

**IDENTIFICATION STATEMENT
UNITING FINANCIAL SERVICES
ETHICAL AUSTRALIAN EQUITY FUND**
UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE ASIC CORPORATIONS (CHARITABLE
INVESTMENT FUNDRAISING) INSTRUMENT 2016/813

1	Identity of charitable investment fundraiser (section 7(2)(a))	
	Name	The Uniting Church (NSW) Trust Association Limited trading as Uniting Financial Services (in this Identification Statement called UCTAL or Trustee)
	ACN	000 022 480
	ABN	89 725 654 978
	AFSL	292186
	Particulars of corporate status	UCTAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is registered under the Corporations Act 2001, ACN 000 022 480 as a company limited by guarantee • is controlled by The Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of NSW and the ACT ('Synod') • is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)
	Natural person	No
	Address	Level 10, 222 Pitt Street Sydney NSW 2000
	Applicable Fund	Uniting Financial Services Ethical Australian Equity Fund ABN 75 525 912 809 (Fund)
2	Exemptions UCTAL/Fund relies on and conditions (section 7(2)(b))	
	Exemptions UCTAL relies on	Section 5 of the ASIC Corporations (Charitable Investment Fundraising) Instrument 2016/813
	How UCTAL meets conditions of exemption	An internal compliance manager has been appointed, and consults with external legal and compliance service providers to ensure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A current identification statement is lodged with ASIC at all times, in respect of each relevant product • All relevant offer documents are reviewed and signed off by external legal adviser to ensure these offer documents detail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the identity of the charitable body ○ the terms and conditions of the offer ○ the material benefits obtained by the charitable body or its associates in connection with the offer ○ a statement advising investors that the product is not subject to the normal Corporations Act 2001 requirements in respect of documentation and registration with ASIC ○ that the product has not been examined or approved by ASIC ○ that the investment is designed for investors who wish to promote the charitable purposes of the charity and for whom considerations of profit are not of primary relevance in the investment decision

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotional material and offer documentation is reviewed and signed off by external legal adviser to ensure it does not state or infer that ASIC has approved or examined such material • Any false or misleading material statements relating to identification statements are rectified as soon as practicable, via the issue of a supplementary or replacement identification statement • UCTAL is a reporting entity whose financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards • UCTAL will, within 6 months after the end of each financial year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have a registered company auditor audit the financial statements and provided an auditor's report - give the audited financial statements and auditor's report to the ACNC - publish and maintain for at least 3 years the audited financial statement and auditor's report at a web address accessible by a direct link from the web address where the Identification Statement is most recently published • UCTAL will comply with the breach reporting requirements set out in Part 5(3)(b)(i)-(iii) of the <i>ASIC Corporations (Charitable Investment Fundraising) Instrument 2016/813</i>
3	Whether UCTAL/Fund issues debentures or managed investment scheme interests (section 7(2)(c))	
	Issue debentures	No
	Issue managed investment scheme interests	Yes, interests in the Fund
4	UCTAL/Fund financial year (section 7(2)(d))	
	If issue debentures	Not applicable
	If issue managed investment scheme interests	Fund financial year ends 30 June each year
5	Whether UCTAL holds Australian financial services licence (AFSL) (section 7(2)(e))	
	Holds AFSL	Yes
	AFSL Number	292186
6	Charitable purpose of UCTAL/Fund (section 7(2)(f))	
	Charitable purposes	Religious and charitable activities of the Synod in the promotion of The Uniting Church in Australia's mission and service to communities in need, supporting church life and congregations and for the assistance of the Church in providing education, theological insight, strategy, research and resources for leadership, discipleship, ministry and mission
	Will issue of debentures or interests in managed investment scheme promote charitable purposes	Yes, the issue of interests in the Fund will promote the charitable purposes of UCTAL and the Synod

	<p>How issue will promote charitable purposes</p>	<p>Investments in the Fund are designed for investors who wish to promote the religious and charitable purposes of the Synod and for whom profit considerations are not of primary importance in their decision to invest</p> <p>The investments are made in a manner consistent with the responsible investment practices and Church principles in line with the Ethical and ESG Investment Policy of the Synod, funding the charitable objects and activities, and to promote the interests of the Synod</p> <p>This policy is to avoid making investments which encourage or profit from activities which create goods or services that have unacceptable harmful effects on people or the environment which cannot be avoided by prudent, practical controls. This involves both screening out certain activities that are excluded under the Ethical and ESG Investment Policy and intentionally seeking investments that have positive environmental or social impacts, while delivering returns consistent with the overall objectives of the Fund</p> <p>For more than 80 years, UCTAL has been providing income as well as treasury and investment services to the Synod, directly contributing to the Church's mission and service to communities in need, as well as supporting church life and congregations</p> <p>UCTAL's professional and prudent approach to investing helps to build funds under management in support of the religious and charitable activities of the Synod</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Key terms of debentures or managed investment scheme interests (section 7(2)(g))</p>	
	<p>Key terms (general)</p>	<p>Minimum Investment</p> <p>The minimum initial investment amount in the Fund is \$500,000 - additional investments may be of any amount subject to the UCTAL's discretion</p> <p>Units and Unit Price</p> <p>Each unit held in the Fund gives a unitholder a beneficial interest in the Fund as a whole</p> <p>The unit price is calculated by taking the total market value of all of the Fund's assets on a particular day, adjusting for any liabilities and then dividing the net asset value of the Fund by the number of units on issue on that day - the unit price is typically calculated for each business day in New South Wales, Australia</p> <p>Applying for Units</p> <p>The application form attached to the relevant Information Document must be completed and sent with the application monies to UCTAL as directed on the application form</p> <p>UCTAL has complete discretion to accept or reject any application without stating a reason The cut-off time for receiving applications is 2pm Sydney time on a business day. If an application is properly completed, received prior to 2pm and is accepted, then units will be issued using the Unit Price calculated for that day plus the buy spread of 0.30%. Applications received after this time, or on a non-business day, will be taken to have been received before the cut-off time on the next application period, and will be processed accordingly</p>

		<p>Distributions</p> <p>Income is distributed to unitholders quarterly so that the taxable income of the Fund for each financial year is fully distributed as at year-end</p> <p>Distributions to the unitholders will occur quarterly on or around the 15th business day after the end of March, June, September and December and will be either reinvested or paid out in accordance with the unitholder's instructions on the Application Form</p> <p>The Fund's financial report contains information about the assets and liabilities and distributions of the Fund – a copy of the financial report is available free of charge from UCTAL on request</p> <p>Redeeming Units</p> <p>The cut-off time for receiving withdrawal/redemption request is 2pm Sydney time on a business day. If a redemption request is properly completed, received prior to 2pm and is accepted, then units will be redeemed using the Unit Price calculated for that day less the sell spread of 0.30%. Withdrawal requests received after this time, or on a non-business day, will be taken to have been received before the cut-off time on the next redemption period, and will be processed accordingly. Where the calculation of unit prices is delayed for any reason, including when distributions are being finalised, UCTAL has the discretion to defer the processing of redemptions until unit pricing has resumed</p> <p>If a redemption request leaves a unitholder's balance with redemption value less than \$100,000 (or such lesser amount nominated by UCTAL from time to time), UCTAL may determine to redeem all of the unitholder's units in the Fund</p> <p>UCTAL will communicate with unitholders regarding market liquidity and will make all reasonable attempts to fulfil redemption requests in as timely a manner as possible that does not negatively impact other unitholders - consistent with UCTAL's obligation to act in the interests of all unitholders, withdrawals may be restricted in extraordinary circumstances</p>
	<p>How rates of return or distributions are determined</p>	<p>The total market return will be the combination of income and capital growth and the Fund aims to either outperform the custom ethical benchmark return over rolling three year periods (before fees) or outperform the S&P ASX 200 Accumulation index (before fees)</p>
	<p>How fees and costs payable by holder are determined</p>	<p>Entry/Exit Fees</p> <p>An entry fee of up to 5% (plus GST) is allowable however is not currently applicable</p> <p>Entry fees may be introduced as notified by UCTAL from time to time on not less than 90 days' notice</p> <p>No exit fees are payable on exiting the Fund</p> <p>Buy/Sell Spread</p> <p>The Buy/Sell spread represents an allowance per unit for brokerage, stamp duty and other costs of acquiring and selling the underlying investments of the Fund</p> <p>The allowance of 0.30% is added to the unit price when determining the price at which units are issued, and is subtracted from the unit price when determining the price at which units are redeemed</p>

		<p>Although the Trust Deed permits a Buy/Sell spread of up to 1.20% of the unit price, currently, the total Buy/Sell spread applicable to the Fund is 0.60%</p> <p>The Buy/Sell spread ceiling rate may be changed as notified by UCTAL from time to time on not less than 90 days' notice</p> <p>The Buy/Sell spread is not included in the Management Expense Ratio (MER) described below</p>
	How costs payable from managed investment scheme are determined	<p>Management Fee</p> <p>A management fee of 0.75% (plus GST) per annum of the net asset value of the Fund will be payable to UCTAL</p> <p>The management fee ceiling rate may be changed on not less than 90 days' notice by UCTAL from time to time</p> <p>The management fee is included in the Management Expense Ratio</p> <p>Expense Reimbursement</p> <p>UCTAL may be reimbursed from the Fund for the expenses it reasonably incurs in connection with the Fund</p> <p>Expense reimbursements are included in the Management Expense Ratio</p> <p>Management Expense Ratio (MER)</p> <p>The MER is an expression of the amount of fees and expenses paid from the Fund as a percentage of the average annual asset value of the Fund</p> <p>The MER includes all fees paid to, and expenses incurred by UCTAL</p> <p>On behalf of the Fund, the following fees and expenses are paid by the Trustee, including, but are not limited to, investment consultants, custody and accountants (such as audit and tax)</p> <p>The Buy/Sell spread (see below) is not included in the MER</p> <p>UCTAL will not charge management fees or seek expense reimbursement to the extent that the MER would exceed 0.75% (plus GST) per annum. This does not apply to expenses arising from abnormal events. These abnormal expenses aren't generally incurred during the day-to-day operation of the Fund, aren't necessarily incurred in any given year. They're due to abnormal events such as the cost of running an investor meeting or the legal costs incurred in the changing of the Trust Deed</p> <p>The MER target rate may be changed as notified by UCTAL from time to time on not less than 90 days' notice</p>
8	Offerees and manner of debentures or managed investment scheme interests offers (section 7(2)(h))	
	Persons to whom offer may be made	Offers may be made to entities controlled by, or associated with, the Synod and UCTAL as well as entities not associated with either the Synod or UCTAL (none of these entities will be retail clients)
	How offerees determined	Offerees may include entities controlled by, or associated with, the Synod and UCTAL as well as entities not associated with either the Synod or UCTAL that are wholesale clients as defined by the Corporations Act 2001
	How offered	Personal offers
	Retail clients, non-associated	No

	Retail clients, associated	No
	Not retail clients, non-associated	Yes, entities not associated with the Synod of UCTAL only if they meet the definition of 'wholesale client' as defined by the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), i.e. none of these entities will be retail clients
	Not retail clients, associated	Yes, entities controlled by, or associated with, the Synod and UCTAL may be offered interests in the Fund (none of these entities will be retail clients)
9	Audited financial statements lodged with ACNC (section 7(2)(i))	
	Is UCTAL a reporting entity?	Yes
	Will UCTAL's financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards?	Yes
	Will a registered company auditor audit UCTAL's financial statements and provide an auditor's report within 6 months after the end of the financial year?	Yes
	Will the audited financial statements and auditor's report for UCTAL be lodged with ACNC within 6 months after the end of the financial year?	Yes
	Will at least 3 years' audited financial statements and auditor's report for UCTAL and the Fund be published and maintained at a web address accessible by a direct link from the web address where the relevant identification statement is to be published?	Yes
10	Guarantee of debentures or managed investment scheme interests (section 7(2)(j))	
	Guarantee of debentures	Not applicable
	Guarantee of managed investment scheme interests	No
11	Types of assets held by managed investment scheme (section 7(2)(k))	
	Type of assets held	Equities
	Location of assets held	Australia (no assets are held outside Australia)
	Extent assets intended to be held outside Australia	See above
12	Sponsor of UCTAL (section 7(2)(l))	
	Identification statement accepted by a sponsor of UCTAL	No
	Name of sponsor	Not applicable
	Copy of deed poll available from	Not applicable
13	Identification statement available from a website (section 7(3))	
	Website from which identification statement is available	www.unitingfinancial.com.au

	To be maintained for 5 years from cessation of exemption	Yes
14	No short-term investment products (section 7(5))	
	On or after 1 January 2017, short-term investment product issued to retail clients, non-associated	No
	On or after 1 January 2017, short-term investment product held by retail clients, non-associated	No
	On or after 1 January 2018, short-term investment product held by retail clients, non-associated	No
15	Retail charitable investment fundraiser (section 7(6))	
	UCTAL is a retail charitable investment fundraiser	No

CONSENT

UCTAL consents to ASIC providing a copy of this Identification Statement to any person who requests a copy.

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, Warren Bird of Level 10, 222 Pitt Street Sydney New South Wales in the Commonwealth of Australia, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am a Director of The Uniting Church (NSW) Trust Association Limited (**UCTAL**).
2. I am authorised by UCTAL to make the declaration on behalf of UCTAL.
3. UCTAL is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.
4. UCTAL consents to ASIC providing a copy of this Identification Statement to any person who requests a copy.
5. I have read this Identification Statement and believe all statements in this Identification Statement to be true and accurate.

and I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 and subject to the penalties provided by the Act for the making of false statements in statutory declaration, consciously believing the statements contained in this declaration to be true in every particular.

Declared at Sydney this 29th day of October 2020



Signature of person making the declaration

I certify the following matters concerning the making of this statutory declaration by the person who made it:

1. I am a person authorised to witness statutory declarations.
2. I saw the face of the person.
3. I have known the person for at least 12 months.

Before me:



Signature of Chief Risk Officer
(Justice of the Peace, Registration No. 146468)

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