

Macquarie Wrap

Shield Master Fund investment update

Dear

We're writing with an important update about the Shield Master Fund (Shield), which you've invested in via the Macquarie Wrap platform.

Account name

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On 26 September 2024, we let you know that Keystone Asset Management (Keystone), the responsible entity for Shield, had gone into receivership. We informed you that Deloitte had been appointed as voluntary administrators and receivers for Keystone, and was preparing a preliminary report about Shield.

Deloitte has been reviewing Keystone's conduct and assessing the value of the Shield fund and underlying assets.

On 22 November 2024, Deloitte issued a Significant Event Notice (SEN) to unit holders with an update about Shield. You can access that SEN via this <u>link</u>.

Key points in the SEN include:

- **Financial position of Shield:** A report on Shield has been prepared, but figures are preliminary. The report also shows indicative details on recovery and expected returns to unit holders (see page 14 of the SEN).
- Use of investor funds: The SEN includes a diagram of how the funds invested by unit holders in Shield were spent (see page 5 of the SEN).
- Financial position of Keystone: Deloitte expressed the view that Keystone may have been insolvent from at least 27 July 2024 (see page 13 of the SEN).
- Unit price: As per our earlier communications, we're still waiting for an up-to-date unit price to be determined. In this latest report, Deloitte has noted that an up-to-date unit price for Shield can't be provided at this time, as the value of a number of the underlying assets of Shield can't be independently verified, and estimated values can't be given with any level of certainty (see page 3 of the SEN).
- **Redemptions and applications:** Redemptions from and applications to Shield are still closed. This means that unit holders won't be able to withdraw from Shield or receive redemption proceeds until further notice (see page 2 of the SEN).
- End-of-year unit holder statements: Delays are expected, and unit holder statements issued by Deloitte will likely contain estimates (see page 3 of the SEN). Macquarie will continue to issue annual statements as per our usual timeframes.

On 25 November 2024, Deloitte issued a Voluntary Administrators' Report and a notice of meeting of creditors to be held on 2 December 2024.

Macquarie is a creditor of Keystone and will be attending the creditors' meeting. We'll write to you with any material outcomes of the meeting in due course.

We've added a link to <u>Deloitte's SEN</u> and <u>Voluntary Administrators' Report</u> to <u>our webpage</u> <u>about the Shield Master Fund</u>. We'll continue to keep this webpage up to date.

Next steps

Deloitte is investigating the potential for significant recoveries from third parties who may have received investor funds. Whilst Deloitte's investigations are ongoing, a successful recovery of these funds would have a material impact on the investor funds (see page 14 of the SEN).

The administrators will continue to provide updates to unit holders in the same form as the SEN, as matters develop (see page 3 of the SEN). We'll share any relevant information that becomes available.

Need help?

You can email us at wrapkeycontacts@macquarie.com or call us on 1800 095 568,

Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (Sydney time).

Investors can contact the receivers and voluntary administrators with any queries by emailing <u>shieldinvestors@deloitte.com.au</u>. Deloitte is also providing further information about their investigation on <u>this webpage</u>.

Alternatively, please speak to a registered financial adviser.

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