



Maple-Brown Abbott

**Australian Value Opportunities
Fund (*formerly known as
Maple-Brown Abbott Small
Companies Trust*)**

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Directors' Report

The directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited, the Responsible Entity of the Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Value Opportunities Fund (formerly known as Maple-Brown Abbott Small Companies Trust) (the "Fund"), present their report together with the financial report of the Fund, for the year ended 30 June 2021 and the auditor's report thereon.

Responsible Entity

Maple-Brown Abbott Limited is the Responsible Entity (AFSL No. 237296).

The Responsible Entity is the investment manager of the Fund. The names of the persons who were directors of the Responsible Entity during or since the end of the year are as follows:

Name	Period of directorship
R A Grundy	Appointed 01/07/2008 (retired 9 October 2020)
G R Bazzan	Appointed 01/07/2008
T T Robinson	Appointed 07/03/2013
R A R Lee	Appointed 22/10/2015
J A Elliott	Appointed 04/01/2017
S N Roberts	Appointed 04/04/2019
S S Rahmani	Appointed 14/10/2019

The registered office and principal place of business of the Responsible Entity and the Fund is Level 31, 259 George Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

Principal activities

The Fund invests in equities in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund did not have any employees during the year.

Effective 1 April 2021, the Responsible Entity fee, the investment strategy and name of the Fund changed.

The name of the Fund was changed to the Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Equity Value Opportunities Fund and the investment objective to that of the Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Equity Value Opportunities strategy. The Responsible Entity fee effective from 1 April 2021 is 0.85% per annum.

There have been no other significant changes in the nature of those activities during the year.

Results of operations

Subject to the criteria for stock selection outlined in the Product Disclosure Statement, the Responsible Entity aims to outperform (after fees) the S&P/ASX 300 Index (Total Returns) (Benchmark) over a four-year period.

Results of operations (continued)

A summary of the Fund's annual performance after fees to 30 June is set out below:

	2021 %	2020 %
Total return*	20.7	(13.0)

*Total return is based on the movement in net asset value per unit plus distributions and is before tax and after all fees and charges. Imputation and foreign income tax offsets are not included in the performance figures. Please note due to the change in investment strategy, continuous performance might not be comparable.

Unit prices and distributions

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Unit prices		
Net asset value price per unit (ex-distribution as at 30 June)	0.7578	0.6568
Distribution		
Distributions per unit for the year ended 30 June (excluding tax credits) (note 5)	0.0340	0.0270

State of affairs

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The name of the Fund was changed to the Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Equity Value Opportunities Fund and the investment objective to that of the Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Equity Value Opportunities strategy. The Responsible Entity fee effective from 1 April 2021 is 0.85% per annum.

The spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) was declared a global pandemic on 11 March 2020 by the World Health Organisation. The rapid spread of the virus has seen an unprecedented response by governments and regulators. The COVID-19 pandemic is having an impact on both local and global economies and financial markets.

In the opinion of the Responsible Entity, there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund during the financial year under review.

Likely developments

The Fund will continue with its principal activities as detailed earlier in this report.

Events subsequent to balance date

Whilst the COVID-19 pandemic continues to create uncertainty in global markets, there has been no significant impact on the Fund since the end of the reporting period. As the investments are measured at their 30 June 2021 fair values in the financial report, any change in values subsequent to the end of the reporting period is not reflected in the Statement of Comprehensive Income or the Statement of Financial Position. However the change in the value of investments is reflected in the current unit price. The current unit price is available at Maple-brownabbott.com.au/australian-value-opportunities-fund.

Events subsequent to balance date (continued)

No other 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 30 June 2021 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the year ended on that date.

Interests of the Responsible Entity

The following fees were earned by the Responsible Entity from the Fund during the year:

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Responsible Entity fees	30,431	-

Please refer to note 6(b) to the financial statements for details of Fund units held by the Responsible Entity and its associates.

Indemnities and insurance premiums for the Responsible Entity and auditors

No insurance premiums are paid out of the assets of the Fund for insurance cover provided to the Responsible Entity or auditors of the Fund. So long as the Responsible Entity acts in accordance with the Constitution and the law, the Responsible Entity is generally entitled to an indemnity out of the assets of the Fund against losses incurred while acting on behalf of the Fund. The auditors of the Fund are not indemnified out of the assets of the Fund.

The Articles of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited (the Company), in conjunction with the Deed of Access, Insurance and Indemnity entered into with the directors and officers of the Responsible Entity, indemnify the directors and officers against all liabilities to another person (other than the Company or related party) that may arise from their position as directors or officers of the Company, except where the liability arises out of conduct involving lack of good faith. The Articles stipulate that the Company will meet the full amount of any such liabilities, including costs and expenses.

Environmental Legislation

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

Rounding

The Fund is of a kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*, and in accordance with that Instrument, amounts in the financial report and the Directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars unless otherwise stated.

Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

The lead auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 5 and forms part of the Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Dated at Sydney this 6 day of September 2021.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive initial followed by a long, horizontal flourish.

Director of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited (ABN 73 001 208 564)



Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To the Directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited as the Responsible Entity of
Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Value Opportunities Fund (formerly known as
Maple-Brown Abbott Small Companies Trust)

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of Maple-Brown Abbott
Australian Value Opportunities Fund for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

KPMG

Rachel Milum
Partner

Sydney
6 September 2021

Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7(a)	252	2,668
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8(a)	13,683	33,540
Applications receivable		-	148
Dividends and distributions receivable		35	304
Balances due from brokers		52	-
Reduced input tax credit receivable		2	-
Total assets		14,024	36,660
Liabilities			
Redemptions payable		-	148
Balances due to brokers		137	-
Distribution payable	5	139	-
Sundry creditors and accruals		10	12
Total liabilities		286	160
Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity	2	13,738	36,500

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Value Opportunities Fund
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the reporting period ended 30 June 2021

Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Note	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Revenue			
Dividends and distributions		1,293	2,075
Interest		-	17
Net change in the fair value of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		5,898	(6,036)
		7,191	(3,944)
Expenses			
Responsible Entity fee	6(b)	30	-
Transaction costs		93	59
Other expenses	3	6	22
		129	81
Profit/(loss) from operating activities		7,062	(4,025)
Total comprehensive income		7,062	(4,025)

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Note	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Total equity opening balance		36,500	67,922
Comprehensive income			
Profit / (loss) from operating activities		<u>7,062</u>	<u>(4,025)</u>
Total comprehensive income		<u>7,062</u>	<u>(4,025)</u>
Transactions with unitholders			
Applications		1,621	4,610
Redemptions		(30,360)	(30,379)
Distributions paid and payable to unitholders	5	<u>(1,085)</u>	<u>(1,628)</u>
Total transactions with unitholders		<u>(29,824)</u>	<u>(27,397)</u>
Total equity closing balance		<u><u>13,738</u></u>	<u><u>36,500</u></u>

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Cash Flows

	Note	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Operating activities			
Proceeds from sale of investments		46,780	28,013
Purchase of investments		(20,861)	(5,154)
Interest received		-	17
Dividends and distributions received		1,482	1,918
Transaction costs paid		(93)	(59)
Management fees paid		(21)	-
Other expenses paid		(17)	(23)
Net cash flows from operating activities	7(b)	27,270	24,712
Financing activities			
Proceeds from issue of units		857	2,241
Payments on redemption of units		(30,508)	(30,231)
Distributions paid		(35)	(109)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	7(d)	(29,686)	(28,099)
Change in cash and cash equivalents		(2,416)	(3,387)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		2,668	6,055
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	7(a)	252	2,668

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

The Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Value Opportunities Fund (formerly known as Maple-Brown Abbott Small Companies Trust) (the "Fund") is a fund domiciled in Australia and is a for profit entity. The Fund was constituted on 20 October 1997 and will terminate 80 years (less one day) from the date of commencement or at such earlier time as provided by the Fund's Constitution or by the law.

Maple-Brown Abbott Limited is the Responsible Entity. The registered office and principal place of business of the Responsible Entity is Level 31, 259 George Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

This annual financial report covers the Fund as an individual entity.

Effective 1 April 2021, the Fund changed its name from Maple-Brown Abbott Small Companies Trust to Maple Brown Abbott Australian Value Opportunities Fund.

The Annual Financial Report was authorised for issue by the directors on 6 September 2021. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial report.

(a) Statement of compliance

The annual financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia.

The annual financial report of the Fund also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards and interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The financial report is prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities, except where otherwise stated.

(b) Basis of preparation

Functional and presentation currency

The annual financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is the Fund's functional currency.

Use of estimates

In a limited number of circumstances the Responsible Entity makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. These estimates and associated assumptions are reviewed regularly and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The use of estimates and critical judgements in fair value measurement is described in note 8(a).

New accounting standards and interpretations

There are no new accounting standards, amendments and interpretations that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2020 that have a material impact on the Fund.

Comparative Information

Comparative information for Proceeds from sale and Payments for purchase of Financial Assets is reclassified from Investing activity to Operating activities and Distributions paid is reclassified from Operating activities to Financing activities in the Statement of Cash Flows to conform with the current year's presentation. There were no changes to the balances as the result of this reclassification.

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Financial instruments

Classification

The Responsible Entity classifies the Fund's investments based on its investment strategy for managing those financial assets and their contractual cash flow characteristics. The Responsible Entity evaluates the performance and related financial information about its investments on a fair value basis in accordance with the Fund's investment strategy.

Measurement

Financial assets

The Fund's financial assets are classified either as "fair value through profit or loss" or as "amortised cost". Financial assets which are classified as "fair value through profit or loss" are recognised or derecognised by the Responsible Entity as such at trade date. They are initially recognised at fair value, excluding transaction costs, which are expensed as incurred. Thereafter they are re-measured at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss recognised immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Financial assets' fair values are determined as follows:

(i) Australian-listed equities

These securities are valued at their quoted last sale price on the Australian Securities Exchange as of the close of business on the day the securities are being valued.

(ii) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents may include cash at bank, deposits at call with banks, term deposits and bank bills of exchange and are valued at cost.

(iii) Receivables

Receivables include balances due from brokers, dividend and distribution receivables, reduced input tax credit receivable as well as other receivables. Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being accrued for. Receivable amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance on receivables at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition.

The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss within other operating expenses. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other operating expenses in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities of the Fund are measured at "amortised cost" using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities include distributions payable, balances due to brokers, redemptions payable and sundry creditors and accruals which are carried at "amortised cost" using the effective interest method. These financial liabilities are of a short term nature and hence their carrying value approximates fair value.

The issue of redeemable units in the Fund are classified as equity because the units issued by the Fund satisfies all criteria for the classification of puttable financial instruments as equity under AASB 132

Financial Instruments: Presentation.

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Financial instruments (continued)

Derivatives

Derivative financial instruments are held for trading and accounted for on a fair value basis using the most recent verifiable source of market prices. Fair values are obtained using quoted market prices or determined through the use of valuation techniques. All derivatives are carried as assets when the fair value is positive and as liabilities when fair value is negative.

The Fund does not designate any derivatives as hedges in a hedging relationship.

Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

(d) Revenue and expenses

Dividends are recognised as revenue on the date the shares are quoted ex-dividend. Distributions from unlisted unit trusts are recognised as at the date the unit value is quoted ex-distribution. Where a present entitlement to a distribution exists at year end, it is derived for tax purposes.

Interest on cash deposits and bank bills of exchange is calculated using the effective interest method and is recognised as revenue in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accruals basis.

Net change in the fair value of financial instruments at fair value through profit and loss is determined as the difference between the fair value at year end or consideration received (if sold during the year) and the fair value as at the prior year end or acquisition (if the investment was acquired during the year).

Transaction costs incurred in the acquisition and disposal of assets are expensed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accruals basis.

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accruals basis.

(e) Distributions

In accordance with the Fund's Constitution, the Responsible Entity may elect whether to make a distribution. Once elected by the Responsible Entity, distributions paid and payable are recognised and disclosed as transactions with unitholders in the Statement of Changes in Equity.

(f) Change in net assets attributable to unitholders

Unrealised gains and losses arising from movements in the fair value of assets are held within net assets attributable to unitholders. The taxable and concessionally taxed portions of realised capital gains on the disposal of investments are attributed to unitholders in the period for which they are assessable for tax purposes.

(g) Taxation

The Fund has elected into the Attribution Managed Investment Trust (AMIT) regime. On the basis that unitholders are attributed all of the taxable income of the Fund (which includes net realised capital gains) for a financial year, the Fund itself should not be liable for tax. Unitholders will be attributed a share of the taxable income of the Fund and will be required to include the amount attributed to them in their assessable income.

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(g) Taxation (continued)

The price of a unit is based on the market values of underlying assets and thus may include a share of unrealised taxable capital gains/losses. Should a net gain be realised, that portion of the gain that is subject to capital gains tax will be attributed to unitholders.

Any balance of realised capital losses is not attributed to unitholders but is carried forward to be offset against any future realised capital gains. If realised capital gains exceed realised capital losses, the excess is attributed to unitholders.

(h) Net assets attributable to unitholders

The net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as equity because the units issued by the Fund satisfy all the criteria for "puttable financial instruments" to be classified as equity under AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*.

Units issued by the Fund provide unitholders with the right to redeem their units on request. The fair value of redeemable units is measured at the net asset value price.

(i) Determination of redemption price for units in the Fund

The redemption price is determined in accordance with the Constitution and is calculated as the value of the assets of the Fund less its liabilities, adjusted for estimated transaction costs, divided by the number of units on issue.

(j) Goods and services tax (GST)

The Responsible Entity fees and other expenses are recognised net of the amount of GST recoverable as a reduced input tax credit (RITC). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST. Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis.

2 Net assets attributable to unitholders

	2021		2020	
	\$'000	Units '000	\$'000	Units '000
Opening balance	36,500	55,571	67,922	86,769
Profit/(loss) from operating activities	7,062	-	(4,025)	-
Transactions with unitholders:				
Applications	1,621	2,135	4,610	6,110
Redemptions	(30,360)	(39,579)	(30,379)	(37,308)
Distributions paid and payable to unitholders	(1,085)	-	(1,628)	-
Total transactions with unitholders	(29,824)	(37,444)	(27,397)	(31,198)
Closing balance	13,738	18,127	36,500	55,571

The Responsible Entity considers net assets attributable to unitholders as capital. This capital is invested in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution. The Responsible Entity may make additional investments in the case of net applications, or realise investments in the case of net redemptions, depending on the desired level of liquidity in the Fund. Under the Fund's Constitution, the Responsible Entity may suspend applications or redemptions if it is considered to be in the best interests of unitholders.

3 Other expenses

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Audit expenses*	6	22
Total other expenses	6	22

*Represents the fees accrued or paid during the year.

4 Auditor's remuneration

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Audit services - KPMG:*		
Audit and review of the Annual Financial Report	17,490	17,490
Audit of the Compliance Plan	4,345	4,345
Total	21,835	21,835

*Represents the agreed fees for the audit of the Annual Financial Report and Compliance plan.

5 Distributions paid and payable

	2021		2020	
	\$'000	\$ per unit	\$'000	\$ per unit
30 September	196	0.0036	647	0.0098
31 December	494	0.0093	644	0.0111
31 March	256	0.0134	337	0.0061
30 June (payable)	139	0.0077	-	-
Total	1,085	0.0340	1,628	0.0270

(a) Unrealised capital gains/(losses) and realised capital losses carried forward

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Balances at 30 June		
Net unrealised capital gains/(losses) for tax	437	(6,784)
Net realised capital losses carried forward for tax	(78,946)	(77,710)

Unrealised/realised taxable capital losses have been calculated in accordance with the relevant tax legislation and have not been reported in the financial statements, refer note 1(g).

6 Related parties

(a) Responsible Entity and Key Management Personnel

Maple-Brown Abbott Limited (ABN 73 001 208 564) is the Responsible Entity of the Fund. Maple-Brown Abbott Limited (MBA) is also the investment manager of the Fund.

As Responsible Entity, Maple-Brown Abbott Limited is regarded as fulfilling the role and obligations of key management personnel of the Fund. The directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited are regarded as key management personnel of that company and not of the Fund.

(b) Responsible Entity

The names of the persons who were directors of the Responsible Entity during or since the end of the period are as follows:

Name	Period of directorship
R A Grundy	Appointed 01/07/2008 (retired 9 October 2020)
G R Bazzan	Appointed 01/07/2008
T T Robinson	Appointed 07/03/2013
R A R Lee	Appointed 22/10/2015
J A Elliott	Appointed 04/01/2017
S N Roberts	Appointed 04/04/2019
S S Rahmani	Appointed 14/10/2019

Loans to key management personnel of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited

The Fund has not made, guaranteed or secured, directly or indirectly, any loans to the key management personnel of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited or their personally-related entities at any time during the reporting period.

Other transactions with key management personnel of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited

Apart from those details disclosed in this note, no key management personnel of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited have entered into a contract for services with the Fund since the end of the previous financial year.

Remuneration

The Responsible Entity's fees are calculated in accordance with the Fund's Constitution (as amended). The Responsible Entity's fee from 1 April 21 is 0.85% (refer note 1(j)) per annum, accrued daily and paid monthly based on the net asset value of the Fund. The total fee of \$30,431 (2020: \$0) is disclosed as an item of expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and the fee paid during the year is disclosed separately in the Statement of Cash Flows.

6 Related parties (continued)

(b) Responsible Entity (continued)

Related Party Transactions

Holdings in the Fund by other funds and discrete portfolios managed by the Responsible Entity

	Number of units held	Fair value	Interest held in the Fund	Units purchased during the year	Units sold during the year	Distributions received/ receivable during the year
2021		\$	%			\$
MBA Australian Equity Trust	6,425,496	4,869,241	35.4	500,347	1,770,722	223,635
MBA Diversified Investment Trust	5,433,252	4,117,318	30.0	190,582	693,804	183,885
MBA Pooled Superannuation Trust	-	-	-	67,252	2,175,512	50,228
MBA Australian Share Fund	-	-	-	600,924	16,581,333	198,236
MBA Sharemarket Fund	-	-	-	63,066	3,994,142	47,611
Discrete Portfolios*	6,268,999	4,750,647	34.6	712,702	14,363,178	381,460

6 Related parties (continued)

(b) Responsible Entity (continued)

	Number of units held	Fair Value	Interest held in the Fund	Units purchased during the year	Units sold during the year	Distributions received/ receivable during the year
2020		\$	%			\$
MBA Australian Equity Trust	7,695,871	5,054,648	13.8	542,062	6,614,835	313,086
MBA Diversified Investment Trust	5,936,474	3,899,076	10.7	1,010,549	1,032,624	148,473
MBA Pooled Superannuation Trust	2,108,260	1,384,705	3.8	245,519	435,173	55,115
MBA Australia Plus Asia Trust	-	-	-	7,580	741,339	-
The MBA Fund	-	-	-	-	321,768	-
MBA Australian Share Fund	15,980,409	10,495,933	28.8	799,745	4,205,721	453,627
MBA Sharemarket Fund	3,931,076	2,581,931	7.1	205,045	1,332,807	116,087
Discrete Portfolios*	19,919,475	13,083,111	35.8	3,299,974	22,264,096	542,072

*Maple-Brown Abbott Limited has been the investment manager only and the discrete portfolios are not related parties.

Transactions with other parties

Other entities associated with the Responsible Entity may hold units in the Fund from time to time in various capacities. The transactions with those entities and any of the above related entities are carried out on the same terms and conditions as for other unitholders in the Fund.

7 Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows

(a) Components of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Cash at bank	252	2,668

7 Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows (continued)

(b) Reconciliation of change in net assets attributable to unitholders to cash flows from operating activities

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Profit/(loss) for the reporting period attributable to unit holders	7,062	(4,025)
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	46,780	28,013
Purchase of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	(20,861)	(5,154)
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss	(5,898)	6,036
Net change in receivables and other assets	269	(23)
Net change in payables and other liabilities	(2)	(2)
Dividend and distribution income reinvestment	(80)	(133)
<i>Total Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</i>	27,270	24,712

(c) Non-cash operating and financing activities

The following amounts are not included in the Statement of Cash Flows:

Operating activities

Dividend and distribution income reinvestment

During the year the Fund received dividends and distributions in the form of shares or units via a dividend or distribution reinvestment plan (DRP). The dividend and distribution income reinvestments are not included in the Statement of Cash Flows relating to the purchase of investments. The value of the shares or units received is based on the market value as determined by the DRP rules and is detailed below:

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Dividends and distributions received in the form of shares or units	80	133

Financing activities

Unitholder distributions reinvested

The Fund issues new units in consideration for the reinvestment of distributions payable to unitholders.

The value of the units and number of units issued or redeemed during the year is summarised below:

7 Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows (continued)

(c) Non-cash operating and financing activities (continued)

	2021		2020	
	\$'000	Units '000	\$'000	Units '000
Units issued or redeemed:				
Unitholder distribution reinvested	911	1,214	2,222	2,906

Investing activities

The above dividend and distribution income reinvestments are not included in the Statement of Cash Flows relating to the purchase of investments.

(d) Reconciliation of liabilities from financing activities

The net change in financing activities during the year is (\$29,685,504) which was from application, redemption and distribution paid transactions made by unitholders (2020: (\$28,098,552)).

8 Financial instruments

Risks and capital management objectives

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of risks: market risk (including price risk and interest rate changes), liquidity risk, credit risk and operational risk.

The Responsible Entity seeks to manage the Fund's financial risks through a variety of activities, including diversification of the investment portfolio and the selection of liquid investments in accordance with specific investment policies and restrictions.

The key element in the Responsible Entity's investment philosophy is to seek to buy investments that offer relatively good long term value. The investment philosophy can also be described as contrarian and conservative, which helps to manage the Fund's financial risks.

The nature and extent of the financial instruments outstanding at the balance date and the risk management policies employed by the Responsible Entity are discussed below, together with specific investment objectives and policies applicable to the Fund.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has caused uncertainty and market volatility during the period, the Responsible Entity has continued to follow its established policies and process (as set out in this note) in managing risk and determining the fair value of the financial assets and liabilities as at the reporting date. No changes were required to the principles used in applying the fair value measurement hierarchy to financial assets and liabilities held, with each asset and liability continuing to be classified in a manner which reflects the significance and observability of the inputs used in the valuation.

(a) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will change as a result of exposure to market price changes and interest rate changes.

8 Financial instruments (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

Price risk

The Fund's market price risk is managed on a daily basis in accordance with the following specific investment policies and restrictions.

Investment policies

The Responsible Entity will invest at least 90% of the Fund's total assets in listed (and to be listed) Australian equities. The Fund is constructed from the highest conviction opportunities across a broad universe of Australian companies which the Responsible Entity expects to deliver strong risk-adjusted returns over the long-term, without reference to any underlying benchmark.

Investment restrictions

The main guideline in relation to portfolio composition is exposure to a single stock should not be greater than 10% of the Fund's market value.

Market exposures

As at 30 June the market exposures were as follows:

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Australian-listed equities	13,683	33,540
Total	13,683	33,540

Carrying amounts versus fair values

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities approximates their carrying amounts in the Statement of Financial Position.

Sensitivity analysis

The table below details the approximate change in net assets attributable to unitholders if there is a percentage change in the price assuming all other variables are constant:

	2021*		2020*	
	% change	\$'000	% change	\$'000
Increase in price	10	1,368	10	3,354
Decrease in price	10	(1,368)	10	(3,354)

* Comparative information has been re-presented due to a change in calculation methodology that provides a more reliable and relevant estimation of the change in net assets (The prior year number as presented in the financial report was \$4,132).

Fair value measurement recognised in the Statement of Financial Position

The fair value measurement disclosures use a three-tier value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in measuring fair values. The fair value hierarchy is comprised of the following levels:

8 Financial instruments (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

- Level 1 – fair values measured using quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments;
- Level 2 – fair values measured using directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices) observable inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1; and
- Level 3 – fair values measured using inputs that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The financial instruments carried at fair value split by valuation method is summarised below:

2021	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Australian-listed equities	13,683	-	-	13,683
Total	13,683	-	-	13,683

2020	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Australian-listed equities	33,540	-	-	33,540
Total	33,540	-	-	33,540

Transfer between levels

The Fund's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period. There have been no transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy at the end of 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020. There were also no changes made to any of the valuation techniques applied as of 30 June 2021.

Fair value measurement

Fair value in an active market (level 1)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and equity securities) is based on last sale prices at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. For the majority of financial assets and liabilities, information provided by the quoted market independent pricing services is relied upon for valuation.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. An active market is a market in which transactions for the financial asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

8 Financial instruments (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (level 2 and 3)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments are used for debt securities held. The Fund may use a variety of valuation methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at the end of each reporting period. Valuation techniques used for non-standardised financial instruments, such as over-the-counter derivatives, include the use of comparable arm's length transactions, reference to the current fair value of a substantially similar other instrument or any other valuation technique that is commonly used by market participants which maximises the use of market inputs and relies as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the end of the reporting period.

The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions held. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including liquidity risk and counterparty risk.

Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

The Fund did not hold any financial instruments with fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs during the year ended 30 June 2021 or year ended 30 June 2020.

Financial instruments not measured at fair value

The carrying value less impairment provision of other receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values due to their short term nature.

Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing. As a result, the Fund is not subject to significant amounts of risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on interest bearing financial assets and liabilities. Any excess cash and cash equivalents are invested at short term market interest rates. The Responsible Entity monitors the overall exposure to cash and consequently interest rate sensitivity on a daily basis.

At 30 June the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk for classes of financial assets is set out below:

	Floating interest rate \$'000	Fixed interest rate \$'000	Total \$'000
2021			
Cash at bank	<u>252</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>252</u>
Total	<u><u>252</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>252</u></u>

8 Financial instruments (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

	Floating interest rate	Fixed interest rate	Total
2020	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash at bank	2,668	-	2,668
Total	2,668	-	2,668

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Fund is exposed to daily cash redemptions of redeemable units. The majority of the Fund's investments in equity securities are considered to be readily realisable. The Fund primarily holds investments in an active market which can be readily disposed.

In order to manage the Fund's overall liquidity, the Fund's Constitution permits the Responsible Entity to suspend withdrawals if it's considered to be in the best interests of unitholders. Due to ongoing uncertainty as the result of pandemic, the Responsible Entity continued to actively monitor the liquidity of the Fund through monitoring investor redemption and application levels and any impact on the financial assets and liabilities.

The table below shows financial liabilities at contractual undiscounted cashflow amounts grouped into relevant maturities based on the remaining period at 30 June to the contractual maturity date:

	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-3 months \$'000	3-12 months \$'000	More than 1 year \$'000	Total* \$'000
2021					
Distributions payable	139	-	-	-	139
Balances due to brokers	137	-	-	-	137
Sundry creditors and accruals	-	10	-	-	10
Total	276	10	-	-	286
	Less than 1 month \$'000	1-3 months \$'000	3-12 months \$'000	More than 1 year \$'000	Total \$'000
2020					
Redemptions payable	148	-	-	-	148
Sundry creditors and accruals	-	12	-	-	12
Total	148	12	-	-	160

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the Fund may incur a loss if other parties fail to perform their obligations under the financial instruments which comprise the Fund's investment portfolio.

8 Financial instruments (continued)

(c) Credit risk (continued)

Any non-equity investments generally incorporate credit assessments in investment valuations and the risk of loss is implicitly provided for in the determination of the fair value of such investments. The Fund also has a credit risk exposure in relation to its transactions with counterparties such as brokers, banks and other financial intermediaries.

The Fund manages concentrations of credit risk by transacting through a number of brokers all of whom operate on recognised and reputable exchanges. All bank bill securities held by the Fund are endorsed or accepted by major Australian trading banks. The credit risk exposure to any one counterparty is low.

Total credit risk for the Fund arising from recognised financial instruments is limited to the value of the Fund's investments and receivables shown in the Statement of Financial Position.

All derivatives transactions are conducted through counterparties who are members of a recognised market exchange and are approved by the Responsible Entity. As such the credit risk associated with the use of derivatives is low.

As 30 June the credit rating for cash and cash equivalents is set out below:

2021	\$'000	Credit rating*
Cash at bank	252	A1+
2020		
Cash at bank	2,668	A1+

* Standard and Poor's

(d) Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss to the Fund associated with the Responsible Entity's processes, personnel, technology and infrastructure, and from external forces (other than credit, market and liquidity risks) such as those arising from changes to legal and regulatory requirements.

The objective of the Responsible Entity in managing operational risk is to mitigate as much as possible the risk of financial losses and damage to reputation, commensurate with overall cost effectiveness.

The Responsible Entity is responsible for the development and implementation of controls to address operational risk. This responsibility is supported by the development of an overall control framework implemented to manage operational risk, key aspects of which include:

- appropriate segregation of duties, including the independent authorisation of transactions;
- cash and securities positions are completely and accurately recorded and reconciled to third party data;
- monitoring the performance of external service providers;

8 Financial instruments (continued)

(d) Operational risk (continued)

- documentation of controls and procedures;
- periodic assessment of operational risks faced, and the adequacy of controls and procedures to address the risks identified;
- reporting of operational losses and proposed remedial action, with appropriate follow-up;
- assessment and mitigation of cyber risks and development of contingency business continuity, including disaster recovery plans;
- training and professional development;
- ethical and business standards; and
- risk mitigation, including insurance where this is effective.

9 Events subsequent to balance date

Whilst the COVID-19 pandemic continues to create uncertainty in global markets, there has been no significant impact on the Fund since the end of the reporting period. As the investments are measured at their 30 June 2021 fair values in the financial report, any change in values subsequent to the end of the reporting period is not reflected in the Statement of Comprehensive Income or the Statement of Financial Position. However the change in the value of investments is reflected in the current unit price. The current unit price is available at Maple-brownabbott.com.au/australian-value-opportunities-fund.

No other 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 30 June 2021 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the year ended on that date.

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited, the Responsible Entity of the Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Value Opportunities Fund:

- 1 The financial statements and notes to and forming part of the financial statements are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (a) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*;
- 2 The financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards disclosed in note 1(a); and
- 3 There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Dated at Sydney this 6 day of September 2021.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited.



Director of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited (ABN 73 001 208 564)



Independent Auditor's Report

To the unitholders of Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Value Opportunities Fund (formerly known as Maple-Brown Abbott Small Companies Trust),

Opinion

We have audited the **Financial Report** of the Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Value Opportunities Fund (the Fund).

In our opinion, the accompanying **Financial Report** of the Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Value Opportunities Fund is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including

- giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2021, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- complying with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

The **Financial Report** comprises the:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021
- Statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended
- Statement of changes in equity, and Statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- Notes including a summary of significant accounting policies
- Directors' Declaration.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report.

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

Other Information

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in the Maple-Brown Abbott Australian Value Opportunities Fund's annual reporting which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. This includes the Directors' Report. The Directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for the Other Information.



Our opinion on the Financial Report does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Report, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of Maple-Brown Abbott Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for:

- preparing the Financial Report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Act 2001*;
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objective is:

- to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this Financial Report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

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Rachel Milum
Partner

Sydney
6 September 2021