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This interim financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in a set of annual financial statements. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 and any public announcements made in respect of Switzer Dividend Growth Fund during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

This financial report covers Switzer Dividend Growth Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of Switzer Dividend Growth Fund is Switzer Asset Management Limited (ABN 26 123 611 978). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 6, 10 Spring Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

Directors' report

The directors of Switzer Asset Management Limited (ABN 26 123 611 978), the Responsible Entity of Switzer Dividend Growth Fund, present their report together with the interim financial report of Switzer Dividend Growth Fund ("the Fund") for the half-year ended 31 December 2019.

Responsible Entity

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Directors

The following persons held office as directors of Switzer Asset Management Limited during the reporting period or since the end of the reporting period and up to the date of this report.

Peter Switzer	Chairman and Non-Executive Director
Jarrod Deakin	Director
Martin Switzer	Director

Review and results of operations

There have been no significant changes to the operations of the Fund since the previous financial period. The Fund continued to invest funds in accordance with target asset allocations as set out in the governing documents of the Fund and in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

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

	For the half-year ended	
	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unitholders (\$'000)	2,119	(5,841)
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	1,763	2,471
Distributions (cents per unit - CPU)	5.774	8.415

Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

Events occurring after the reporting period

Except as disclosed in note 10 in the financial statements, no other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2019 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

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

Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars

The Fund is an entity of the kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("ASIC") relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the directors' report. Amounts in the directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with that ASIC Instrument, unless otherwise indicated.

Directors' report

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration, as required under section 307C of the *Corporation Act 2001*, is set out on page 4.

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



Martin Switzer
Director Switzer Asset Management Limited



Jarrod Deakin
Director Switzer Asset Management Limited

Sydney,
5 March 2020



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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Switzer Asset Management Limited as Responsible Entity of Switzer Dividend Growth Fund

As lead auditor for the review of the half-year financial report of Switzer Dividend Growth Fund for the half-year ended 31 December 2019, I declare 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 review; and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luke Slater".

Luke Slater
Partner
5 March 2020

Condensed statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

	Notes	For the half-year ended	
		31 December	31 December
		2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Investment income			
Interest income		7	10
Dividend/distribution income		1,847	4,040
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss		740	(9,462)
Other income		-	4
Total investment income		2,594	(5,408)
Expenses			
Management fees		347	328
Transaction costs		96	74
Other expenses		32	31
Total operating expenses		475	433
Profit/(loss) for the half-year before finance costs attributable to unitholders		2,119	(5,841)
Finance costs attributable to unitholders			
Distributions to unitholders	3	1,763	2,471
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders	2	356	(8,312)
Profit/(loss) for the half-year attributable to unitholders		-	-
Other comprehensive income for the reporting period attributable to unitholders		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the half-year attributable to unitholders		-	-

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

Condensed statement of financial position

		As at	
	Notes	31 December	30 June
		2019	2019
		\$'000	\$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		2,409	1,126
Receivables	6	423	760
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	4	79,206	71,782
Total assets		82,038	73,668
Liabilities			
Distributions payable	3	753	2,095
Payables	7	158	356
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)		911	2,451
Net assets attributable to unitholders - liability	2	81,127	71,217

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

Condensed statement of changes in equity

In accordance with AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*, net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as a liability rather than equity. As a result, there was no equity at the beginning and the end of the half-year.

Changes in net assets attributable to unitholders are disclosed in note 2.

Condensed statement of cash flows

	For the half-year ended	
	31 December	31 December
	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
<i>Cash flows from operating activities</i>		
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	22,286	11,242
Purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(28,950)	(12,640)
Transaction costs on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(100)	(74)
Interest received	8	10
Dividends and distributions received	2,103	4,691
Other expense paid	(28)	-
Other revenue received	-	4
Management fees paid	(364)	(327)
RITC received/(paid)	28	(33)
Net cash outflow/inflow from operating activities	(5,017)	2,873
<i>Cash flows from financing activities</i>		
Proceeds from applications by unitholders	10,348	4,616
Payments for redemptions by unitholders	(1,179)	(3,580)
Distributions paid	(2,869)	(2,520)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	6,300	(1,484)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,283	1,389
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	1,126	1,279
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2,409	2,668
Non-cash financing activities	729	527

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

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1 Basis of preparation of financial report

This general purpose financial report for the half-year ended 31 December 2019 has been prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

This interim financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in a set of annual financial statements. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 and any public announcements made in respect of Switzer Dividend Growth Fund during the reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 5 March 2020. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and the corresponding interim reporting period.

Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards

Compliance with AASB 134 ensures that the interim financial report of the Fund, comprising the financial statements and notes thereto, complies with International Accounting Standard IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

New/Amended standards adopted by the Fund

AASB 16 Leases became mandatorily effective on 1 July 2019. Accordingly, these standards apply for the first time to this set of financial statements.

AASB 16 supersedes AASB 117 Leases. AASB 16 introduces a single lessee accounting model that eliminates the requirement for leases to be classified as operating or finance leases.

The Fund is not a Lessor and there is no impact of adopting this standard.

2 Net assets attributable to unitholders

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

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

Net assets attributable to unitholders	For the half-year ended			
	31 December 2019 No.'000	31 December 2018 No.'000	31 December 2019 \$'000	31 December 2018 \$'000
Opening balance	28,244	29,574	71,217	75,592
Applications	3,867	2,070	9,884	4,746
Redemptions	(413)	(1,277)	(1,059)	(3,320)
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	284	122	729	527
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders	-	-	356	(8,312)
Closing balance	31,982	30,489	81,127	69,233

3 Distributions to unitholders

The distributions for the reporting period were as follows:

	For the half-year ended			
	31 December 2019		31 December 2018	
	\$'000	CPU	\$'000	CPU
Distributions paid (30 September)	1,010	3.419	1,444	5.047
Distributions payable (31 December)	753	2.355	1,027	3.368
Total distributions	1,763	5.774	2,471	8.415

4. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	31 December 2019	30 June 2019
	\$'000	\$'000
Fair value through profit or loss		
Listed equities	73,835	67,848
Listed unit trusts	4,043	2,715
Listed property trusts	1,328	1,219
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	79,206	71,782

5 Fair value of assets and liabilities

Fair value hierarchy

The Fund is required to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the subjectivity of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices); quoted prices for similar securities in active and/or inactive markets; market-corroborated inputs; inputs that are developed based on available market data and reflect assumptions that markets would use when pricing similar securities.
- Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes "observable" requires significant judgement by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The table below sets out the Fund's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy at the reporting date.

All fair value measurements disclosed are recurring fair value measurements.

At 31 December 2019	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Listed equities	73,835	-	-	73,835
Listed unit trusts	4,043	-	-	4,043
Listed property trusts	1,328	-	-	1,328
Total financial assets	79,206	-	-	79,206

At 30 June 2019	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Listed equities	67,848	-	-	67,848
Listed unit trusts	2,715	-	-	2,715
Listed property trusts	1,219	-	-	1,219
Total financial assets	71,782	-	-	71,782

The pricing for the Fund's investments is generally sourced from independent pricing sources, the relevant Investment Managers or reliable brokers' quotes.

5 Fair value of assets and liabilities (continued)

Fair value hierarchy (continued)

Investments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, e.g. recognised stock exchanges, and therefore classified within level 1, include active listed equities and exchange traded derivatives.

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within level 2. The observable inputs include prices and/or those derived from prices.

Level 2 investments could include those that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions (e.g. redemption restrictions). Valuations for these investments may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information.

Level 3 instruments could include those that have stale price that is, where the pricing for a particular security has remained static for an extended period of time.

Level 3 valuations are reviewed quarterly by the relevant management. The management considers the appropriateness of the valuation inputs, methods and techniques used in the valuations. The valuation inputs are generally sourced from independent third party pricing sources without adjustment such as stock exchanges, pricing agencies and/or fund managers. Where the inputs are considered stale, unobservable, proprietary or from an inactive market, they are categorised as level 3.

Where a valuation model technique is used, the Fund considers other liquidity, credit and market risk factors, and adjusts the model as deemed necessary. There have been no changes to the valuation techniques used for financial instruments classified as levels 2 and 3.

There were no level 2 and 3 instruments as at 31 December 2019 (30 June 2019: Nil).

There were no transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period.

6 Receivables

	31 December 2019 \$'000	30 June 2019 \$'000
Due from brokers - receivable for securities sold	101	146
Dividend/Trust distribution receivable	262	583
Interest Receivable	1	3
Unsettled applications	28	-
Other receivable	11	11
GST receivable	20	17
Total receivables	423	760

7 Payables

	31 December 2019 \$'000	30 June 2019 \$'000
Due to brokers - payable for securities sold	54	145
Unsettled redemptions	26	146
Management fees payable	67	59
Other fees payable	11	6
Total payables	158	356

8 Segment Information

The Fund operates solely in the business of investment in companies listed on the Australian share market. Revenue, profit, net assets and other financial information reported to and monitored by the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) for the single identified operating segment are the amounts reflected in the Condensed statement of profit & loss and other comprehensive income, Condensed statement of financial position, Condensed statement of changes in equity and Condensed statement of cash flows. The CODM has been identified as the Responsible Entity.

9 Contingent assets, liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 31 December 2019 and 30 June 2019.

10 Events occurring after the reporting period

No significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period which would impact on the financial position of the Fund disclosed in the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the half-year ended on that date.

Directors' declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Switzer Dividend Growth Fund (the Fund), I state that:

In the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the interim financial statements and notes of the Fund are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2019 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001; 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.
- (c) the financial statements are in accordance with the Fund's Constitution.



Martin Switzer
Director Switzer Asset Management Limited



Jarrod Deakin
Director Switzer Asset Management Limited

Sydney
5 March 2020



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Independent Auditor's Review Report to the Unitholders of Switzer Dividend Growth Fund

Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

Conclusion

We have reviewed the accompanying interim financial report of Switzer Dividend Growth Fund (the Fund), which comprises the condensed statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019, the condensed statement of comprehensive income, condensed statement of changes in equity and condensed statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial report of the Fund is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2019 and of its financial performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Directors' Responsibility for the Half-Year Financial Report

The directors of Switzer Asset Management Ltd ("the Responsible Entity") are responsible for the preparation of the interim financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal controls as the directors determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the interim financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the interim financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including: giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2019 and its financial performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As the auditor of the Fund, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of an interim financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of



all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

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Luke Slater

Luke Slater
Partner
Melbourne
5 March 2020