



# PAN-TRIBAL GLOBAL EQUITY FUND MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT

For the year ended 30 June 2021



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## Background

This document is a Modern Slavery Statement ('**Statement**') made pursuant to section 14 of the *Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth)* (the '**Act**') in respect to the financial year ending 30 June 2021 (the '**Reporting Period**') in relation to the PAN-Tribal Global Equity Fund ARSN 602 036 153 (the '**Fund**') a 'Reporting Entity' under the Act.

The Statement is issued by Equity Trustees Limited ABN 46 004 031 298 (**'ETL'** or **'Responsible Entity'**) in its capacity as the responsible entity of the Reporting Entity in accordance with the Act and has been approved by the Board of ETL as their principal governing body.

This Statement discloses ETL and the Fund's commitment and steps taken in identifying and addressing modern slavery risks within its business and supply chain, which includes the activities implemented in financial year ending 30 June 2021.

This is the first Statement for the PAN-Tribal Global Equity Fund.

## Structure, operations and supply chains of the Reporting Entity

### **Fund Structure**

The PAN-Tribal Global Equity Fund is a registered managed investment scheme, ARSN 602 036 153. ETL is the responsible entity of the Fund. Its investors are classified as retail and wholesale clients pursuant to the Corporations Act (Cth) 2001.

The Board of Directors of ETL governs the Fund's operations. PAN-Tribal Asset Management Pty Ltd ("**PAN-Tribal**") is appointed as the investment manager for the Fund pursuant to an Investment Management Agreement ("**IMA**") between ETL and PAN-Tribal. PAN-Tribal has appointed Davis Selected Advisers, L.P. ("Davis Advisors") as the sub-investment manager of the Fund pursuant to an IMA between PAN-Tribal and Davis.

The business activities of the Fund are conducted in accordance with high levels of ethical and professional standards and in accordance with relevant laws in Australia and the countries in which any of the Fund's service providers operate. The Fund is committed to mitigating the risk of modern slavery in the business and supply chains of the Fund and to the extent practicable the assets in which it invests.

### **About Equity Trustees**

ETL is a wholly owned subsidiary of EQT Holdings Ltd which is a diversified financial services company publicly listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: EQT). ETL holds an Australian Financial Services Licence ('AFSL') no. 240975. It acts as a trustee and responsible entity for a range of managed investment schemes and unit trusts of which the Fund is one. ETL's registered office is Level 1, 575 Bourke Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000, Australia.

### About PAN-Tribal

PAN-Tribal is a boutique financial services firm registered as a proprietary limited company in Australia. PAN-Tribal holds a wholesale AFSL no. 462065 and is wholly owned by its founders and a small group of private investors. PAN-Tribal's registered office is Level 3, 1 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000, Australia and the company employs approximately 10 staff, all of whom are located within Australia.

### **About Davis Advisors**

Davis Advisors is an independent, employee-owned investment management firm founded in 1969, serving institutional and individual investors worldwide. Davis Advisors is regulated in the United States by the Securities and Exchange Commission and has offices located at 2949 East Elvira Road, Suite 101, Tucson, Arizona 85756, USA and 620 Fifth Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10020,



USA. Davis Advisors employs approximately 130 staff, all of whom are located within the United States.

#### **Operations and supply chains**

The Fund's investment objective is long-term growth of capital.

The Fund seeks to outperform the MSCI All Country World Index (in Australian dollar terms), over the medium to long-term, by investing in companies with attractive long-term growth potential in both developed and developing markets.

The Fund is an actively managed portfolio of global equity securities. The portfolio is managed by one investment manager (Davis Advisors) who is domiciled in the United States. Davis Advisors forms part of the Fund's supply chain, and further information is contained both within this statement and on PAN-Tribal's website at http://www.pantribal.com.au/our-managers/davis-advisors/.

In preparing this statement, the Fund's direct supply chain has been considered.

The Fund's operations and supply chains involve responsible entity services, custody and administration of assets and also include several support functions including marketing and communication, governance, risk and compliance services and human resources. These support functions are provided by ETL, State Street Australia Limited, PAN-Tribal and Davis Advisors as well as other external service providers. Internal policies and procedures in relation to the selection of service providers are followed and service providers are typically selected after a due diligence (financial & operational) process which includes risk assessments and thorough reviews with internal subject matter experts.

ETL, as Responsible Entity of the Fund, has entered into agreements with each of the service providers which govern the nature and scope of the services to the Fund.

Administration and Custody of the Fund's assets are held via State Street Australia Limited which has operations in Australia and a number of international jurisdictions including North America, Europe and Asia, as part of a global group of companies.

### Risks of modern slavery practices in operations and supply chains of the Reporting Entity

Modern slavery has been defined by the Act to includes eight types of serious exploitation, including:

- 1. Trafficking in persons;
- 2. Slavery;
- 3. Servitude;
- 4. Forced labour;
- 5. Forced marriage;
- Debt bondage;
  The worst forms of child labour;
- 8. Deceptive recruiting for labour services.

It is acknowledged that the following types of modern slavery risks and their indicators can exist in the Fund's operations and supply chains as well as in the equity holdings of the Fund:

#### Sector and industry risk: •

Certain sectors and industries may have high modern slavery risks because of their characteristics, products and processes. Indicators of this type of risk include the use of unskilled, temporary or seasonal labour, use of short-term contracts and outsourcing, use of foreign workers or temporary or unskilled labour to carry out functions which are not immediately visible (i.e. at night-time) for example, security and cleaning.



In respect of the Fund based on the sectors identified using the Responsible Investment Association, Australasia (RIAA) investor toolkit and the Australian Council of Superannuation Investors (ACSI) Modern Slavery Risks, Rights and Responsibilities: A Guide for Companies and Investors and the Responsible Sourcing Tool, we have not identified any significant areas of sector or industry risk in the Fund's operations or supply chains.

The Fund's material outsourced service providers all operate within the Financial Services sector. Being a services-based sector (rather than manufacturing based) generally presents as a lower risk with regards to Modern Slavery as the sector by its nature requires an educated workforce across roles that are relatively well remunerated.

- **Product and services risk:** where certain products and services have high modern slavery risks because of the way they are produced, provided or used. We have not identified any significant areas of product services risk in the Fund's operations or supply chains.
- **Geographic risk:** where some countries may have higher risk of modern slavery, including due to poor governance, weak rule of law, conflict, migration flows and socio-economic factors. We have not identified any significant areas of geographic risk in the Fund's operations or supply chains.
- Entity risks: where an entity may have particular modern slavery risks because of poor governance structures, a record of treating workers poorly or a track record of human rights violations. We have not identified any instances of entity risk in the Fund's operations or supply chains.

With respect to the investments of the Fund, the Fund acknowledges that its investments may include owning companies that may be categorised as higher risk with regards to Modern Slavery by virtue of any of the main categories of risk identified above. However, the likelihood that a company identified as contravening acceptable practices is a candidate for investment by the Fund is low. Should a situation arise where Modern Slavery risks in the operations of a company in which the Fund invests are identified, the sub-investment manager would determine whether to remain invested in the company and/or whether to seek to proactively engage with the company with the objective of mitigating the identified risks to the extent reasonably practicable.

## Actions taken by the Reporting Entity and ETL to assess and address risks, including due diligence and remediation processes.

ETL and the Reporting Entity are committed to continuously improving awareness and responses to the risk of modern slavery in the Fund's operations and supply chains.

During the Reporting Period ETL undertook the following actions:

- updated the annual due diligence questionnaire to include modern slavery questions designed to identify any potential risks in the supply chains of the Fund;
- undertook Modern Slavery training to the ETL Board of Directors relating to the obligations of the Act and the responsible members of the ETL Board in approving this Statement; and
- actively engaged with investment managers when any suspected modern slavery activity was detected.

During the Reporting Period the Reporting Entity undertook the following actions:

- conducted an informal risk assessment of the Fund's operations and supply chains on modern slavery matters; and
- was proactively transparent with third parties in responding to any modern slavery related inquiries.



## How the Reporting Entity and ETL assesses the effectiveness of actions to assess and address risks

This is the first year of modern slavery reporting for ETL as the Responsible Entity of the Fund and as such it is in the early stages of assessing the effectiveness of the risk-based approach. This includes a review of the geographical jurisdictions the Reporting Entity is exposed to and the likely exposure within any investable assets that may align to areas of known modern slavery risks.

ETL intends to provide its Board of Directors with an annual assessment on the implementation and effectiveness of actions to ensure the obligations within this Statement are met. The ETL Board shall consider the effectiveness of the measures as set out above and have the authority to make amendments to this Statement as it sees fit.

### **Consultation process**

There are no subsidiaries or entities owned or controlled by the Reporting Entity, which is a Trust. However, the trustee of the Trust and the investment manager of the trust consult on the preparation of this Modern Slavery Statement (MSS).

The trustee of the Reporting Entity is ETL (the issuer of this statement). The trustee is responsible for holding the assets of the trust, issuing interests in the trust to investors and entering into agreements on behalf of the trust.

The investment manager of the trust is PAN-Tribal and the sub-investment manager is Davis Advisors. The investment manager is appointed by the trustee under an Investment Management Agreement, and in turn appoint the sub-investment manager under an Investment Management Agreement. The role of the sub-investment manager is to make investment decisions regarding the assets of the trust. For clarity, neither PAN-Tribal nor Davis Advisors is owned or controlled by the issuer of this MSS.

Senior management of the investment manager and the trustee consult on all content included in the MSS and jointly identify, consider and address modern slavery risks set out in the MSS. The MSS is then reviewed and approved by the board of the trustee.

## Other relevant information

No other relevant information for this reporting period.

## Approval

This Statement was approved and signed by Philip Gentry on behalf of the Board of Directors of ETL., the responsible entity of the Reporting Entities, on 23 December 2021.

Philip Gentry Chair

Date: 21 December 2021



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