currency Risk

The Fund has indirect exposure to foreign currency risk from its investment exposure to the Schroder Real Return Fund. Where managed funds have investments in underlying securities that are denominated in foreign currencies, the unit prices, which are used to value the investments, may be impacted by variations in exchange rates. The Board of SEGC manages this risk through regular review of the composition of both funds and the proportion of the total funds invested in securities denominated in foreign currencies.

(b) Credit Risk

The Fund is exposed to credit risk which represents the potential loss that may arise from the failure of a counterparty to meet its obligation or commitments to the Fund or its administrator, SEGC.

The carrying amount of the Fund's financial assets incorporates measurement of exposure to credit risk. Credit risk relating to investments is managed by investing in two separate funds which have a diversified range of investments with different counterparties and monitoring the credit ratings of the underlying investments as reported by the managers. Counterparty exposure and credit quality is managed by the individual portfolio managers of each fund.

The expected credit loss on Receivables as at 30 June 2024 amounted to zero (2023: zero).

(c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk associated with the need to pay claims or other expenses, as determined by SEGC, is mitigated by investing in funds that hold underlying liquid investments. It is considered that both the IFM SCF and Schroder RRF can be called upon at short notice to fund liquidity requirements.

Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

The maturities of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities at 30 June are shown below.

At 30 June 2024	> Up to 1 mth \$'000	> 1 mth to 3 mths \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets			
Cash	775	-	775
Term deposits	-	525	525
Investments	116,110	-	116,110
Total financial assets	116,885	525	117,410
Financial liabilities			
Sundry creditors	-	17	17
Lease liability	-	194	194
Other payables	-	9	9
Accrued expenses	-	42	42
Unearned member contributions	-	19	19
Outstanding claims liability	-	0	0
Total financial liabilities	-	281	281
At 30 June 2023	> Up to 1 mth \$'000	> 1 mth to 3 mths \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets			
Cash	899	-	899
Term deposits	-	500	500
Investments	104,807	-	104,807
Total financial assets	105,706	500	106,206
Financial liabilities			
Sundry creditors	-	66	66
Lease liability	-	266	266
Other payables	-	10	10
Accrued expenses	-	40	40
Unearned member contributions	-	19	19
Outstanding claims liability	-	15	15
Total financial liabilities	-	416	416

Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

(d) Equity Market Risk

The Fund is exposed to equity market risk through its holdings in the Schroder Real Return Fund. Equity market risk relating to investments is managed by investing through a professional investment manager receiving and reviewing regular reporting from the manager and ensuring equity market risk exposure is maintained within the allocation range set in the NGF Investment Policy.

(e) Capital Management

The SEGC Board's policy is broadly to maintain the assets of the Fund at a level at or above the minimum amount to meet claims and administration costs of SEGC and the Fund, and where the assets of the Fund fall below that level to consider what action is required. This may include developing a plan to return the assets of the Fund to the minimum amount within a five-year timeframe. The minimum amount may be determined by the Board from time to time with the approval of the Minister in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*. The minimum amount of the Fund is currently \$110 million. The minimum amount is subject to regular review with the assistance of independent professional advisers appointed by the Board of SEGC.

The Board has an investment strategy in place to invest available financial assets, totalling \$116,110m at 30 June 2024 (30 June 2023: \$105.307m), into funds managed by professional investment portfolio managers in order to appropriately manage the financial assets of the Fund. At times part of these funds may be invested in one or more term deposits.

The Board monitors the Fund by receiving and reviewing quarterly investment reports from the fund managers and regular reports from the Risk and Investment Committee (formerly the Capital and Investment Committee) with respect to capital management, investment strategy and portfolio risk analysis.

If the total fair value amount of the Fund falls below the minimum amount, the Board is able to undertake certain measures to manage the financial position, including taking insurance against claims liability, paying claims in instalments, external borrowings or imposing levies on members or member participants. The Board periodically reviews the need for these measures to be undertaken in accordance with the SEGC capital management plan.

During the year the size of the Fund increased above the minimum amount.

SEGC continues to monitor the amount in the Fund and the minimum amount in accordance with its capital management plan.

If the amount in the Fund exceeds the minimum amount, the Board may pay the excess or part of the excess to the FIDA, for purposes approved by the Minister or his delegate. FIDA is administered by ASX.

(f) Fair value measurements

(i) Fair value hierarchy

The Fund uses the following hierarchy to categorise its financial instruments measured and carried at fair value:

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

(ii) Valuation Techniques used to Determine Fair Values

Fair values of investments are established by referring to redemption prices, as quoted by the two fund managers, which are based on the relevant market prices of underlying instruments in the portfolios at 30 June 2024.

The NGF did not measure any assets or liabilities at fair value on a non-recurring basis as at 30 June 2024 (2023:nil)

Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

Recognised fair value measurements

The following tables present the NGF assets measured and recognised at fair value as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

At 30 June 2024	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss				
IFM Specialised Credit Floating Feeder Fund	-	-	64,708	64,708
Schroders Real Return Fund - Professional Class	-	51,402	-	51,402
Total	-	51,402	64,708	116,110

At 30 June 2023	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss				
IFM Specialised Credit Floating Feeder Fund	-	-	58,185	58,185
Schroders Real Return Fund - Professional Class	-	46,622	-	46,622
Total	-	46,622	58,185	104,807

There were no transfers of financial assets between levels for the period to 30 June 2024.

Fair Value measurement using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)

The following table indicates the movement in Level 3 investments for the years ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Opening balance	58,185	56,788
Investments/Reinvestment into the funds	5,139	1,955
Gains /(losses) recognised in profit and loss	1,384	(558)
Closing balance	64,708	58,185

Valuation inputs and relationship to fair value

The following table summarises the quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used in Level 3 fair value measurements.

Description	Fair value at 30 June 2024 \$'000	Unobservable Input	Input Value	Relationship of unobservable input to fair value
Investment in funds	64,708	Redemption Price	Redemption Price as at 30 June 2024	Increased/(decreased) unit price (+/- 100 basis points (bps), would (decrease)/ increase fair value by \$0.647m

Description	Fair value at 30 June 2023 \$'000	Unobservable Input	Input Value	Relationship of unobservable input to fair value
Investment in funds	58,185	Redemption Price	Redemption Price as at 30 June 2023	Increased/(decreased) unit price (+/- 100 basis points (bps), would (decrease)/ increase fair value by \$0.582m

Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

Valuation processes

On a monthly basis, management receives the transaction summary from IFM which shows the Net Asset Value ('NAV') of NGF's investment. Management uses the NAV from the transaction statement to calculate the monthly market value and subsequently, the unrealised gain/loss on the investment.

Valuation of Level 3 investments

The key assumption in the valuation of the investment is redemption price. Investments held in funds are valued with reference to the redemption price and the number of units held in the fund.

3. Net gain/(loss) on financial instruments held at fair value

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Schroder Real Return Fund - Professional Class	2,466	323
IFM Specialised Credit Feeder Fund	1,385	(558)
Total net gain/(loss) financial instruments held at fair value	3,850	(235)

4. Distribution income

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Schroder Real Return Fund - Professional Class	2,262	2,139
IFM Specialised Credit Feeder Fund	4,189	3,206
Total distribution income	6,451	5,345

5. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash at bank	775	899
Total cash and cash equivalents	775	899

6. Investments

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Term deposit	525	500
Schroder Real Return Fund - Professional Class	51,402	46,622
IFM Specialised Credit Feeder Fund	64,708	58,185
Total investments	116,635	105,307

7. Outstanding claims accruals

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Claims (including interest)	0	15
Claimant Legal fees	-	-

8. Payments to FIDA

Section 7.5.89(1) of the *Corporations Regulations 2001* confers on the Board of SEGC, being the administrator of the Fund, discretion to pay amounts from the excess above the minimum amount, currently \$110.0 million, for purposes approved by the Minister or his delegate under regulation 7.5.88 of the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. Excess money paid from the Fund must be paid into FIDA and may only be used for approved purposes.

No payments to FIDA were made in the financial year and there were no approved purposes.

Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

9. Related Party Transactions - Directors

The directors of SEGC, the trustee of the Fund, in office during the financial year and up until the date of this report were as follows:

Mr. Michael T. Willcock (Chairperson)
Mr. Vic J. Jokovic (appointed 26 October 2023)
Mr. Paul Mann (appointed 19 October 2023)
Mr. Colin R. Scully
Ms. Chitra Shanker (appointed 1 July 2024)
Ms. Nancy Milne (retired 18 October 2023)
Ms. Susan Doyle (resigned 25 June 2024)
Mr. David Trude (retired 25 October 2023)

Mr Colin R Scully was appointed by ASX Limited (**ASX**). Mr Vic J Jokovic was appointed by Cboe Australia Pty Ltd (**Cboe**) Mr Jokovic was a director of Cboe during the financial year.

10. Key Management Personnel Compensation

The key management personnel comprised the five directors of SEGC.

Key management personnel compensation provided during the financial years ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023, is as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Short-term benefits	431,771	418,000
Post-employment benefits	46,761	43,890
Total Key Management Personnel compensation	478,532	461,890

Directors' fees and superannuation are paid to the directors of SEGC out of the Fund.

11. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor provided the following services to the Fund in relation to the year.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia		
Statutory audit services:		
Audit of the financial statements under the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i>	53,694	31,645
Total remuneration to PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia	53,694	31,645

In accordance with section 889H of the *Corporations Act 2001*, auditor's remuneration is paid by the Fund. In addition, the Fund is to cover costs to the auditor of \$6,306 for the audit of the SEGC financial statements (2023: \$6,006).

The auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers, provided no other services to the Fund during the year to the value of \$ nil (2023: \$nil).

12. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

There are no other contingent liabilities or commitments.

13. Subsequent Events

In the period between 30 June 2024 and 20 August 2024, no compensation claims have been received.

Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued


No other matters or circumstances have arisen which have significantly affected the operations of the Fund, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Fund.

Trustees' declaration

In the directors' opinion:

- a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 7 to 22 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows, for the period ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
- b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- c) the financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in note 1.

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



Michael T. Willcock
Chairperson

Sydney, 20 August 2024



Independent auditor's report

To the Trustee of National Guarantee Fund

Our opinion

In our opinion:

The accompanying financial report of National Guarantee Fund (the Fund) is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

What we have audited

The financial report comprises:

- the Balance sheet as at 30 June 2024
- the Statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended
- the Statement of changes in equity for the year then ended
- the Statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- the Notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information
- the Trustees' declaration.

Basis for opinion

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

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

Independence

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

Other information

The Securities Exchange Guarantee Corporation Limited (SEGC) is the trustee of the Fund. The Directors of the Trustee are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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

Responsibilities of the trustees' declaration for the financial report

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

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

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

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



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Derrick Ives
Partner

Sydney
20 August 2024