

Challenger Annuity Fund

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General Purpose

Annual Financial Report for the
year ended 30 June 2024

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Registered office

These financial statements cover Challenger Annuity Fund.

The Responsible Entity of Challenger Annuity Fund is Fidante Partners Services Limited (ABN 44 119 605 373). The Responsible Entity's registered office is as follows.

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5 Martin Place
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Directors' report

The Directors of Fidante Partners Services Limited, the Responsible Entity of Challenger Annuity Fund (the Trust), present their report together with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Directors

The following persons held office as Directors of Fidante Partners Services Limited during the financial year end and up to the date of this report. Directors were in office for this entire year unless otherwise stated.

A Bofinger	Director	
A Judin	Director	(Appointed: 13 July 2023)
J O'Keeffe	Director	
T Roxburgh	Director	(Appointed: 13 July 2023)
V Rodriguez	Director	

Principal activities and material changes in the state of affairs

The principal activity of the Trust during the course of the financial year was to invest in annuities provided by Challenger Life Company Limited (CLC) in accordance with the provisions of the Trust's Constitution. The Trust specifically targets investors who are seeking to apply for a Significant Investor Visa (SIV) with minimum investment amount of \$500,000. For the purposes of managing the Trust's cash flow, the Trust also invests in derivatives provided by CLC.

There have been no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Trust during the year.

Operating and financial review

During the year, the Trust continued to invest in accordance with target asset allocations as set out in the relevant disclosure statement. The Trust maintained its strategy of investing in annuities provided by CLC.

Results

The performance of the Trust, as represented by the results of its operations, was as follows.

	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Net profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to investors	486	439
Distributions paid and payable	189	387

Significant events after the balance date

At the date of this financial report, no matter or circumstance has arisen that has affected, or may significantly affect the Trust's operations, the results of those operations or the Trust's state of affairs in future financial years, which has not already been reflected in this report.

Likely developments and expected results

The Trust will continue to be managed in accordance with the investment objectives and guidelines as set out in the governing documents of the Trust and in accordance with the provisions of the Trust's Constitution.

Further information on likely developments in the operations of the Trust and the expected results of those operations have not been included in this report because the Responsible Entity believes it would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Trust.

Indemnification and insurance of directors and officers

No insurance premiums are paid for out of the assets of the Trust in regards to insurance cover provided to the officers of the Responsible Entity. Provided the officers of the Responsible Entity act in accordance with the Trust's Constitution and the **Corporations Act 2001**, the officers remain indemnified out of the assets of the Trust against losses incurred whilst acting on behalf of the Trust. The auditors of the Trust are in no way indemnified out of the assets of the Trust.

Directors' report (continued)

Fees paid to and interests held in the Trust by the Responsible Entity or its related entities

There were no fees paid to the Responsible Entity or their related entities out of Trust property during the year.

No fees were paid out of Trust property to the Directors of the Responsible Entity during the year.

No interests in the Trust were held by the Responsible Entity, the former Responsible Entity and their related entities.

Interests in the Trust

The movement in investor interest in the Trust during the year is disclosed in Note 4 to the financial statements.

Value of assets

The value of the Trust's assets and liabilities is disclosed in the statement of financial position and derived using the basis set out in Note 1.2 to the financial statements.

Environmental regulation and performance

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

Rounding

The monetary amounts contained in this financial report have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000, unless otherwise stated, under the option available to the Trust under Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Corporations Instrument 2016/191.

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 on page 3.

Authorisation

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of the Responsible Entity of Challenger Annuity Fund.



A Judin

Director

Sydney

23 September 2024



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Auditor's independence declaration to the directors of Fidante Partners Services Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Challenger Annuity Fund for the financial year ended 30 June 2024, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit;
- b. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit; and
- c. No non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Ernst & Young

Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Chuang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Chuang
Partner

23 September 2024

Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 June	Notes	2024	2023
		\$'000	\$'000
Annuities income		189	387
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		297	52
Total income/(expense)		486	439
Net profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to investors		486	439
Finance costs attributable to investors			
Distribution to investors	2	(189)	(387)
Movement in net assets attributable to investors	4	(297)	(52)
Net profit/(loss) after finance costs for the year attributable to investors		—	—
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		—	—
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to investors		—	—

The statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of financial position

As at 30 June	Notes	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Assets			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	3	2,453	14,156
Total assets		2,453	14,156
Net assets attributable to investors - Liability			
	4	2,453	14,156

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

Statement of changes in net assets attributable to investors

For the year ended 30 June	Notes	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
At 1 July - opening - liability		14,156	22,104
Redemptions		(12,000)	(8,000)
Movement in net assets attributable to investors		297	52
At 30 June - closing - liability	4	2,453	14,156

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

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30 June	Notes	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Operating activities			
Annuity income received		189	387
Net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities	5	189	387
Investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of investments		12,189	8,387
Payments for purchase of investments		(189)	(387)
Net cash inflows/(outflows) from investing activities		12,000	8,000
Financing activities			
Redemption payments to investors		(12,000)	(8,000)
Distributions paid		(189)	(387)
Net cash inflows/(outflows) from financing activities		(12,189)	(8,387)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		—	—
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		—	—
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		—	—

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

Notes to the financial statements

1. Basis of preparation and overarching material accounting policies

The financial report of Challenger Annuity Fund (the Trust) for the year ended 30 June 2024 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Fidante Partners Services Limited (the Responsible Entity) on 23 September 2024.

1.1. Basis of preparation

These financial statements cover the Trust as an individual entity. The Trust is an Australian registered managed investment scheme and was constituted on 22 December 2017. The Trust will terminate on 21 December 2097 unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of the Trust's Constitution.

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Trust's Constitution, Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The Trust is a for-profit entity for the purposes of preparing financial statements.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and have been prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities except where otherwise stated.

Furthermore, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trust is expected to generate sufficient funds to enable it to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The statement of financial position is presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and are not distinguished between current and non-current.

All balances are expected to be recovered or settled within twelve months, except for investments in financial instruments and net assets attributable to investors. The amounts expected to be recovered or settled beyond twelve months after the end of each reporting year cannot be reliably determined.

As the Trust did not hold cash and cash equivalents during the year, the statement of cash flows has been prepared to disclose the cash flows from annuities directly to the investors.

Statement of compliance

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

Accounting standards and interpretations issued and effective from 1 July 2023

All new accounting standards that are applicable to the Trust for the 30 June 2024 reporting year have been adopted and do not have a material impact on the financial statements.

There are no new accounting standards and interpretations that have been issued, but not yet effective, that are material to the financial statements or have been early adopted for the 30 June 2024 reporting year.

Changes in accounting policies or disclosures

There were no changes in accounting policies applied during the year.

Foreign currency

Both the presentation currency and the functional currency of the Trust are Australian dollars.

Transactions in foreign currency are translated into the Trust's functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated into Australian dollars at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the statement of financial position date.

Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to any changes in presentation made in this financial report.

Rounding of amounts

Unless otherwise stated, monetary amounts contained in this financial report have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000 under Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Corporations Instrument 2016/191.

1. Basis of preparation and overarching material accounting policies (continued)

1.2. Summary of material accounting policies

a) Financial instruments

i) Classification

Assets

The Trust classifies its investments based on its business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The Trust's portfolio of financial assets is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Trust's documented investment strategy. All investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Trust holds investments in annuities provided by Challenger Life Company Limited (CLC).

ii) Recognition/derecognition

The Trust recognises fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities on the date it becomes party to the contractual agreement (trade date) and recognises changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities from this date.

Investments are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the investments has expired or the Trust has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

iii) Measurement

Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured initially at fair value excluding any transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability. Transaction costs on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are expensed immediately. Subsequent to initial recognition, all instruments at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value with changes in the fair value recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

- Fair value in an active market

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets are based on their quoted market prices at the reporting date without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. Financial assets are priced at current bid prices at the reporting date, while financial liabilities are priced at current offer prices.

- Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of other substantially similar instruments, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on management's best estimates and the discount rate used is a market rate at the reporting date applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions. For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the end of the reporting year.

b) Net assets attributable to investors

Interests are redeemable at the investors' option, subject to the Trust's capital risk management detailed in Note 2, and are classified as financial liabilities. Interests can be redeemed by the investors at any time for cash based on the redemption price. The fair value of redeemable interests is measured at the redemption amount that is payable (based on the redemption interest price) at the reporting date if investors exercised their right to redeem interests in the Trust.

Interests are classified as equity when they satisfy the following criteria under AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation (AASB 132):

- the puttable financial instrument entitles the holder to a pro rata share of net assets in the event of the Trust's liquidation;
- the puttable financial instrument is in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments and class features are identical;
- the puttable financial instrument does not include any contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset, or to exchange financial instruments with another entity under potentially unfavourable conditions to the Trust, and it is not a contract settled in the Trust's own equity instruments; and
- the total expected cash flows attributable to the puttable financial instrument over the life are based substantially on the profit or loss and cannot be guaranteed.

At 30 June 2024, investor funds have not been classified as equity as they did not satisfy all of the criteria under AASB 132.

1. Basis of preparation and overarching material accounting policies (continued)

c) Cash and cash equivalents

As the Trust did not hold cash and cash equivalents during the year, the statement of cash flows has been prepared to disclose the cash flows from annuities directly to the investors.

d) Investment income

Annuity income is received from CLC, who is contractually obliged to make regular guaranteed income payments to the Trust. The annuity income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on an entitlements basis.

e) Expenses

All expenses, including Responsible Entity's fees, are paid for by Challenger Life Company Limited (CLC).

f) Taxes

Under current income tax legislation, the Trust is not subject to income tax provided all of its taxable income is distributed to the investors each year.

Goods and services tax (GST)

As the Trust does not currently incur any expenses, there are no GST implications for the Trust.

g) Distributions

In accordance with the Trust's Constitution, the Trust distributes income adjusted for amounts determined by the Responsible Entity, to investors by cash. The distributions are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as finance costs attributable to investors.

h) Changes in net assets attributable to investors

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to investors. Movements in net assets attributable to investors are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as finance costs.

i) Receivables

Receivables may include amounts from annuities. Annuity income is accrued at the end of each reporting period from the time of last payment in accordance with the policy set out in Note 1.2(d) above. Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recorded as receivables.

j) Applications and redemptions

Applications received for interests in the Trust are recorded net of any entry fees payable prior to the issue of interests in the Trust. Redemptions from the Trust are recorded gross of any exit fees payable after the cancellation of interests redeemed.

k) Use of estimates

The Trust's financial instruments, including annuities, are fair valued using the prevailing current earnings rate set by CLC that is applicable to the annuity at the reporting date.

l) Terms and conditions on interests

An investor interest does not confer any interest in any particular asset or investment of the Trust. Investors have various rights under the Constitution and the Corporations Act 2001, including the right to:

- have their interests redeemed;
- receive income distributions;
- attend and vote at meetings of investors; and
- participate in the termination and winding up of the Trust.

The rights, obligations and restrictions attached to each class of units are identical in all respects.

1.3. Material accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The carrying values of amounts recognised in the statement of financial position are often based on estimates and assumptions of future events. There are no key estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities within the next annual reporting year.

2. Distributions to investors

Timing of distributions

The distributions for the year were as follows.

Distributions - Total	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Distributions paid - July	23	44
Distributions paid - August	23	44
Distributions paid - September	27	49
Distributions paid - October	18	25
Distributions paid - November	18	30
Distributions paid - December	23	35
Distributions paid - January	8	25
Distributions paid - February	13	30
Distributions paid - March	17	35
Distributions paid - April	8	25
Distributions paid - May	8	23
Distributions paid - June	3	22
	189	387

3. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Annuities	2,453	14,156
Total	2,453	14,156

An overview of the risk exposures and fair value measurements relating to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is included in Notes 6 and 7 respectively.

4. Net assets attributable to investors

As stipulated within the Trust's Constitution, each interest represents a right to an individual share in the Trust and does not extend to a right to the underlying assets of the Trust.

Each investor has the same rights, preferences and restrictions attaching to it as all other interests of the Trust, except for their respective terms of issue.

Movements in the number of interests and net assets attributable to investors during the year were as follows.

	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Opening balance	14,156	22,104
Applications	—	—
Redemptions	(12,000)	(8,000)
Change in net assets attributable to investors	297	52
Closing balance	2,453	14,156

Capital risk management

Applications and redemptions are reviewed relative to the liquidity of the Trust's underlying assets on a daily basis by the Responsible Entity. Under the terms of the Trust's Constitution, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for investor interests and to defer or adjust a redemption of investor interests if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of investors.

Although the Trust is designed for investors to hold the investments for the full investment term, early redemptions can be made using the early redemption interest price (which includes an early redemption discount) and investors may receive significantly less back than if the investment is held until its maturity date.

5. Reconciliation of profit to net cash flow from operating activities

Reconciliation of profit to net cash flow from operating activities	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Net profit/(loss) before finance costs	486	439
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(297)	(52)
Net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities	189	387

6. Financial risk management

The Trust's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

The Responsible Entity is responsible for identifying and controlling the risks that arise from these financial instruments. The Responsible Entity of the Trust is aware of the risks associated with the business of investment management. A financial risk management framework has been established to ensure that procedures and controls adequately manage the risks arising from current business activities. Central controls include (but are not limited to):

- clear policies and procedures covering operations;
- post trade investment compliance monitoring;
- segregation of the dealing and investment management function from the administration and settlement function; and
- a compliance function with a separate reporting line from the investment management function.

As part of the risk management framework, the Responsible Entity is subject to regular reporting and committee meetings regarding risk and compliance issues. The purpose is to facilitate a flow of information between the Trust and the Responsible Entity's Board and Committees. Any material matters identified are promptly investigated and reported.

There are no changes in the strategies used to manage the financial risks from the previous reporting period.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market factors. The Trust is not exposed to currency risk or price risk. The Trust is exposed to market risks influencing investment asset valuations however the impact is matched through the offsetting liability due to investors.

Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

Movements in official interest rates are taken into account by CLC when determining the earnings rate each week. Where interest rates rise after an application into the Trust has been accepted, no exposure to the potential benefit of the rate rise is available as the returns are fixed at the date of investment. Similarly, where interest rates fall, there is no negative effect by the rate reduction.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause financial loss to the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

With respect to credit risk arising from the financial assets of the Trust, the Trust's exposure to credit risk arises from default of the counterparty, with the current exposure equal to the fair value of these instruments as disclosed in the statement of financial position. This does not represent the maximum risk exposure that could arise in the future as a result of changes in values, but best represents the current maximum exposure at the reporting date.

The Trust holds no collateral as security or any other credit enhancements. There are no financial assets that are past due or impaired, or would otherwise be past due or impaired except for terms having been renegotiated.

CLC's Statutory Fund No.2 (Statutory Fund) is contractually obliged under the terms of the annuity contracts entered into with the Trust to, amongst other things, make regular income payments to the Trust. These payments are intended to match each distribution and the maturity interest price for each class. The Statutory Fund's ability to meet these obligations is dependent on

6. Financial risk management (continued)

the assets it holds from time to time, including the capital support in accordance with the capital adequacy standards it is required to meet under APRA prudential standards.

As a result, the Trust's ability to pay the distributions and maturity interest price in respect of a class will depend on CLC meeting its obligations under the applicable annuities.

There is a credit risk that CLC might not meet its obligations under the annuities and that the assets of the Statutory Fund that support the annuities issued by CLC to the Trust are insufficient to meet the Statutory Fund's obligations under the annuities provided to the Trust.

Challenger Limited and its subsidiaries do not provide a guarantee to the Trust investors in respect to the Trust.

CLC has a Standard & Poor's credit rating of A at 30 June 2024 (2023: A).

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Trust will encounter difficulty in raising funds to meet cash commitments. This may result from either the inability to sell financial assets at their fair values, a counterparty failing on repayment of a contractual obligation, or the inability to generate cash inflows as anticipated.

Under the terms of its Constitution, the Trust has the ability to manage liquidity risk by suspending or spreading withdrawal requests in extreme circumstances, including where CLC exercises similar rights in relation to the underlying securities. CLC maintains liquidity reserves and does not expect to need to exercise these rights.

Maturity analysis for financial liabilities

Financial liabilities of the Trust comprise distributions payable and net assets attributable to investors. Trade and other payables and distributions payable have no contractual maturities but are typically settled within 30 days.

Net assets attributable to investors are typically payable on demand.

7. Fair value measurement

Fair value estimation

Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured initially at fair value excluding any transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability. Transaction costs on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are expensed immediately. Subsequent to initial recognition, all instruments at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value with changes in their fair value recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

The Trust values its investments in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1. The Trust relies on information provided by CLC for the valuation of all the Trust's annuity investments.

Fair value hierarchy

In accordance with AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* the Trust is required to disclose fair value measurements by level using the fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1);
- inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (level 2); and
- inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the Responsible Entity. The Responsible Entity considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The tables below set out the Trust's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy.

7. Fair value measurement (continued)

30 June 2024

	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Annuities	—	2,453	—	2,453
Total	—	2,453	—	2,453

30 June 2023

	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Annuities	—	14,156	—	14,156
Total	—	14,156	—	14,156

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within level 2. These include annuities, that are valued at the present value of future cashflows with a discount rate which is observable. As level 2 investments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non transferability, which are generally based on available market information.

8. Related party transactions

Responsible entity

The Responsible Entity of Challenger Annuity Fund is Fidante Partners Services Limited whose immediate parent company is Challenger Funds Management Holdings Pty Limited and ultimate parent company is Challenger Limited. The Responsible Entity has authority for the strategic direction and management of the Trust.

Key management personnel

Directors

Key management personnel includes persons who were Directors of Fidante Partners Services Limited from 1 July 2023 and up to the date of the report, unless otherwise stated.

A Bofinger	Director	
A Judin	Director	(Appointed: 13 July 2023)
J O'Keeffe	Director	
T Roxburgh	Director	(Appointed: 13 July 2023)
V Rodriguez	Director	

Key management personnel unitholdings

At 30 June 2024, no key management personnel held units in the Trust (2023: nil).

Key management personnel compensation

No amount was paid by the Trust directly to the Directors of the Responsible Entity (2023: nil).

Responsible Entity's fees and other transactions

The Trust does not incur any direct management costs.

Under agreements entered into between CLC and the Responsible Entity in respect of the operation of the Trust, CLC agrees to pay the Responsible Entity certain fees and expenses in respect of the Trust's operations.

Investments

The Trust held investments in the following related parties of Fidante Partners Services Limited.

8. Related party transactions (continued)

	Fair value of investment		Annuity income received/ receivable	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$
CLC - annuity contracts	2,453,121	14,156,357	188,908	386,594

9. Remuneration of auditor

The cost incurred for auditing the financial report of the Trust is borne by CLC.

10. Subsequent events

At the date of this financial report, no matter or circumstance has arisen that has affected, or may significantly affect the Trust's operations, the results of those operations or the Trust's state of affairs in future financial years, which has not already been reflected in this report.

11. Commitments and contingencies

The Trust does not have any contingent liabilities, contingent assets or credit commitments as at 30 June 2024 (2023: nil).

Directors' declaration

In accordance with the resolution of the Directors of Fidante Partners Services Limited, we state that in the opinion of the Directors of the Responsible Entity:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 4 to 15 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Trust's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date;
- (b) the financial statements and notes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1.1; and
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Board of Fidante Partners Services Limited.



A Judin

Director

23 September 2024



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Independent auditor's report to the unitholders of Challenger Annuity Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Challenger Annuity Fund (the "Trust"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets attributable to unitholders and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Trust is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a. Giving a true and fair view of the Trust's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. 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 Trust 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 (including Independence Standards)* (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.

Information other than the financial report and auditor's report thereon

The directors of Fidante Partners Services Limited as the Responsible Entity of the Trust (the "Responsible Entity") are responsible for the other information. The other information is the directors' report accompanying the financial report.

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 of the Responsible Entity for the financial report

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

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 judgment 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 Trust's internal control.
- ▶ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors of the Responsible Entity.
- ▶ Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors of the Responsible Entity's 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 Trust'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 Trust 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.

We communicate with the directors of the Responsible Entity 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.

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