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Half-Year Financial Report

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Directors' Report

The Directors of Cromwell Funds Management Limited (CFM) the responsible entity of Cromwell Phoenix Global Opportunities Fund (the Fund), present their report at the end of the half-year ended 31 December 2024.

The responsible entity and its directors

Cromwell Funds Management Limited has been the responsible entity of the Fund since its registration. Cromwell Funds Management Limited is part of Cromwell Property Group, a real estate investment manager with \$4.5 billion of assets under management. The responsible entity undertakes management and administrative duties for the Fund and monitors the Custodian, MUFG Pension & Market Services, which holds the Fund's assets on behalf of the unitholders.

The responsible entity's directors are as follows (collectively referred to as "the Directors"):

Ms TL Cox	Non-executive Chair	Appointed 14 January 2021, Chair since 14 January 2021
Ms LJC Crombie	Non-executive Director	Appointed 30 June 2022
Ms RJ Lloyd	Non-executive Director	Appointed 18 July 2022
Mr GG Ross	Non-executive Director	Appointed 18 July 2022

Review of operations and results

Financial performance

The Fund recorded a statutory profit for the half-year of \$1,921,967 (2023: \$387,373) and declared distributions of \$nil (31 December 2023: \$nil).

The following table shows the Fund's performance against its benchmark index since the Fund's inception:

	Half-year	1 Year	3 years (annualised)	5 Years (annualised)	Since inception (annualised)
Fund performance (before fees and costs)	24.8%	36.7%	15.2%	17.1%	17.1%
Fund performance (after fees and costs)	19.5%	28.5%	12.1%	13.5%	13.5%
Vanguard Total World Stock ETF	13.8%	28.7%	11.1%	12.8%	12.8%
Excess return (after fees and costs)	5.7%	(0.2%)	1.0%	0.7%	0.7%

For the half-year ended 31 December 2024, the Fund posted a positive return of 19.5% after fees and costs. Global securities moved higher irrespective of size in the half-year period. The Benchmark's return (13.8%) was driven in part by strong performance of underlying securities. In particular US stocks outperformed other jurisdictions. The weakness of the Australian Dollar was also a meaningful contributor to the Benchmark's absolute return. Foreign currency added to the Fund's absolute returns, but detracted value relative to the index. The Fund remains unhedged due to the imposition of costs and additional complexity of currency hedging. The Manager believes it has a competitive advantage at choosing undervalued securities, not hedging foreign exchange rates.

The Fund's objective is measured over 3 and 5 year rolling periods. The Fund reached its 5-year anniversary at the end of the 2024 calendar year. For the current 3-year and 5-year period, the Fund achieved its dual objective of delivering a total return greater than 7.5% and outperforming the benchmark after fees.

Sun Corporation (TSE:6736) was the largest contributor to performance over the period. The company benefitted from the strong performance of its holding in US-listed business Cellebrite. It also benefited from the discount to its holding in Cellebrite reducing from highs of more than 60% to under 15%. The Fund's investment in Sun Corporation is now the most successful in its history. The Fund's holding in Super Group (NASDAQ:SGHC) was also a meaningful contributor, as a strong earnings outcome meaningfully changed sentiment surrounding the business. Weiss Korea Opportunities Fund (AIM:WKOF), a closed-end fund invested in Korean preferred securities, was the largest detractor to performance in the half-year. The holding underperformed due to weakness in Korean securities, in part due to a challenging political environment, which culminated in a brief entry into martial law. WKOF's discount also expanded over the period.

Likely results and expected results of operations

The activities of the Fund are regulated by the Fund's constitution. Owing to the limitations on the scope of activities contained in the constitution, future activities of the Fund will be confined to investment in a portfolio of internationally listed, predominately small capitalisation securities and selected other investments with similar characteristics to provide a mixture of income and capital growth to investors.

The results of the Fund's operations will be affected by a number of factors, including the performance of investment markets in which the Fund invests and other global economic impacts (such as global geopolitical instability and monetary policy). Investment performance is not guaranteed and future returns may differ from past returns. As investment conditions change over time, past returns should not be used to predict future returns.

Directors' Report

Value of scheme assets

The total carrying value of the Fund's assets as at the end of the reporting period was \$13,125,418 (30 June 2024: \$9,571,041). The Fund held investments valued at \$12,275,062 (30 June 2024: \$9,220,611) and net assets attributable to unitholders of \$12,921,774 (30 June 2024: \$8,926,758) at balance date. This represents net tangible assets of \$1.56 (30 June 2024: \$1.31) per unit, before any allowance for selling costs.

Subsequent events

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2024 that has significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- the Fund's operations in future financial years; or
- the results of those operations in future financial years; or
- the Fund's state of affairs in future financial years.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) accompanies this report on page 5.

This report is made pursuant to section 306(3) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

Ms TL Cox

Chair

14 March 2025

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Auditor's Independence Declaration

In relation to the independent auditor's review for the half year ended 31 December 2024, to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001; and
- (ii) no contraventions of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards).

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Statement of Profit or Loss

For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

		Half-year	ended
	Note	31 December 2024 \$	31 December 2023 \$
Investment and other income			
Distributions and dividend income	3c	225,989	143,129
Net foreign exchange gain	3b	726,095	-
Interest		2,690	1,070
Net fair value gain from investments in equity securities	3b	1,488,601	465,560
Total investment and other income		2,443,375	609,759
Expenses			
Fund performance fees	7	478,081	61,143
Withholding tax on foreign dividends		21,538	8,828
Net foreign exchange loss	3b	-	135,993
Other expenses		21,789	16,422
Total expenses		521,408	222,386
Profit for the half-year		1,921,967	387,373
Other comprehensive income for the half-year		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		1,921,967	387,373

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

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2024

		As	at
		31 December	30 June
		2024	2024
	Notes	\$	\$
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		751,926	290,398
Receivables		98,430	60,032
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	3b	12,275,062	9,220,611
Total assets		13,125,418	9,571,041
Liabilities			
Payables	4	203,644	5,062
Distributions payable	2b	-	639,221
Total liabilities		203,644	644,283
Net assets		12,921,774	8,926,758
Equity			
Contributed equity	5b	10,215,410	8,142,361
Retained earnings		2,706,364	784,397
Total equity		12,921,774	8,926,758

The above balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Equity For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

		Contributed	Retained	
31 December 2024	Notes	equity \$	earnings \$	Total \$
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Balance at 1 July 2024		8,142,361	784,397	8,926,758
Profit for the half-year		-	1,921,967	1,921,967
Other comprehensive income for the half-year		-	•	-
Transactions with unitholders in their capacity as unitholders:				
Units issued:				
For cash	5	1,713,400	-	1,713,400
Reinvestment of distributions	5	382,060	-	382,060
Units redeemed	5	(22,411)	-	(22,411)
Distributions paid / payable	2	-	-	-
Total transactions with unitholders		2,073,049	-	2,073,049
Balance at 31 December 2024		10,215,410	2,706,364	12,921,774
		Contributed	Retained	
24 December 2002		equity	earnings	Total
31 December 2023	Notes			Total \$
31 December 2023 Balance at 1 July 2023	Notes	equity	earnings	
	Notes	equity \$	earnings \$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2023	Notes	equity \$	earnings \$ 382,104	6,771,182
Balance at 1 July 2023 Profit for the half-year	Notes	equity \$	earnings \$ 382,104	6,771,182
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Balance at 1 July 2023 Profit for the half-year Other comprehensive income for the half-year Transactions with unitholders in their capacity as unitholders: Units issued: For cash Reinvestment of distributions	5 5	equity \$ 6,389,078 - - 1,350,494	earnings \$ 382,104	\$ 6,771,182 387,373 - 1,350,494

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

	Half-yea	ar ended
	31 December 2024 \$	31 December 2023 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Distributions and dividends received	210,559	103,247
Interest received	2,690	1,070
Performance fees paid	(329,267)	(35,509)
Other expenses paid	(16,348)	(11,203)
Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities	(132,366)	57,605
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for investments at fair value through profit or loss	(6,832,240)	(4,185,757)
Proceeds from sale of investments at fair value through profit or loss	5,960,873	2,664,173
Net cash used in investing activities	(871,367)	(1,521,584)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from issue of units	1,713,500	848,494
Payments for units redeemed	(22,411)	-
Distributions paid	(257,161)	(51,323)
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,433,928	797,171
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	430,195	(666,808)
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	31,333	(3,463)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	290,398	1,015,398
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	751,926	345,127

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

For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

1. Basis of preparation

The half-year financial report of Cromwell Phoenix Global Opportunities Fund (the Fund) for the half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2024 is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth). The financial report is designed to provide an update on the Fund's financial performance and financial position since the last annual financial report was issued. This financial report therefore does not include all the notes normally included in an annual financial report and needs to be read in conjunction with the annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024. The Fund is a for-profit entity for the purposes of preparing financial statements.

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the half-year financial report are consistent with those adopted and disclosed in the Fund's annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024. These accounting policies are consistent with applicable Australian accounting standards and with international financial reporting standards.

The balance sheet is presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and do not distinguish between current and non-current. All balances are expected to be recovered or settled within twelve months, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and net assets attributable to unitholders.

The Fund manages financial assets at fair value through profit or loss based on the economic circumstances at any given point in time, as well as to meet any liquidity requirements. As such, it is expected that a portion of the portfolio will be realised within twelve months, however, an estimate of that amount cannot be determined as at balance date.

In the case of net assets attributable to unitholders, the units are redeemable on demand at the unitholder's option. However, holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term. As such, the amount expected to be settled within twelve months cannot be reliably determined.

The financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis.

Continuous disclosure

Continuous disclosure and updates on the Fund's performance and events significant to the Fund are provided on Cromwell's webpage at https://www.cromwell.com.au/investment-options/gof.

Segment information

The Fund operates in one operating segment, being the investment in global small capitalisation securities. The Fund earns dividends and derives capital appreciation from its portfolio of investments in global small capitalisation securities across multiple global equities markets.

a) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis and are based on historical or professional experience and other factors such as expectations about future events. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

At 31 December 2024 and 30 June 2024 the only assets carried at fair value are investments at fair value through profit or loss. Refer note 3 and note 6 for further information.

b) New and amended accounting standards and interpretations adopted by the Fund

The Fund has adopted all applicable new Australian accounting standards and interpretations. Any new standards or amendments adopted in the current period do not have a material impact on the financial statements.

Any new relevant accounting standards and interpretations that have been issued or amended but are not yet effective and have not been adopted by the Fund are unlikely to have any material impact on the Fund.

2. Distributions

a) Overview

If distributions are declared, they are paid to unitholders annually. When calculating the amount of distribution, the expected return from the Fund's investments (on an annualised basis) is taken into account. The actual amount distributed may be higher or lower than this amount but is no less than the Fund's net taxable income.

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b) Distributions paid / payable

The distribution history of the Fund may be viewed on Cromwell's webpage - https://www.cromwell.com.au/gof. Total distributions paid / payable during the half-year were as follows:

	Half-year ended	
	31 December 2024 \$	31 December 2023 \$
Distributions paid / payable	-	-

No distribution was declared for the half-year ended 31 December 2024 (31 December 2023: \$nil). Distributions of \$639,221 payable from 30 June 2024 were settled during the current period, with \$382,060 reinvested into the Fund by unitholders and \$257,161 paid to unitholders.

3. Investments at fair value through profit or loss

a) Overview

The Fund invests in a global portfolio of internationally listed, predominately small capitalisation securities with the aim to deliver a total return (after fees) in excess of 7.5% per annum and outperform the Vanguard Total World Stock ETF in \$AUD over 3-5 years. As at 31 December 2024 the investments of the Fund comprised of internationally listed small capitalisation securities.

b) Investment details

As at period end the Fund held the following investments:

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	As at	
	31 December	30 June
	2024	2024
	\$	\$
Listed equity securities	12,275,062	9,220,611

For accounting purposes, the Fund's investments in listed securities are classified as investments at fair value through profit or loss with fair value gains or losses recognised in profit or loss. For further details about the fair value measurement of these financial assets refer to note 6. During the period the Fund recognised fair value gains of \$1,488,601 (2023: \$465,560) and foreign exchange gains of \$726,095 (2023: foreign exchange losses of \$135,993).

c) Distributions and dividend income

Dividend and distribution income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of profit or loss within distributions and dividend income when the Fund's right to receive payments is established. During the period the Fund recognised distributions and dividend income of \$225,989 (2023: \$143,129) from its investments at fair value through profit or loss.

4. Payables

a) Overview

Payables of the Fund generally consist of unsettled purchases, performance fees payable, unallocated applications and other payables such as interest payable and expense recoveries payable.

	31 December 2024	30 June 2024
	\$	\$
Performance fee payable	191,826	-
Other payables	11,818	5,062
Total payables	203.644	5.062

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5. Contributed equity

a) Overview

Units are issued and redeemed by the Fund at a unit price determined in accordance with the responsible entity's Unit Pricing Policy. Per the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("ASIC") and the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority's ("APRA") Unit Pricing: Guide to Good Practice, investors will receive compensation for any material unit pricing errors. In accordance with these guidelines the Fund does not pay exited members compensation for material unit pricing errors where the amount of any compensation payable is less than \$20.

b) Movements in contributed equity

	#	\$
Balance at 1 July 2023	5,452,628	6,389,078
Units issued for cash	1,069,275	1,350,494
Reinvestment of distributions	66,739	82,383
Balance at 31 December 2023	6,588,642	7,821,955
Units issued for cash	306,311	419,506
Reinvestment of distributions	-	494
Units redeemed	(72,144)	(99,594)
Balance at 30 June 2024	6,822,809	8,142,361
Units issued for cash	1,161,998	1,713,400
Reinvestment of distributions	291,828	382,060
Units redeemed	(16,251)	(22,411)
Balance at 31 December 2024	8,260,384	10,215,410

6. Fair value disclosures – financial instruments

a) Fair value measurement of financial instruments

The Fund uses a number of methods to determine the fair value of its financial assets and financial liabilities. The methods comprise the following:

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 (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).
Level 3:	inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The Fund's only financial instruments measured at fair value are its investments in globally listed securities.

The Fund measures and recognises the following financial instruments at fair value on a recurring basis as level 1 (quoted market prices). There are no level 2 or level 3 investments.

Listed equity investments - at Level 1, where quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets.

Valuation techniques used to derive Level 1 fair values

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets is based on their quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs.

The measurement of the fair value of the Fund's investments in listed equity securities is a Level 1 measurement. The Fund invests across multiple global equities markets including North America, Europe and Asia, with investments held in foreign currencies including United States dollars, Great British Pounds, Japanese Yen, Euro, Hong Kong Dollars, Canadian Dollars, Singapore Dollars and Norwegian Krone, with the fair value being determined by reference to the quoted closing stock price.

b) Fair values of other financial instruments not measured at fair value

The carrying amounts of receivables, payables and distributions payable are assumed to approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

7. Fund performance fees

The responsible entity does not charge a base management fee. Instead, it charges a performance fee of 20% of the Fund's cumulative gross return in excess of the high water mark. The performance fee is calculated prior to accruing the performance fee or declaring any distribution for the relevant month. The high water mark is the highest cumulative gross return of the Fund. This ensures that any previous underperformance has been recovered before the responsible entity is entitled to a performance fee. During the period the responsible entity charged a performance fee of \$478,081 (2023: \$61,143).

8. Unrecognised items

a) Overview

Items that have not been recognised on the Fund's balance sheet include contractual commitments for future expenditure and contingent liabilities which are not sufficiently certain to qualify for recognition as a liability on the balance sheet. This note provides details of any such items.

b) Contingent assets and contingent liabilities

As disclosed in the Fund's 30 June 2024 annual financial report, the Directors are not aware of any material contingent assets or contingent liabilities and the Directors are not aware of any material changes in contingent assets or contingent liabilities of the Fund since the last annual financial report.

c) Commitments

At period end the Fund does not have any material expenditure commitments. There was no change since the Fund's last annual financial report.

9. Subsequent events

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2024 that has significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- the Fund's operations in future financial years; or
- the results of those operations in future financial years; or
- the Fund's state of affairs in future financial years.

Directors' Declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of Cromwell Funds Management Limited as responsible entity for Cromwell Phoenix Global Opportunities Fund (collectively referred to as the Directors):

- (a) the attached financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), including:
 - (i) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth), and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date;
- (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.

This report is made pursuant to section 303(5) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

Ms TL Cox

Chair

14 March 2025

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Independent Auditor's Review Report To the Members of Cromwell Phoenix Global Opportunities Fund

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Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Cromwell Phoenix Global Opportunities Fund ("Fund") which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors of the responsible entity's declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the accompanying half-year financial report of Cromwell Phoenix Global Opportunities Fund does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its 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.

Basis for Conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report section of our report. 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 and 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 annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001* which has been given to the directors of the responsible entity, would be in the same terms if given to the directors of the responsible entity as at the time of this auditor's review report.

Responsibility of the Directors of the Responsible Entity for the Financial Report

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

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Auditor's Responsibility for the Review of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year 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 2024 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year 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.

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CHERYL MASON Partner

Brisbane, Queensland 14 March 2025