



*Annual Report
for the year ended
30 June 2025*

**ARGONAUT NATURAL
RESOURCES FUND**

ABN 13 958 098 048

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Chairman's Letter

Dear Unitholder,

The Argonaut Natural Resources Fund delivered a solid performance in the 2025 financial year, delivering a return of 14.7% against the benchmark index, the ASX 300 Resources Index, which fell by 7.5%. This equates to an outperformance of 22.2 percentage points.

The result was achieved against a backdrop of uncertainty. Markets oscillated between optimism over falling inflation and lower interest rates, and uncertainty surrounding slowing global growth and ongoing geopolitical tensions.

In commodities, the financial year was all about the rise of gold, with the US gold price rising 41.5% and the ASX Gold Index surging 57%. Copper showed some signs of life, edging 5.9% higher. Uranium was steady around US\$70lb whilst iron ore and oil came under pressure – down 11% and 22% respectively.

The fund's unit price closed the year at \$2.145, following a \$0.121 per unit distribution. Since inception on 21 January 2020, the fund has delivered a 239% total return, outperforming its benchmark which delivered a loss of 1.1% over the same time horizon. ANRF has delivered an annualised return of 25.1% since its inception, versus the -0.2% annualised return of its benchmark over the same period.

At year-end, ANRF's portfolio exposure was 44% Energy Transition, 25% Geopolitical, 11% Other Opportunities, and 20% Cash. Breaking this down further, Energy Transition remained dominated by exposures to copper (30%) uranium (12%) and rare earths (2%); Geopolitical consisted of exposure to gold (16%) and oil & gas (9%); and Other Opportunities included iron ore (6%) and mining services (5%).

The quality and liquidity profile of our positions remain a key focus. Producers accounted for 52% of the portfolio, only 17% of capital was invested in companies with market capitalisations below \$500 million, and 89% of the underlying projects held by investee companies were located in Australia and North America, jurisdictions we consider robust across regulatory and governance dimensions.

ANRF's investment philosophy remains unchanged: concentrate on good quality / good value companies producing or looking to produce the commodities that are best placed to outperform. Portfolio construction continues to prioritise downside protection through position sizing, liquidity thresholds, and diversification across commodities, geographies, and stages of the value chain.

Looking ahead, we believe the resource sector stands out as an investment opportunity. Interest rates are trending lower, and China still retains the ability to add significant stimulus to drive economic growth rates higher. We see many commodities that have strong demand / supply dynamics and selective company valuations are compelling – with copper, gold, uranium and east coast gas particularly attractive at present.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your continued trust and partnership. The fund's results this year, and since inception, reflect the team's rigorous research, active engagement with companies, and disciplined risk management. We remain confident that the fund's positioning, liquidity, and strategy are well suited to the opportunities and challenges ahead.



Edward Rigg
Chairman
Argonaut Funds Management Pty Ltd

In the opinion of the directors of the Fund:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Corporations Act 2001, the Accounting Standards, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board as described in note 3 to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 295(5)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Edward Rigg
Chairman



David Franklyn
Director of the Trustee

30 October 2025

The directors of Argonaut Funds Management Pty Ltd (ACN 101 152 862), (the "Trustee") of Argonaut Natural Resources Fund (the "Fund"), present their report, together with the financial statements, on the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Directors of the Trustee
Edward Rigg – Chairman

Eddie is the co-founder of Argonaut and brings over 30 years of investment banking experience, with a focus on the metals, mining, and energy sectors. He has led numerous M&A and capital raising transactions for a wide range of clients, from small-cap explorers to multinational corporations and state-owned enterprises. Before establishing Argonaut in 2002, Eddie was Executive Director of Investment Banking at CIBC World Markets.

In addition to his leadership at Argonaut, Eddie is Chairman of Salubris Australia and a co-founder of Global Lithium Resources, underlining his deep commitment to the natural resources industry. He is a Responsible Executive under the ASX Market Integrity Rules and a Responsible Manager under the Australian Financial Services Licence regime.

His contributions to the business and broader community have been recognised with accolades including the 40under40 and City of Perth Business Awards.

David Franklyn – Executive

David is a Managing Director and Head of Funds Management at Argonaut. He is also Portfolio Manager of the Argonaut Natural Resources Fund and Argonaut Global Gold Fund.

David has over 25 years of financial market experience, including almost ten years as Head of Research at a leading small companies' stockbroker and another ten years as Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer of a boutique funds management business. David is an experienced business executive, having held senior roles in ASX listed and unlisted companies.

David is a Responsible Manager for the Trustee under the Australian Financial Services Licence regime.

Benjamin Clifford – Executive (Resigned effective 1st December 2025)

Mr. Clifford resigned from Argonaut with an effective date of 1st December 2025. Prior to his resignation, Ben was a Managing Director and Board member of Argonaut Limited. He was also Co-Head of Funds Management at Argonaut and the Portfolio Manager of the Argonaut Global Gold Fund.

Glen Colgan – Non-Executive

Glen has more than 35 years' experience in the financial sector, in particular the Australian stockbroking industry. Glen has worked across various roles including trading floor operator, Designated Trading Representative, Private Client Adviser, and Corporate Stockbroker, gaining extensive knowledge of share trading and advisory services. He was also Managing Director of Argonaut Group from 2017 to 2022.

Prior to joining Argonaut, Glen managed of a successful Goldfields-based stockbroking operation for six years, where he developed strong expertise in the mining and mineral exploration sectors.

Glen specialises in small to mid-cap resource stocks and Western Australian industrials, as well as providing equities investment advice to client portfolios. He is qualified to advise on superannuation, margin lending, and is a Level 1 Accredited Derivatives Adviser.

Kevin Johnson – Non-Executive

Kevin is an Executive Director of Argonaut Securities. Kevin specialises in providing share-market advice, portfolio management and trade execution services for domestic and international private clients and corporates, international brokers, and resource funds.

Kevin has more than 30 years of experience in the financial services industry. He started his career at the Reserve Bank of Australia then began stockbroking as a trading floor operator in the late 80's. His advisory career included Perth offices for BNZ, HSBC and Citigroup stockbroking operations before joining Argonaut in November 2006

Kevin is a Responsible Manager for the Trustee under the Australian Financial Services Licence regime.

Gregory Southee – Non-Executive

Gregory is the Chief Executive Officer of Argonaut Limited and Head of Corporate Finance. With qualifications in law and commerce (majors in finance and accounting), he brings over 23 years of investment banking experience, particularly in the natural resources sector. Greg has advised on mergers and acquisitions, capital raisings, debt advisory, and corporate restructurings across various industries and jurisdictions.

He began his career at Argonaut shortly after its inception and played a pivotal role in establishing the firm's Hong Kong office in 2011. Greg served as Head of Asia and Executive Director during his tenure in Hong Kong, holding Responsible Officer status under the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission. He returned to Perth in 2021 to assume his current leadership role.

Greg is a Responsible Manager under the Australian Financial Services Licence regime and a Fellow of FINSIA.

Meetings of Directors

The number of meetings of the company's Board of Directors held during the year ended 30 June 2025, and the number of meetings attended by each director were:

	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Edward Rigg	4	4
David Franklyn	4	4
Greg Southee	4	3
Glen Colgan	4	4
Kevin Johnson	4	4
Benjamin Clifford	4	4

Operating Results

The Fund generated a profit for the year ended 30 June 2025, amounting to \$3,870,322 (30 June 2024: Loss of \$601,396).

Review of Financial Position

The Net Asset position of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2025 is \$26,803,494 (30 June 2024: \$27,825,677).

Review of Operations

The net income attributable to unitholders for the Fund amounted to \$3,870,322 (30 June 2024: net loss attributable to unitholders of \$601,396).

Investment Process

The investment manager has a rigorous investment system. Decisions are based on a three-step investment process:

- **Step One** is a high-level assessment of the overall market;
- **Step Two** is a macro assessment of global trends, favoured commodities and preferred operating locations; and
- **Step Three** consists of specific micro-company analysis focusing on our "5 Bricks" investment analysis system, which assesses companies based on five criteria – management, valuation, financial strength, business strength and responsible investing.

Portfolio Summary

As at 30 June 2025, the Fund's portfolio consisted of 24 separate investments with exposures to Energy Transition (44%), Geopolitical (25%), Other Opportunities (11%) and Cash (20%). The cash weighting at year-end was unusually high reflecting the volatile market conditions at this time.

As at 30 June 2025, the Top 5 stock holdings were:

Company	Weighting	Commodity
MAC Copper	8.9%	Iron Ore
Greatland Gold	8.5%	Gold
Amplitude Energy	7.5%	Oil & Gas
Teck B	6.1%	Copper
BHP	6.1%	Iron Ore

Two key themes impacted resource markets in FY2025:

Energy Transition – Decarbonisation and the transition away from fossil fuels remained a key thematic for FY2025. Electric vehicle demand continued to grow, renewable energy projects accelerated, and nuclear power re-entered the discussion as a clean energy source. The key constraint remains as to whether the mining industry can deliver the required quantity of resources against a backdrop of elongated development timeframes and a lack of high-quality projects in key commodities such as copper, nickel, lithium, graphite and rare earths.

Geopolitical Risk – Supply chains continued to be reconfigured as countries reassessed who they saw as long-term reliable partners. Markets oscillated between optimism over falling inflation and lower interest rates, and uncertainty surrounding slowing global growth and ongoing geopolitical tensions.

Against this macro backdrop, we maintained a cautious investment approach for much of the 2025 financial year, with the portfolio skewed to larger, better quality and more liquid resource companies and increased cash during periods of uncertainty.

The Argonaut Natural Resources Fund performed well, delivering a return of 14.7% for the year which ranks it as one of the best performing funds in its peer group.

Funds under management increased slightly, from approximately \$29.7 million to \$30.3 million over the financial year.

Investment Management Agreement

The Trustee of the Fund has an Investment Management Agreement with the Investment Manager, AFM Artemis Pty Ltd. This agreement outlines the terms and conditions under which the Fund will be managed and details the fees to be paid to the investment manager.

Under the terms of the Investment Management Agreement, AFM Artemis Pty Ltd charges the Fund the following fees:

- A base management fee of up to 1% per annum (excluding GST) of funds under management (gross assets of the Fund), accrued and payable monthly in arrears. For the year to 30 June 2025 the total base management fee accrued by the Fund was \$294,984 (note 5).
- A Performance fee equal to 20% of the increase in Net Asset Value ("NAV") per unit, above the Benchmark return over the twelve-month period between 1 July and 30 June, accrued monthly and payable annually in arrears. This is subject to a high-water mark, being the previous highest NAV per unit of the Fund (adjusted for distributions) immediately after payment of a Performance Fee. Further details on the performance fee and high-water mark are available in the Argonaut Natural Resources Fund Information Memorandum. For the year to 30 June 2025 the total performance fee accrued by the Fund was \$1,554,144 (note 5).

In the year to 30 June 2025, the Fund unit price increased from \$1.975 per unit to \$2.266 per unit (before distribution), an increase of 14.7%. The Fund's benchmark, the ASX 300 Resources, was down by 7.5% over the same time horizon.

The outperformance amount was \$7,771,100 of which 80% (\$6,216,880) was retained by the Fund to the benefit of the unitholders, with 20% (\$1,554,144) accrued as investment manager's performance fee.

Principal Activities

During the financial year, the principal activity of the Fund was the business of buying and selling securities in the financial markets with a view to generating a profit.

Likely Developments and Results

Likely developments in the operations of the Fund and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Fund.

Indemnifying Officers or Auditors

Indemnities have been given for the Directors of the Trustee and to the Investment Manager to the maximum extent permitted by law. Apart from these indemnities, the Fund has not indemnified or made a relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability of any person who is or has been made an Officer or Auditor of the Fund.

In accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, the Trustee pays a premium to insure Officers against any liability incurred as an Officer of that entity or of a related body corporate. This may include a liability for reasonable costs and expenses incurred in defending proceedings, whether civil or criminal and whatever their outcome.

Proceedings on Behalf of the Fund

No persons have applied for leave of the Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Fund or intervene in any proceedings to which the Fund is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Fund for all or any part of those proceedings.

The Fund was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund during the financial year.

Matters Subsequent to the end of the Financial Year

Since 30 June 2025, Benjamin Clifford resigned from Argonaut with an effective date of 1st December 2025. Ben was Co-Head of Argonaut Funds Management and Fund Manager for Argonaut Global Gold Fund. David Franklyn, who has served as the Co-Head of Argonaut Funds Management and Fund Manager for the Argonaut Natural Resources Fund since its inception in January 2020, has assumed full leadership responsibility for Argonaut Global Gold Fund as its Fund Manager and Head of the Argonaut Funds Management business.

Ben's resignation has not significantly affected the Fund's operations, the results of those operations, or the Fund's state of affairs in future financial years.

There are no other matters or circumstances that have arisen since 30 June 2025 that have significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Fund's operations, the results of those operations, or the Fund's state of affairs in future financial years.

A review of the Fund's investment portfolio was performed at 30 September 2025. The cost of investments (incl. cash) was \$29,499,804 (30 June 2025: \$29,382,944). The market value of investments (incl. cash, which also comprises movement related to application and redemption monies) was \$36,988,154 (30 June 2025: \$30,871,142). The movement in the market value of investments is wholly attributable to the share market fluctuations and the disposal and acquisition of certain of the Fund's shareholdings during the period.

During the period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025 the Fund raised \$1,350,000 in new applications.

During the period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025 the Fund paid \$609,418 in redemptions.

Environmental Regulation

The Fund's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

Indemnity and Insurance of Officers

The Fund has indemnified the directors and executives of the Fund for costs incurred, in their capacity as a director or executive, for which they may be held personally liable, except where there is a lack of good faith.

During the financial year, the Fund paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the directors and executives of the Fund against a liability to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act 2001. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium.

Indemnity and Insurance of Auditor

The Fund has not, during or since the end of the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify the auditor of the Fund or any related entity against a liability incurred by the auditor.

During the financial year, the Fund has not paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the auditor of the Fund or any related entity.

Interests in the Fund

The value of the Fund's assets and liabilities is disclosed in the statement of financial position and derived using the basis set out in note 3 to the financial statements.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out immediately after this directors' report.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors



Edward Rigg
Chairman



David Franklyn
Director of the Trustee

30 October 2025

To the Board of Directors,

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001

As lead audit director for the audit of the financial statements of Argonaut Natural Resources Fund for the financial year ended 30 June 2025, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours faithfully



HALL CHADWICK WA AUDIT PTY LTD



D M BELL FCA
Director

Dated this 31st day of October 2025
Perth, Western Australia

Argonaut Natural Resources Fund
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 30 June 2025



	Note	30 June 2025 \$	30 June 2024 \$
Income			
Interest income	6	207,386	(2,359,506)
Unrealised gain/(loss) on trading activities		2,182,797	184,060
Net gain on the sale of financial assets		3,562,571	2,530,896
Dividends received		230,127	108,638
		<u>6,182,881</u>	<u>464,088</u>
Total income		<u>6,182,881</u>	<u>464,088</u>
Expenses			
Other expenses	5	(2,312,559)	(1,065,484)
Total expenses		<u>(2,312,559)</u>	<u>(1,065,484)</u>
Net income attributable to unitholders for the year		3,870,322	(601,396)
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>3,870,322</u>	<u>(601,396)</u>

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes



Argonaut Natural Resources Fund
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2025



	Note	30 June 2025 \$	30 June 2024 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	8,913,324	5,625,762
Financial assets	8	21,957,797	24,074,563
Other assets	9	68,068	35,273
Total current assets		<u>30,939,189</u>	<u>29,735,598</u>
Total assets		<u>30,939,189</u>	<u>29,735,598</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Payables and accruals	10	4,135,695	1,909,921
Total current liabilities		<u>4,135,695</u>	<u>1,909,921</u>
Total liabilities		<u>4,135,695</u>	<u>1,909,921</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders - liabilities		<u>26,803,494</u>	<u>27,825,677</u>
Equity			
Issued capital	11	25,489,431	28,869,742
Distributions		(6,044,228)	(4,532,034)
Retained profits		7,358,291	3,487,969
Total equity		<u>26,803,494</u>	<u>27,825,677</u>

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes



Argonaut Natural Resources Fund
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders
For the year ended 30 June 2025



Statement of changes in net assets attributable to unitholders

	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$	\$
Opening balance	27,825,677	22,844,451
Profit for the year	3,870,322	(601,396)
Distribution	(1,512,194)	(1,409,102)
Units issued	4,057,396	9,082,318
Units redeemed	(7,437,707)	(2,090,594)
Closing balance	<u>26,803,494</u>	<u>27,825,677</u>

The above statement of changes in net assets attributable to unitholders should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes



Argonaut Natural Resources Fund
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2025



Note	30 June 2025 \$	30 June 2024 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Interest received	207,386	182,899
Payments to suppliers	(438,710)	(271,875)
Net cash used in operating activities	(231,324)	(88,976)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of investments	65,434,493	42,935,423
Payment for investments	(57,919,968)	(48,811,384)
Dividends received	226,923	87,264
Net cash from investing activities	7,741,448	(5,788,697)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from issue of units	3,531,225	7,968,735
Redemptions of units	(7,437,707)	(1,899,886)
Distributions paid to unitholders	(316,080)	(397,872)
Net cash (used in)/from financing activities	(4,222,562)	5,670,977
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	3,287,562	(206,696)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	5,625,762	5,832,458
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	7 8,913,324	5,625,762

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



Note 1. General information

This financial report covers The Argonaut Natural Resources Fund (ABN 13 958 098 048) (the "Fund") which is an unlisted and unregistered managed investment scheme, structured as a unit trust, domiciled in Australia.

The Trustee of the Fund is Argonaut Funds Management Pty Ltd (ACN 101 152 863, AFSL 224815) (the "Trustee"). The registered office and principal place of business of the Fund is:

Level 16,
9 The Esplanade,
Perth WA 6000

Note 2. Adoption of new and revised accounting standards and interpretations

The Fund has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ("AASB") that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

The adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations did not significantly impact the financial performance or position of the Fund.

The following Accounting Standards and Interpretations are most relevant to the Fund:

Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting (Conceptual Framework)

The Fund has adopted the revised Conceptual Framework from 1 July 2020. The Conceptual Framework contains new definition and recognition criteria as well as new guidance on measurement that affects several Accounting Standards, but it has not had a material impact on the consolidated entity's financial statements.

AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities

The Fund has adopted AASB 1060 from 1 July 2020. The standard provides a new Tier 2 reporting framework with simplified disclosures based on the IFRS requirements for SMEs. As a result, there is increased disclosure in these financial statements for key management personnel, related parties, tax and financial instruments

Note 3. Material accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial report is a general-purpose financial report prepared according to Australian Accounting Standards, including Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, and the Corporations Act 2001.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in a financial report containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this financial report are presented below. They have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis. It is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by measuring the fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Revenue and Other Income

Share trading

Other income from the sale of shares is recognised on the day the security is traded and comprises net profit on the sale of securities.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised on an accrual's basis.

Note 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

Dividends

Dividends are recognised when declared

Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, investments in money market instruments maturing within less than three months, net of bank overdrafts.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

Financial instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial instruments, incorporating financial assets and financial liabilities, are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs where the instrument is not classified as at fair value through profit or loss. Transaction costs related to instruments classified at fair value through profit or loss are expensed to profit or loss immediately. Financial instruments are classified and measured as set out below.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires, or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled, or expire. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of the consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

Classification and Subsequent Measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the assets or liability, assuming the market participants act in their economic best interests.

- (i) Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Loans and receivables are included in current assets, except for those not expected to mature within 12 months after the end of the reporting period. (All other loans and receivables are classified as non-current assets.)

- (ii) Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit and loss through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

Impairment

The carrying amounts of the Fund's assets other than other financial assets and deferred tax assets are reviewed at each balance date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment, and if so, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

An impairment loss is recognised in the income statement unless an asset has been previously revalued, in which case the impairment loss is recognised as a reversal to the extent of the previous revaluation through the profit and loss.

Note 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

Impairment of receivables is not recognised until objective evidence is available that a loss event has occurred. The recoverable amount of other assets is the greater of their fair value, less costs to sell, and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and risks specific to the asset. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Income Tax

Under current Australian income tax legislation, the Trust is not liable for income tax, provided taxable income (including any realised capital gains) is fully attributable to unit holders each year.

Potential future income tax benefits net of deferred tax liabilities attributable to tax losses have not been brought to account because the Trustee does not believe it is appropriate given the Fund is not assessed in its own right for income tax.

Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the Financial Report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume reasonable expectations of future events based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Fund.

Key Estimates – Impairment

The Fund assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluating conditions and events specific to the Fund that may indicate impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations, which incorporate various key assumptions.

Note 4. Financial Risk Management

Financial Risk Management Policies

The Fund's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, short-term investments, and accounts receivable and payable.

The primary purpose of non-derivative financial instruments is to raise finance for Fund investments.

The Fund does not use derivatives for hedging purposes. The Fund does not speculate in the trading of derivative instruments.

i. Treasury Risk Management

Senior Executives of the Fund meet regularly to analyse financial risk exposure and evaluate treasury management strategies in the context of the most recent economic conditions and forecasts.

The Senior Executives overall risk management strategy seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on financial performance.

The Senior Executives operate under the guidance of the Board of Directors. Risk Management initiatives are addressed by the Board when required.

ii. Financial Risk Exposures and Management

The main risks the Fund is exposed to through its financial instruments are interest rate risk, liquidity risk, market risk, credit risk and price risk.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The entity's exposure to interest rate risk is limited to cash and cash equivalents, convertible notes, and financial liabilities.

At 30 June 2025, the Fund does not have any material interest rate risk exposure.

Note 4. Financial Risk Management (continued)

Liquidity risk

The Fund manages liquidity risk by monitoring forecast cash flows.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the value of the Fund's investments will fluctuate due to changes in market prices. It is recognised that the investment portfolio comprises a proportion of speculative investments in the mining and resources sector. To minimise market risk, positions are monitored daily and marked-to-market regularly.

Net fair values of financial assets and liabilities

Assets and liabilities included in the Statement of Financial Position are carried at amounts that approximate their fair values. Please refer to the section below *iii Net Fair Values* for the methods and assumptions adopted in determining net fair values for investments.

Credit risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognise financial assets, is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position and notes to the financial statements.

The Senior Executives ensure that the Fund deals with:

- Only banks and financial institutions with an "A" rating; and
- All potential customers are rated for credit-worthiness, taking into account their size, market position and financial standing.

The Fund invests in listed available-for-sale/held-to-maturity financial assets. Unlisted available-for-sale / held-to-maturity financial assets are not rated by external credit agencies. These are reviewed regularly by the Fund to ensure that credit exposure is minimised.

The credit risk for counterparties included in trade and other receivables is detailed below:

	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
Cash and cash equivalents	8,913,324	5,625,762
Other assets	68,068	35,273
Financial Assets at fair value through profit or loss	21,957,797	24,074,563

Price risk

The Fund is exposed to changes in share prices of the portfolio of securities that it holds. Securities are monitored regularly to ensure that the relevant companies in which shares are held meet the Investment Committee's investment standards.

iii. Net Fair Values

The net fair values of:

- Listed investments have been valued at the quoted market last sale price at the balance date. For unlisted investments where there is no organised financial market, the net fair value has been based on the cost base of the investment or the reasonable estimation of the underlying net assets.
- Other loans and amounts due are determined by discounting the cash flows, at market interest rates of similar borrowings, to their present value.
- Other assets and other liabilities approximate their carrying value.

Credit risk is reviewed regularly by the Senior Executives.

Note 4. Financial Risk Management (continued)

No financial assets and financial liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in a standardised form other than listed investments.

Aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities at balance date

As at 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024, the carrying amounts of all financial assets and liabilities approximated their fair values.

iv. Sensitivity Analysis

Interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and price risk

The Fund has performed sensitivity analysis relating to its exposures to interest rate risk and price risk at balance date and has determined that increases and decreases are not material to the Fund.

Fair value measurements recognised in the statement of financial position

The following table provides an analysis of financial instruments measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, grouped into Levels 1 and 2 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable.

- Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices).
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those that cannot be determined by using readily observable inputs or measures, such as market prices or models. They are calculated using estimates or risk-adjusted value ranges.

30 June 2025	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets:	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:</i>				
Investments: held for trading	21,937,637	-	20,160	21,957,797
30 June 2024	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets:	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:</i>				
Investments: held for trading	24,043,363	-	31,200	24,074,563

Shares held in Firefinch Limited (ASX: FFX) have been classed as a Level 3 Financial Asset. Firefinch Limited has been suspended from trading for an extended period with no clarity of when this will be resolved. As such, there are no tradeable market in the shares. A valuation has been performed by the Fund Manager to determine the underlying value of the assets of the company, taking into account the risk factor. As such the shares were valued at a discounted rate of \$0.084 per share (FY 2024: \$0.1300 per share) compared to the last listing price in May 2022 of \$0.2000 per share.

Listed Equity Sensitivity Analysis

The effect on profit and equity as a result of changes in listed equity prices, with all other variables remaining constant, would be as follows:

	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$	\$
<i>Change in profit</i>		
Increase in listed equity prices by 10%	2,195,780	2,462,182
Decrease in listed equity prices by 10%	(2,195,780)	(2,462,182)
<i>Change in Equity</i>		
Increase in listed equity prices by 10%	2,195,780	2,462,182
Decrease in listed equity prices by 10%	(2,195,780)	(2,462,182)

Note 5. Other Expenses

	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$	\$
Performance fees	1,554,144	430,211
Base fees	294,984	272,136
Accounting and audit fees	75,263	52,998
Bank charges	117	182
Brokerage	329,637	262,511
Custodian fees	31,230	11,784
Other sundry	19,922	33,058
Printing and stationery	-	537
Consultants fees	6,100	85
RITC	-	1,982
Placement fees	1,162	-
	<u>2,312,559</u>	<u>1,065,484</u>

Note 6. Interest income

	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$	\$
Interest income - cash accounts	<u>207,386</u>	<u>184,060</u>

Note 7. Cash and cash equivalents

a) Cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank and investments in cash management trusts. Cash at the end of the year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$	\$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Cash at bank	<u>8,913,324</u>	<u>5,625,762</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>8,913,324</u>	<u>5,625,762</u>

Note 8. Financial assets

	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$	\$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Investments at fair value through profit and loss	23,308,661	25,851,430
Less: Change in Value	953,192	(1,229,605)
Share Trade Clearing Account	<u>(2,304,056)</u>	<u>(547,262)</u>
	<u>21,957,797</u>	<u>24,074,563</u>
<i>Non-current assets</i>		
Investments held for sale	25,000	25,000
Less: Change in Value	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Note 9. Other assets

	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$	\$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Other assets	20,739	16,490
GST receivable	12,642	18,783
Receivable from the ATO	34,687	-
	<u>68,068</u>	<u>35,273</u>

Note 10. Payables and accruals

	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$	\$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Trade payables	29,884	27,596
Distribution payable	1,516,752	1,409,102
Other payables	2,029,049	473,223
Applications holding account	560,010	-
Total payables and accruals	<u>4,135,695</u>	<u>1,909,921</u>

Note 11. Issued Capital

	30 June 2025	30 June 2024	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	Units	Units	\$	\$
Issued units	<u>12,497,473</u>	<u>14,091,017</u>	<u>25,489,431</u>	<u>28,869,742</u>

Unitholders have the following rights (amongst others):

- right to receive notices of meetings of the Fund and to attend such meetings and to vote at such meetings except in relation to winding up the Fund
- right to receive distributions
- rights under the Corporations Act to wind up the Fund

Capital Management

The Fund has a policy to have no bank debt.

Management controls the capital of the Fund in order to maintain a good debt to equity ratio, in an endeavour to provide the shareholders with adequate returns and to ensure that the Fund can fund its operations and continue as a going concern.

The Fund's debt and capital include ordinary share capital and financial liabilities, supported by financial assets. There are no externally imposed capital requirements.

Management effectively manages the Fund's capital by assessing the Fund's financial risk and adjusting its capital structure in response to changes in these risks and in the market. These responses include the management of debt levels, distributions to shareholders and share issues.

There have been no changes in the strategy adopted by management to control the capital of the Fund since the prior year.

This strategy is to ensure that the Fund's gearing ratio remains conservative.

Note 12. Operating Segments

Identification of reportable segments

The Fund has identified one reportable segment, the financial investment industry, based on the internal reports reviewed and used by the Board of Directors (chief operating decision makers) to assess performance and determine the allocation of resources.

The Board reviews financial information on the same basis as presented in the financial statements. It has therefore determined the operating segment on this basis.

Basis of accounting for purposes of reporting by operating segments:

Accounting policies adopted

Unless stated otherwise, all amounts reported to the Board of Directors, being the chief decision-makers concerning operating segments, are determined according to accounting policies consistent with those adopted in the Fund's annual financial statements.

Segment assets

Where an asset is used across multiple segments, the asset is allocated to that segment that receives the majority economic value from that asset. In the majority of instances, segment assets are clearly identifiable based on their nature and physical location.

Liabilities are allocated to segments where there is a direct nexus between the incurrence of the liability and the segment's operations. Segment liabilities include trade and other payables and certain direct borrowings. Borrowings and tax liabilities are generally considered to relate to the Fund as a whole and are not allocated.

Geographic Segment

The Fund operates from one geographic location, being Australia, from where its investing activities are managed.

Note 13. Related party transactions

Management Fees

The Trustee of the Argonaut Natural Resources Fund, Argonaut Funds Management Pty Ltd, has entered into an Investment Management Agreement with the Investment Manager, AFM Artemis Pty Ltd. This agreement outlines the terms and conditions under which the Fund will be managed and details the fees to be paid to the investment manager.

Under the terms of the Investment Management Agreement, AFM Artemis Pty Ltd charges the Fund the following fees:

- A base management fee of up to 1.0% per annum (excluding GST) of funds under management (gross assets of the Fund), accrued and payable monthly in arrears.
- A Performance fee equal to 20% of the increase in Net Asset Value ("NAV") per unit, above the Benchmark return over the twelve-month period between 1 July and 30 June, accrued monthly and payable annually in arrears. This is subject to a high-water mark, being the previous highest NAV per unit of the Fund (adjusted for distributions) immediately after payment of a Performance Fee. Further details on the performance fee and high-water mark are available in the Argonaut Natural Resources Fund Information Memorandum.

Note 13. Related party transactions (continued)

AFM Artemis Pty Ltd Fees	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$	\$
Performance fee	1,554,144	430,211
Base fee	294,984	272,136
	1,849,128	702,347

Shareholdings of related entities

The License Holder – Argonaut Securities Pty Limited

Argonaut Securities Pty Limited holds Australian Financial Services License No. 224815 which enables it to operate wholesale managed investment schemes. Argonaut Securities Pty Limited operates as the licensee of the Argonaut Natural Resources Fund.

No fees are paid by the Fund to the License Holder for the provision of this service.

The Trustee – Argonaut Funds Management Pty Ltd

Argonaut Funds Management Pty Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Argonaut Limited. Argonaut Funds Management Pty Ltd is the Trustee of the Argonaut Natural Resources Fund ("the Trustee").

No fees were paid by the Fund to the Directors of the Trustee for their services.

The Directors of the Trustee are detailed below along with details of their unitholding in the Argonaut Natural Resources Fund:

Entities Related to Trustee	Representative	Balance	Net Change	Balance
		30-Jun-24	Other	30-Jun-25
		No.	No.	No.
Argonaut Partners Pty Limited	Edward Rigg	354,836	17,966	372,802
EGR Management Pty Ltd	Edward Rigg	62,562	12,438	75,000
Union Street Super	David Franklyn	210,433	67,269	277,702
	Benjamin Clifford	-	-	-
Stateline Investments Pty Ltd	Glen Colgan	50,000	-	50,000
	Gregory Southee	23,266	1,178	24,444
Beelong Pty Ltd	Kevin Johnson	100,000	-	100,000
		801,097	98,851	899,948

The Investment Manager – AFM Artemis Pty Ltd

The Investment Manager of the Fund is AFM Artemis, a corporate authorised representative of Argonaut Securities Pty Limited. The Argonaut group are specialist resource sector investors and advisors, supported by a strong research team of four company analysts covering the resources and mining service areas.

The Directors of the Investment Manager are the same as The Trustee and accordingly the information is detailed above.

Note 14. Remuneration of auditors

	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$	\$
<i>Audit services - Hall Chadwick WA Audit Pty Ltd</i>		
Audit and review of the financial report	<u>7,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>

Note 15. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Fund's operations, the results of those operations, or the Fund's state of affairs in future financial years.

Note 16. Contingent assets, liabilities and commitments

There are no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2025.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ARGONAUT NATURAL RESOURCES FUND

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Argonaut Natural Resources Fund ("the Entity"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion:

- a. the accompanying financial report of the Fund is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.
- b. the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 3.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement. 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 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* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Fund's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2025, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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 and, in doing so, 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.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Fund are responsible for the preparation of the 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 determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In Note 3, the directors also state in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard *AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements*, that the financial report complies with International Financial Reporting Standards.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. Our objectives are 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 the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Fund to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Fund audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.



HALL CHADWICK WA AUDIT PTY LTD



D M BELL FCA
Director

Dated this 31st day of October 2025
Perth, Western Australia