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Dear Sir/Madam

## RE: WESTFIELD GROUP (ASX:WDC) WESTFIELD TRUST & WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST – INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTS

Interim Financial Reports for the half-year ended 30 June 2006 for each of Westfield Trust and Westfield America Trust are attached.

Yours faithfully **WESTFIELD GROUP** 

Simon Tuxen Company Secretary

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Westfield Management Limited ABN 41 001 670 579 AFS Licence 230329 as responsible entity for Westfield Trust ABN 55 191 750 378 ARSN 090 849 746



## **TRUST** ARSN 090 849 746

## HALF YEAR REPORT

## COMPRISING WESTFIELD TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

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## COMPRISING WESTFIELD TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES

## **INCOME STATEMENT**

## for the half year ended 30 June 2006

for the nan year chuck 50 June 2000		CONSOL	IDATED
		30 Jun 06	30 Jun 05
	Note	\$million	\$million
Revenue and other income			
Property revenue		744.2	657.1
Property revaluation		1,780.7	556.7
		2,524.9	1,213.8
Share of after tax profits of equity accounted entities			
Property revenue		49.3	45.9
Property revaluation		279.9	20.6
Property expenses and outgoings		(15.4)	(13.6)
Other		(0.7)	(0.5)
		313.1	52.4
Foreign exchange gains		50.8	20.7
Interest income		3.0	14.7
Total revenue and other income		2,891.8	1,301.6
Expenses			
Property expenses and outgoings		(199.2)	(175.7)
Property and funds management costs		(8.1)	(7.9)
Corporate costs		(4.6)	(1.5)
Foreign exchange losses		(45.6)	(8.1)
		(257.5)	(193.2)
Financing costs			
- interest bearing liabilities		(119.7)	(240.1)
- other financial liabilities		3.1	(104.2)
Total expenses		(374.1)	(537.5)
Profit before tax expense and minority interest		2,517.7	764.1
Tax expense	3	(35.9)	(6.1)
Profit after tax expense for the period		2,481.8	758.0
Less: net profit attributable to minority interest		(31.9)	(12.4)
Net profit attributable to Members of Westfield Trust ("WT")		2,449.9	745.6
	5	512.0	224 7
Distribution proposed	5	513.0	334.7
Weighted average number of securities entitled to distribution at 30 June 2006		1,761.9	1,716.5
		cents	cents
Basic earnings per unit		139.49	43.76
Diluted earnings per unit		138.70	43.76
Distribution proposed per unit (cents)	5	29.17	19.50
Distribution proposed per DRP unit (cents)	5	19.66	13.14

# COMPRISING WESTFIELD TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 June 2006

as at 30 June 2006	CONSOL	IDATED
	30 Jun 06	31 Dec 05
Note	\$million	\$million
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	54.4	50.4
Trade receivables	3.7	1.9
Derivative assets	21.7	-
Receivables	723.9	715.4
Prepayments and deferred costs	43.7	43.9
Total current assets	847.4	811.6
Non current assets		
Investment properties	18,313.4	16,606.8
Equity accounted investments	1,252.3	969.2
Other investments	934.4	760.9
Derivative assets	51.8	67.3
Prepayments and deferred costs	123.4	126.6
Total non current assets	20,675.3	18,530.8
Total assets	21,522.7	19,342.4
Current liabilities		
Payables	399.2	503.1
Interest bearing liabilities	1,215.1	2,146.2
Derivative liabilities	17.6	11.9
Total current liabilities	1,631.9	2,661.2
Non current liabilities		
Interest bearing liabilities	6,818.0	5,417.5
Other financial liabilities	365.2	451.4
Deferred tax liabilities	228.4	221.5
Derivative liabilities	103.6	223.6
Total non current liabilities	7,515.2	6,314.0
Total liabilities	9,147.1	8,975.2
Net assets	12,375.6	10,367.2
Equity attributable to Members of WT		
Contributed equity 4	5,989.8	5,868.4
Reserves	(65.6)	133.2
Retained profits	6,292.0	4,233.8
Total equity attributable to Members of WT	12,216.2	10,235.4
Minority interest		
Contributed equity	94.0	94.0
Retained profits	65.4	37.8
Total minority interest	159.4	131.8
Total equity	12,375.6	10,367.2

# COMPRISING WESTFIELD TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the half year ended 30 June 2006

·	CONSOL	IDATED
	30 Jun 06	30 Jun 05
	\$million	\$million
Changes in equity attributable to Members of WT		
Opening balance of equity at 1 January 2006 (30 June 2005: 1 January 2005)	10,235.4	8,641.5
Contributed equity		
- Distribution reinvestment plan	83.8	129.0
- Conversion of options	37.6	200.1
Foreign currency translation reserve		
- Net exchange difference on translation of foreign operations <sup>(1)</sup>	(206.1)	(4.5)
Option premium reserve		
- Application of AASB 132 and 139 effective 1 January 2005 (ii)	-	(10.9)
Retained profits		
- Application of AASB 132 and 139 effective 1 January 2005 (ii)	-	(276.8)
- Distribution paid	(384.4)	(349.1)
Net adjustments recognised directly in equity	(469.1)	(312.2)
Net profit attributable to Members of WT <sup>(i)</sup>	2,449.9	745.6
Closing balance of equity attributable to Members of WT	12,216.2	9,074.9
Changes in equity attributable to Minority Interest		
Opening balance of equity attributable to Minority Interest at 1 January 2006 (30		
	131.8	117.9
June 2005: 1 January 2005)		
Profit after tax expense for the period	31.9	12.4
Distributions paid or provided for	(4.3)	(3.8)
Closing balance of equity attributable to Minority Interest	159.4	126.5
Total Equity	12,375.6	9,201.4

(i) Total income and expenses for the period, including amounts recognised directly in equity, is \$2,243.8 million (30 June 2005: \$741.1 million) being profit after tax expense for the period of \$2,449.9 million (30 June 2005: \$745.6 million) and the net exchange loss on translation of foreign operations of \$206.1 million (30 June 2005: loss \$4.5 million).

(ii) The Group elected to defer the application of AASB 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation" and AASB 139 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement". As a result of the deferral, the opening retained profits as at 1 January 2005 has been adjusted to account for the application of AASB 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation" and AASB 139 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement" as at that date.

## WESTFIELD TRUST COMPRISING WESTFIELD TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES CASH FLOW STATEMENT

## for the half year ended 30 June 2006

	CONSOL	IDATED
	30 Jun 06	30 Jun 05
	\$million	\$million
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts in the course of operations (including GST)	819.0	734.0
Payments in the course of operations (including GST)	(213.3)	(245.9)
Distributions received from equity accounted associates	32.7	31.3
Goods and services taxes paid to suppliers for investing activities	(27.7)	(24.8)
Goods and services taxes paid to government bodies	(29.4)	(12.9)
Net cash flows from operating activities	581.3	481.7
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of property investments	(30.7)	(130.8)
Payments of capital expenditure for property investments	(264.8)	(215.8)
Proceeds from the sale of property investments	-	5.6
Net payments for investments in equity accounted investments	(3.1)	(15.3)
Acquisition of other investments	(173.2)	-
Distributions received from investments	-	7.8
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(471.8)	(348.5)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from the issues of securities	105.9	246.1
Net proceeds from interest bearing liabilities	432.7	217.1
Interest received	3.8	_
Financing costs	(260.2)	(220.9)
Distributions paid	(384.4)	(349.1)
Dividends paid by controlled entities to minority interest	(3.9)	(3.6)
Merger charges	-	(14.8)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(106.1)	(125.2)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held	3.4	8.0
Add: opening cash and cash equivalents brought forward	50.4	8.0 39.0
Effects of exchange rate changes on opening cash	50.4	59.0
and cash equivalents brought forward	0.6	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	54.4	47.0

## WESTFIELD TRUST COMPRISING WESTFIELD TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the half year ended 30 June 2006

## **1 CORPORATE INFORMATION**

This financial report of WT and its controlled entities for the half-year ended 30 June 2006 was approved in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of Westfield Management Limited as responsible entity of WT ("Responsible Entity") on 29 August 2006.

The nature of the operations and principal activities of WT are described in the Directors' Report.

## 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE HALF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

The half year financial report does not include all notes of the type normally included within the annual financial report and therefore cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the consolidated entity as the full financial report.

The half year financial report should be read in conjunction with the annual financial report of WT as at 31 December 2005.

It is also recommended that the half year financial report be considered together with any public announcements made by the Westfield Group ("the Group") and its controlled entities during the half year ended 30 June 2006 in accordance with the continuous disclosure obligations arising under the Corporations Act 2001.

#### (a) Basis of accounting

The half year consolidated financial report is a general purpose financial report, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, applicable Accounting Standards including AASB 134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

The half year financial report has also been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for investment properties, equity accounted investments, derivative financial instruments and available-for-sale financial assets that have been measured at fair value. The carrying values of recognised assets and liabilities that are hedged with fair value hedges and are otherwise carried at cost are adjusted to record changes in the fair values attributable to the risks that are being hedged.

For the purpose of preparing the half year financial report, the half year has been treated as a discrete reporting period.

The half year consolidated financial report has been prepared using the same accounting policies as used in the annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2005.

This financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

#### (b) Statement of compliance

This interim financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, which include Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ("AIFRS"). Compliance with AIFRS ensures that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and the notes thereto, complies with International Financial Reporting Standards.

### (c) Comparative information

Where applicable, certain comparative figures are restated in order to comply with the current period's presentation of the financial statements.

#### (d) Rounding

In accordance with ASIC Class Order 98/0100, the amounts shown in the Financial Report have, unless otherwise indicated, been rounded to the nearest tenth of a million dollars. Amounts shown as 0.0 represent amounts less than \$50,000 that have been rounded down.

## COMPRISING WESTFIELD TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the half year ended 30 June 2006

	CONSC	DLIDATED
	30 Jun 06	30 Jun 05
	\$million	\$million
3 TAX EXPENSE		
Current	-	-
Deferred	(35.9)	(6.1)
	(35.9)	(6.1)
The prima facie tax on profit before income tax expense is reconciled to the income		
tax expense provided in the financial statements as follows:		
Accounting profit before income tax	2,517.7	764.1
Prima facie tax expense at 30% (30 June 2005: 30%)	(755.3)	(229.2)
Australian Trust income not assessable	719.4	223.1
Tax expense	(35.9)	(6.1)
	CONSC	DLIDATED
	30 Jun 06	31 Dec 05
	Units	Units
4 CONTRIBUTED EQUITY		
(a) Number of units on issue		
Balance at the beginning of the period	1,748,184,050	1,683,099,391
Distribution reinvestment plan	9,516,698	27,687,649
Units issued on exercise of options	4,217,186	37,397,010
Balance at the end of the period	1,761,917,934	1,748,184,050

Stapled securities have the right to receive dividends from Westfield Holdings Limited ("WHL") and distributions from Westfield America Trust ("WAT") and WT as declared and, in the event of winding up of WHL, WAT and WT, to participate in the proceeds from the sale of all surplus assets in proportion to the number of and amounts paid up on stapled securities held.

Holders of stapled securities can vote their shares and units in accordance with the Corporations Act, either in person or by proxy, at a meeting of either WHL, WAT and WT (as the case may be).

	CONSOLIDATED		
	30 Jun 06	31 Dec 05	
	\$million	\$million	
(b) Amount of contributed equity			
Balance at the beginning of the period	5,868.4	5,304.8	
Distribution reinvestment plan	83.8	236.7	
Conversion of options	37.6	326.9	
Balance at the end of the period	5,989.8	5,868.4	

	CONSO	LIDATED
	30 Jun 06	30 Jun 05
	\$million	\$million
5 DISTRIBUTIONS		
(a) Current period interim/prior period final distribution proposed		
Ordinary units: 29.17 cents per unit	511.1	332.7
DRP units: 19.66 cents per unit	1.9	2.0
	513.0	334.7

Distributions proposed are to be paid on 31 August 2006. The record date for these distributions was 15 August 2006. The Westfield Group Distribution Reinvestment Plan (DRP) was in operation for the distribution payable on 31 August 2006. DRP securities issued during the period rank for distribution from the first day following the date on which they are issued.

(b) Distributions paid during the period		
Distribution in respect of the 6 months to 31 December 2005	384.4	
Distribution in respect of the 6 months to 31 December 2004		349.1
	384.4	349.1

# COMPRISING WESTFIELD TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the half year ended 30 June 2006

	CONSOL	IDATED
	30 Jun 06	31 Dec 05
	\$million	\$million
6 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITMENTS		
Estimated capital expenditure contracted at balance date but not provided		
Due within one year	279.6	279.2
Due between one and five years	120.7	2.9
Due after five years	-	-
	400.3	282.1
7 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES		
Performance guarantees	47.3	39.5
Borrowings of associates of the Responsible Entity	6,188.6	5,484.4
	6,235.9	5,523.9

From time to time, the Group is involved in lawsuits. The Directors believe that the ultimate outcome of such pending litigation will not materially affect the results of operations or the financial position of the Group.

## WESTFIELD TRUST COMPRISING WESTFIELD TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the half year ended 30 June 2006

## 8 SEGMENT INFORMATION

PRIMARY GEOGRAPHIC SEGMENT

	AUSTI	AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND		CONSOLIDATED		
	30 Jun 06	30 Jun 05	30 Jun 06	30 Jun 05	30 Jun 06	30 Jun 05
	\$million	\$million	\$million	\$million	\$million	\$million
Segment revenue and other income						
Revenue	645.1	571.1	99.1	86.0	744.2	657.1
Property revaluation	1,698.8	555.2	81.9	1.5	1,780.7	556.7
Equity accounted entities net profit	313.1	52.4	-	-	313.1	52.4
Total segment revenue and other income	2,657.0	1,178.7	181.0	87.5	2,838.0	1,266.2
Foreign exchange gains					50.8	20.7
Interest income			3.0	14.7		
Consolidated total revenue					2,891.8	1,301.6

	AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND		CONSOL	IDATED		
	30 Jun 06	30 Jun 05	30 Jun 06	30 Jun 05	30 Jun 06	30 Jun 05
	\$million	\$million	\$million	\$million	\$million	\$million
Segment result						
Segment profit before corporate overheads,						
interest, sale of investments and taxation	2,477.2	1,021.0	153.5	61.6	2,630.7	1,082.6
Net foreign exchange gains					5.2	12.6
Corporate overheads					(4.6)	(1.5)
Net financing costs					(113.6)	(329.6)
Tax expense					(35.9)	(6.1)
Consolidated profit after tax					2,481.8	758.0

## WESTFIELD TRUST COMPRISING WESTFIELD TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the half year ended 30 June 2006

## 9 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Group is in the process of investigating a number of capital management initiatives including the establishment of a wholesale funds management business. The Group's review of wholesale fund opportunities is continuing with discussions now being held with interested parties with regard to a A\$2 billion wholesale fund with interests in 6 Australian super regional and regional shopping centres.

## WESTFIELD TRUST COMPRISING WESTFIELD TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The Directors of Westfield Management Limited, the Responsible Entity of Westfield Trust ("Trust") declare that:

- (a) in the Directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (b) in the Directors' opinion, the Financial Statements and notes of the consolidated entity:
  - (i) comply with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Act 2001; and
  - (ii) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2006 and the performance for the half year ended on that date.

Made on 29 August 2006 in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

FP Lowy, AC Chairman

Fr. Hime

Professsor FG Hilmer, AO Deputy Chairman

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## Independent audit report to members of Westfield Trust

## Scope

## The financial report and directors' responsibility

The financial report comprises the balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement, statement of changes in equity and accompanying notes to the financial statements for the consolidated entity comprising Westfield Trust (the Trust) and the entities it controlled during the half year, and the directors' declaration for the Trust, for the half year ended 30 June 2006.

The directors of Westfield Management Limited, the Responsible Entity of the Trust, are responsible for preparing a financial report that gives a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the consolidated entity, and that complies with Accounting Standard AASB 134 "Interim Financial Reporting", in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

## Audit approach

We conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the trust and in order for the trust to lodge the financial report with the Australian Stock Exchange and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including compliance with Accounting Standard AASB 134 "Interim Financial Reporting", and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the consolidated entity's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

We performed procedures to assess whether the substance of business transactions was accurately reflected in the financial report. These and our other procedures did not include consideration or judgement of the appropriateness or reasonableness of the business plans or strategies adopted by the directors and management of the Trust.

## Independence

We are independent of the Trust and the consolidated entity, and have met the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Corporations Act 2001. We have given to the director's of Westfield Management Limited a written Auditor's Independence Declaration a copy of which is included in the Directors' Report.

In addition to our audit of the financial report, we were engaged to undertake other non-audit services. The provision of these services has not impaired our independence.

## **Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report of the consolidated entity comprising Westfield Trust and the entities it controlled during the half year is in accordance with:

- (a) the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the consolidated entity at 30 June 2006 and of its performance for the half year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
- (b) other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia.

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Ernst & Young

Chris Westworth Partner Sydney 29 August 2006

## DIRECTORS' REPORT For the half year ended 30 June 2006

The Directors of Westfield Management Limited (the "**Responsible Entity**"), the responsible entity of Westfield Trust ("**Trust**") submit the following report for the half year ended 30 June 2006 ("**Financial Period**").

#### **Review of Operations and State of Affairs**

The Trust reported a net profit of A\$2,449.9 million and a distribution of A\$513.0 million for the Financial Period. Basic earnings per unit is 139.49 cents and the distribution per unit is 29.17 cents for the Financial Period.

As at 30 June 2006, the Trust had a \$19.6 billion (consolidated properties: A\$18.3 billion and share of equity accounted properties: A\$1.3 billion) interest in 54 shopping centres, comprising 12,300 retailers and approximately 3.7 million square metres of retail space.

The Australian and New Zealand operations contributed net property income of A\$570.8 million for the six months to 30 June 2006 (A\$505.8 million for the six months to 30 June 2005) which includes comparable mall income growth of approximately 4.8%. This performance reflects the steady retail conditions which prevailed during the period as well as the quality of the portfolios in both regions, with occupancy rates continuing to be in excess of 99.5% and specialty store rental growth for the half year of 5.0%.

Retail sales in the Group's 43 Australian centres totalled A\$17.7 billion. On a comparable basis, sales increased 4.0% with specialty store sales up 1.9%. Retail sales at the Group's 11 shopping centres in New Zealand increased 1.6% to NZ\$1.7 billion for the 12 months to 30 June 2006. On a comparable basis, specialty store sales were up 1.2%.

#### **Development projects**

In Australia there are 3 major projects currently under construction, two are scheduled to complete in 2006 and one in 2007. In Sydney, the A\$205 million redevelopment of Westfield Liverpool and the A\$200 million redevelopment of Westfield Chermside in Brisbane is forecast for completion by Christmas of 2006. The A\$170 million development at Westfield Kotara is progressing well and is expected to be complete by the third quarter of 2007.

Development approval has also been received for Stage 1 of the Sydney CBD Centrepoint project.

In New Zealand, construction has commenced on a NZ\$210 million development at Albany in Auckland which is scheduled for completion in the third quarter of 2007. The Group's remaining New Zealand projects include a NZ\$40 million redevelopment project at Chartwell in Hamilton and a NZ\$33 million project at Newmarket in Auckland. Both of these projects are expected to complete during the second half of 2006.

The current target weighted average yield range of the projects under construction in Australia and New Zealand is 9.4% to 9.7%. This reflects the Group's incremental income yield on the Group's project cost.

There were no significant changes in the Trust's state of affairs during the Financial Period.

#### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the Trust during the Financial Period were the ownership and improvement of shopping centres. There were no significant changes in the nature of those activities during the Financial Period.

#### **Subsequent Events**

The Group is in the process of investigating a number of capital management initiatives including the establishment of a wholesale funds management business. The Group's review of wholesale fund opportunities is continuing with discussions now being held with interested parties with regard to a A\$2 billion wholesale fund with interests in 6 Australian super regional and regional shopping centres.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since the end of the Financial Period that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (i) the Trust's operations in future financial years;
- (ii) the results of those operation in future financial years; or
- (iii) the Trust's state of affairs in future financial years.

#### **The Directors**

There have been no changes to the Board of the Responsible Entity during or since the end of the Financial Period.

Consequently, the following directors served on the Board of the Responsible Entity for the entirety of the Financial Period: Mr F P Lowy AC, Professor F G Hilmer AO, Mr D H Lowy AM, Mr R L Furman, Mr D M Gonski AO, Mr S P Johns Mr P S Lowy, Mr S M Lowy, Mr F T Vincent, Dr G H Weiss, Mr D R Wills AO and Ms C M Zampatti AM.

## Auditor's Independence Declaration

The directors have obtained the following independence declaration from the auditors, Ernst & Young.



#### Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Westfield Management Limited

In relation to our audit of the financial report of Westfield Trust for the half year ended 30 June 2006, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 or any applicable code of professional conduct.

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Ernst & Young

Chris Westworth Partner Sydney 29 August 2006

#### Synchronisation of Financial Year

By an order dated 5 November 2001 made by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Directors have been relieved from compliance with the requirement to ensure that the financial year of Carindale Property Trust is synchronised with the financial year of Westfield Trust. Although the financial years of Carindale Property Trust end on 30 June, the financial statements of Westfield Trust have been prepared to include accounts for Carindale Property Trust for a period coinciding with the Financial Year of Westfield Trust.

This Report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Directors.

F P Lowy, AC Chairman

29 August 2006

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Professor F G Hilmer, AO Deputy Chairman

## DIRECTORY

#### Westfield Group

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## **AMERICA TRUST**

## INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

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## WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST

# COMPRISING WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES INCOME STATEMENT

## for the half-year ended 30 June 2006

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		30-Jun-06	30-Jun-05
	Note	\$million	\$million
Revenue and other income			
Property revenue		810.2	719.5
Property revaluation		549.7	640.7
		1,359.9	1,360.2
Share of net profits of equity accounted entities			
Property revenue		107.2	96.8
Property revaluation		58.0	37.8
Property expenses and outgoings		(31.1)	(26.3)
Other	_	(26.4)	(25.1)
		107.7	83.2
Currency derivatives		-	45.3
Interest income		16.3	10.9
Total revenue and other income		1,483.9	1,499.6
Expenses			
Property expenses and outgoings		(289.6)	(246.1)
Corporate costs		(1.9)	(9.0)
•		(291.5)	(255.1)
Goodwill on acquisitions (due to the recognition of deferred tax liabilities)			. ,
written off		-	(3.5)
Currency derivatives		(67.7)	-
Financing costs			
- interest bearing liabilities		(48.9)	(136.8)
- other financial liabilities		(57.2)	(253.0)
		(106.1)	(389.8)
Total expenses		(465.3)	(648.4)
Profit before tax expense and minority interests		1,018.6	851.2
Tax expense	3	(158.1)	(138.7)
<u> </u>	5	860.5	
Profit after tax expense for the period		800.5	712.5
Less: net profit attributable to minority interests		-	-
Net profit attributable to Members of Westfield America Trust ("WAT")		860.5	712.5
Distribution proposed	5	466.5	452.7
Weighted average number of securities/units entitled to distribution at 30 June 2006	5	1,841.9	1,799.5
		cents	cents
Basic earnings per unit		46.77	39.87
Diluted earnings per unit		45.68	39.62
Distribution proposed per ordinary unit	5	25.33	25.16
Distribution proposed per DRP unit	5	17.07	16.96

## WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST COMPRISING WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 June 2006

as at 30 June 2006	CONSOLIDATED	
	30-Jun-06	31-Dec-05
Note	\$million	\$million
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	70.6	32.7
Trade receivables	8.4	23.0
Derivative assets	127.9	280.9
Receivables	597.2	596.6
Tax receivable	48.0	27.8
Prepayments and deferred costs	77.3	87.2
Investment properties	217.2	-
Total current assets	1,146.6	1,048.2
Non current assets		
Investment properties	16,976.0	16,976.1
Equity accounted investments	1,907.2	1,824.8
Other investments	114.4	116.1
Derivative assets	308.5	224.1
Receivables	4.0	4.2
Deferred tax assets	9.5	22.6
Prepayments and deferred costs	339.6	365.4
Total non current assets	19,659.2	19,533.3
Total assets	20,805.8	20,581.5
Current liabilities		
Payables	403.3	377.3
Interest bearing liabilities	526.5	393.4
Tax payable	9.9	13.8
Total current liabilities	939.7	784.5
Non current liabilities		
Payables	25.1	16.8
Interest bearing liabilities	7,242.7	7,432.2
Other financial liabilities	3,078.0	3,166.5
Deferred tax liabilities	1,408.8	1,306.7
Derivative liabilities	8.1	186.0
Total non current liabilities	11,762.7	12,108.2
Total liabilities	12,702.4	12,892.7
Net assets	8,103.4	7,688.8
Equity attributable to Members of WAT		
Contributed equity 4	6,140.5	6,058.6
Reserves	215.2	206.4
Retained profits	1,747.7	1,423.8
Total equity attributable to Members of WAT	8,103.4	7,688.8

## WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST

## COMPRISING WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the half-year ended 30 June 2006

	CONSOLIDATED	
	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-05
	\$million	\$million
Changes in equity attributable to Members of WAT		
Opening balance of equity at 1 January 2006 (30 June 2005: 1 January 2005)	7,688.8	7,036.1
Contributed equity		
Application of AASB 132 and 139 effective 1 January 2005 (ii)	-	74.0
Dividend / distribution reinvestment plan	65.4	105.8
Conversion of options	16.5	89.4
Foreign currency translation reserve		
Application of AASB 132 and 139 effective 1 January 2005 (ii)	-	27.3
Net exchange difference on translation of foreign operations (i)	8.8	(69.3)
Retained profits		
Application of AASB 132 and 139 effective 1 January 2005 (ii)	-	(763.8)
Distribution paid/payable	(536.6)	(473.7)
Net adjustments recognised directly in equity	(445.9)	(1,010.3)
Net profit attributable to Members of WAT <sup>(i)</sup>	860.5	712.5
Closing balance of equity attributable to Members of WAT	8,103.4	6,738.3

(i) Total income and expenses for the period, including amounts recognised directly in equity, is \$869.3 million (30 June 2005: \$643.2 million), being profit after tax expense for the period of \$860.5 million (30 June 2005: \$712.5 million) and the net exchange gain on translation of foreign operations of \$8.8 million (30 June 2005: loss \$69.3 million).

(ii) WAT elected to defer the application of AASB 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation and Disclosure" and AASB 139 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement". As a result of the deferral, the opening retained profits at 1 January 2005 has been adjusted to account for the application of AASB 132 "Financial Instruments: Presentation and Disclosure" and AASB 139 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement" as at that date.

## WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST

# COMPRISING WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES CASH FLOW STATEMENT

## for the half-year ended 30 June 2006

•	CONSOLIDATED	
	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-05
Note	\$million	\$million
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts in the course of operations	831.1	772.5
Payments in the course of operations	(317.4)	(290.0)
Settlement of currency derivatives	74.2	74.4
Dividends /distributions received from equity accounted associates	59.6	33.2
Withholding taxes paid	(45.8)	(39.7)
Net cash flows from operating activities	601.7	550.4
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of property investments	(7.0)	(148.2)
Payments for capital expenditure of property investments	(374.1)	(317.2)
Proceeds from the sale of property investments	564.0	1.7
Net payments for investments in equity accounted investments	(60.1)	(23.6)
Loans advanced to related entities	19.3	(56.0)
Net cash flows used in investing activities	142.1	(543.3)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from issue of units	81.9	195.3
Net proceeds from interest bearing liabilities	17.9	440.8
Financing costs	(279.7)	(230.4)
Interest received	10.6	9.2
Distributions paid	(536.6)	(473.7)
Merger and capital restructure charges	-	(14.7)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(705.9)	(73.5)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents held	37.9	(66.4)
Add opening cash and cash equivalents brought forward	32.7	158.5
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	70.6	<u> </u>

## WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST COMPRISING WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## for the half-year ended 30 June 2006

## **1 CORPORATE INFORMATION**

This financial report of WAT for the half-year ended 30 June 2006 was approved in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of Westfield America Management Limited, as responsible entity of WAT ('Responsible Entity') on 29 August 2006.

The nature of the operations and principal activities of WAT are described in the Directors' Report.

## 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The half-year financial report does not include all notes of the type normally included within the annual financial report and therefore cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the consolidated entity as the full financial report.

The half-year financial report should be read in conjunction with the annual financial report of WAT as at 31 December 2005.

It is also recommended that the half-year financial report be considered together with any public announcements made by Westfield Group and its controlled entities during the half-year ended 30 June 2006 in accordance with the continuous disclosure obligations arising under the Corporations Act 2001.

## (a) Basis of accounting

The half-year consolidated financial report is a general purpose financial report, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, applicable Accounting Standards including AASB 134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

The half-year financial report has been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for investment properties, equity accounted investments, derivative financial instruments and available for sale financial assets that have been measured at fair value. The carrying values of recognised assets and liabilities that are hedged with fair value hedges and are otherwise carried at cost are adjusted to record changes in the fair values attributable to the risks that are being hedged.

For the purpose of preparing the half-year financial report, the half year has been treated as a discrete reporting period.

The half-year consolidated financial report has been prepared using the same accounting policies as used in the annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2005. This financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

#### (b) Statement of compliance

This financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, which include Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ("AIFRS"). Compliance with AIFRS ensures that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and the notes thereto, complies with International Financial Reporting Standards.

## (c) Comparative information

Where applicable, certain comparative figures are restated in order to comply with the current period's presentation of the financial statements.

## (d) Rounding

In accordance with ASIC Class Order 98/0100, the amounts shown in the financial report have, unless otherwise indicated, been rounded to the nearest tenth of a million dollars. Amounts shown as 0.0 represent amounts less than \$50,000 that have been rounded down.

## WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST COMPRISING WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the half-year ended 30 June 2006

	CONSOLIDATED	
	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-05 \$million
	\$million	
3 TAXATION		
(a) Tax expense		
Current - underlying tax	(24.2)	(23.3)
Deferred	(133.9)	(115.4)
	(158.1)	(138.7)
The prima facie tax on profit before tax expense is reconciled to the tax expense provided in the financial statements as follows:		
Accounting profit before tax	1,018.6	851.2
Prima facie withholding tax expense on profit at 15% (30 June 2005: 15%)	(152.8)	(127.7)
Profit/(loss) not assessable/(deductible)	1.3	(10.5)
Goodwill write off not deductible	-	(0.5)
Prior period under provision	(6.6)	-
Tax expense	(158.1)	(138.7)

	CONSOLIDATED	
	30-Jun-06	31-Dec-05
	shares	shares
4 CONTRIBUTED EQUITY		
(a) Number of units on issue		
Balance at the beginning of the period	1,831,268,413	1,766,183,754
Distribution reinvestment plan	9,516,698	27,687,649
Units issued on exercise of options	4,217,186	37,397,010
Balance at the end of the period for WAT	1,845,002,297	1,831,268,413

Stapled securities have the right to receive dividends from Westfield Holdings Limited ("WHL") and distributions from Westfield Trust ("WT") and WAT as declared and, in the event of winding up of WHL, WT and WAT, to participate in the proceeds from the sale of all surplus assets in proportion to the number of and amounts paid up on stapled securities held.

Holders of stapled securities can vote their shares and units in accordance with the Corporations Act, either in person or by proxy, at a meeting of either WHL, WT and WAT (as the case maybe).

	CONSOLIDATED	
	30-Jun-06	31-Dec-05
	\$million	\$million
(b) Amount of contributed equity		
Balance at the beginning of the period	6,058.6	5,647.4
Application of AASB 132 and 139 effective 1 January 2005	-	74.0
Distribution reinvestment plan	65.4	190.7
Conversion of options	16.5	146.5
Balance at the end of the period	6,140.5	6,058.6

## WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST comprising westfield america trust and its controlled entities NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the half-year ended 30 June 2006

	CONSO	CONSOLIDATED	
	30-Jun-06	30-Jun-05	
5 DISTRIBUTIONS			
(a) Current period interim/prior period interim distribution proposed			
Ordinary units: 25.33 cents per unit	464.9	450.1	
DRP units: 17.07 cents per unit	1.6	2.6	
	466.5	452.7	

Distributions proposed are to be paid on 31 August 2006. The record date for these distributions was 15 August 2006. The Westfield Group Distribution Reinvestment Plan (DRP) was in operation for the distribution payable on 31 August 2006. DRP securities issued during the period rank for distribution from the first day following the date on which they are issued.

(b) Distributions paid during the period		
Distribution in respect of the 6 months to 31 December 2005	536.6	-
Distribution in respect of the 6 months to 31 December 2004	-	473.7
	536.6	473.7
	CONSC	DLIDATED
	30-Jun-06	31-Dec-05
	\$million	\$million
6 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITMENTS		
Estimated capital expenditure commitments		
Due within one year	486.9	619.5
Due between one and five years	339.6	5 246.6
	826.5	866.1
7 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES		
Performance guarantees	22.2	38.9
Special tax assessment municipal bonds	68.9	69.9
Borrowings of associates of the Responsible Entity	9,023.7	7,645.6
	9,114.8	7,754.4

From time to time WAT is involved in lawsuits. The Directors of the Responsible Entity believe that the ultimate outcome of such pending litigation will not materially affect the results of operations or the financial position of WAT.

## 8 SEGMENT INFORMATION

WAT operates solely as a retail property investor in the United States of America.

## 9 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Since the end of the half-year WAT acquired Westfield Corporation, Inc (the manager and developer of its property investments) and its controlled entities from WHL for US\$434.0 million.

## WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST COMPRISING WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The Directors of Westfield America Management Limited, the Responsible Entity of Westfield America Trust ("Trust") declare that:

- (a) in the Directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (b) in the Directors' opinion, the Financial Statements and notes of the consolidated entity:
  - (i) comply with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Act 2001; and
  - (ii) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2006 and the performance for the half-year ended on that date.

Made on 29 August 2006 in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

FP Lowy, AC Chairman

Fr. Hime

Professor FG Hilmer, AO Deputy Chairman

## WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST COMPRISING WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT to the Members of Westfield America Trust

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#### Scope

#### The financial report and directors' responsibility

The financial report comprises the balance sheet, income statement, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement and accompanying notes to the financial statements for the consolidated entity comprising Westfield America Trust (the Trust) and the entities it controlled during the half year, and the directors' declaration for the Trust, for the half year ended 30 June 2006.

The directors of Westfield America Management Limited, the Responsible Entity of the Trust, are responsible for preparing a financial report that gives a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the consolidated entity, and that complies with Accounting Standard AASB134 "Interim Financial Reporting", in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

#### Audit approach

We conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion to the members of the trust and in order for the trust to lodge the financial report with the Australian Stock Exchange and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including compliance with Accounting Standard AASB134 "Interim Financial Reporting", and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the consolidated entity's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report; and
- assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

We performed procedures to assess whether the substance of business transactions was accurately reflected in the financial report. These and our other procedures did not include consideration or judgement of the appropriateness or reasonableness of the business plans or strategies adopted by the directors and management of the Responsible Entity of the Trust.

#### Independence

We are independent of the Trust and have met the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements and the Corporations Act 2001. We have given to the directors of Westfield America Management Limited a written Auditor's Independence Declaration a copy of which is included in the Directors' Report.

In addition to our audit of the financial report, we were engaged to undertake the services disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The provision of these services has not impaired our independence. In addition to our audit of the financial report, we were engaged to undertake other non-audit services. The provision of these services has not impaired our independence.

#### **Audit Opinion**

In our opinion the financial report of the consolidated entity comprising Westfield America Trust and the entities it controlled during the half year is in accordance with:

(a) the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the consolidated entity at 30 June 2006 and of its performance for the half year ended on that date;
- (ii) complying with Accounting Standard AASB134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia.

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Chris Westworth - Partner Sydney, 29 August 2006

## WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST COMPRISING WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors of Westfield America Management Limited (the "**Responsible Entity**"), the responsible entity of Westfield America Trust ("**Trust**") submit the following Report for the half-year ended 30 June 2006 ("**Financial Period**").

## **Review of Operations and State of Affairs**

The Trust reported a net profit of \$860.5 million and a distribution of \$466.5 million for the Financial Period. Basic earnings per unit is 46.77 cents and the distribution per unit is 25.33 cents for the Financial Period.

As at 30 June 2006, the Trust had a \$20.1 billion (consolidated properties: \$17.2 billion and a share of equity accounted properties: \$2.9 billion) interest in 59 shopping centres, comprising 8,700 retailers and approximately 6.0 million square metres of retail space.

The Trust achieved net property income of \$596.7 million with comparable mall income growth of 4.3%. This result reflects average specialty retail sales of US\$446 per square foot with comparable growth of 5.2% for the Financial Period. The strong sales growth reflects the performance of the Trust's West Coast (up 5.7%), Mid West (up 5.3%) and East Coast (up 3.9%) portfolios.

At 30 June 2006 the portfolio was 93.5% leased, which is consistent with the prior period. New leases totalling 2.0 million square feet were completed during the Financial Period. New mall shop rents at US\$51.12 per square foot represent a 30.0% increase over expiring rents and includes the positive impact of new projects. The average rent across the entire portfolio at June 2006 was US\$40.87 per square foot - up 3.7% for the Financial Period.

## Property transactions

During the Financial Period, the Trust acquired 16 department store sites owned by Federated Department Stores, Inc at 12 Westfield shopping centres. The acquisition of 12 of the stores was in exchange for 12 department store properties that were owned by the Trust and leased to May Company. The remaining 4 stores were acquired for US\$30.5 million. This provides the Trust with the opportunity for 18 new developments with over \$2.0 billion of new projects to be started over the next 4 years.

During the Financial Period, the Trust also disposed of 8 non-core assets to Centro and Somera for US\$550.0 million recycling capital into the Trust's development pipeline.

#### Development projects

The Trust commenced 4 new projects during the Financial Period. This includes the US\$220.0 million development of Westfield Galleria at Roseville scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2009. The largest project currently underway in the United States is the redevelopment of San Francisco Center in downtown San Francisco, California at a forecast cost of US\$460 million (with Westfield's share of the development US\$230 million). This project is currently on schedule for completion in the fourth quarter of 2006.

The Trust currently has its largest ever development pipeline with 13 projects currently underway at a forecast cost of US\$1.8 billion. These projects have a target weighted average project yield in the range of 9.8% to 10.3%.

There were no significant changes in the Trust's state of affairs during the Financial Period.

## WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST COMPRISING WESTFIELD AMERICA TRUST AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES DIRECTORS' REPORT

### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the Trust during the Financial Period were the ownership and improvement of shopping centres. There were no significant changes in the nature of those activities during the Financial Period.

### Subsequent Events

Since the end of the half-year the Trust acquired Westfield Corporation, Inc (the manager and developer of its property investments) and its controlled entities from Westfield Holdings Limited for US\$434.0 million.

## The Directors

There have been no changes to the Board of the Responsible Entity during or since the end of the Financial Period.

Consequently, the following directors served on the Board of the Responsible Entity for the entirety of the Financial Period: Mr F P Lowy AC, Professor F G Hilmer AO, Mr D H Lowy AM, Mr R L Furman, Mr D M Gonski AO, Mr S P Johns, Mr P S Lowy, Mr S M Lowy, Mr J B Studdy AM, Mr F T Vincent, Dr G H Weiss, Mr D R Wills AO and Ms C M Zampatti AM.

## Auditor's Independence Declaration

The directors have obtained the following independence declaration from the auditors, Ernst & Young.

## ERNST & YOUNG

## Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Westfield America Management Limited

In relation to our audit of the financial report of Westfield America Trust for the half year ended 30 June 2006, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 or any applicable code of professional conduct.

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Ernst & Young

Chris Westworth Partner Sydney 29 August 2006

This Report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Directors.

F P Lowy, AC Chairman

29 August 2006

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Professor F G Hilmer, AO Deputy Chairman

## DIRECTORY

## Westfield Group

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