

## Appendix 4E (ASX Listing Rule 4.3A)

### PRELIMINARY FINAL REPORT

Year ended 30 June 2020

(previous corresponding period: 30 June 2019)

**INVESTSMART GROUP LIMITED AND ITS CONTROLLED ENTITIES ABN 62 111 772 359**

## RESULTS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MARKET

This Appendix 4E should be read in conjunction with InvestSMART Group Limited Audited Consolidated Financial Report and Directors' Report for the year ended 30 June 2020 lodged with the Australian Securities Exchange on 26 August 2020.

|                                                                                         | 30/06/2020<br>\$'000 | 30/06/2019<br>\$'000 | Movement<br>\$'000 | Movement<br>% |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Revenue from ordinary activities                                                        | 10,613               | 11,987               | (1,374)            | -11%          |
| Profit/(Loss) from ordinary activities after tax for the period attributable to members | (1,336)              | (1,771)              | 435                | 25%           |
| Profit/(Loss) for the period attributable to members                                    | (1,336)              | (1,771)              | 435                | 25%           |
| Net tangible assets (cents per ordinary share)                                          | 3.65                 | 3.42                 |                    |               |

<sup>^</sup>Net tangible assets includes lease right-of-use assets and lease liabilities

### Commentary on Results for the period

Operating profit is reconciled to loss after tax as follows:

|                                                                                        | 2020<br>\$         | 2019<br>\$         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Operating income                                                                       | 10,559,150         | 11,406,265         |
| Operating expenses                                                                     | 10,088,827         | 11,804,999         |
| <b>Operating Profit/(Loss)</b>                                                         | <b>470,323</b>     | <b>(398,734)</b>   |
| Non-operating income                                                                   | 53,902             | 540,480            |
| Non-operating expenses                                                                 | (268,331)          | (78,908)           |
| <b>Profit before income tax, amortisation, impairment and employee benefit expense</b> | <b>255,894</b>     | <b>62,838</b>      |
| Amortisation of intangibles                                                            | (1,764,435)        | (1,590,467)        |
| Employee benefit expense                                                               | (55,865)           | (305,600)          |
| Intangibles impairment                                                                 | (451,118)          | (277,319)          |
| Income tax benefit                                                                     | 679,866            | 339,696            |
| <b>Loss for the year</b>                                                               | <b>(1,335,658)</b> | <b>(1,770,852)</b> |

Operating income is lower than 2019 due to a reduction in commissions income. Commissions from fund managers is affected by legislation which removes grandfathering arrangements for commissions on funds management products from 1 January 2021. Some product providers have elected to remove grandfathered trails prior to 1 January 2021. Subscription income and funds management fees increased compared to 2019. The InvestSMART Professionally Managed Account (PMA) platform (launched in November 2018) continued to receive consistent net inflows each month, apart from March 2020. Total funds under management across the PMA and Intelligent Investor active portfolios increased from \$137 million (at 30 June 2019) to a high of \$183 million on 20 February 2020 (up 34%) before pulling back with Covid-19 market jitters to finish at \$164 million by year end (up 20%).

Operating expenses are 14% lower than 2019. Marketing and other costs were selectively reduced over the year to offset the effect of loss of commissions, to focus efforts on digital conversion and in response to Covid-19.

During the year the Group assessed that there were indications that intangible assets within Fund Distribution Contracts were impaired. Recoverable amount was assessed as lower than the carrying value for these assets resulting in an impairment charge.

Refer to the “Review of Operations” section of the Directors’ Report and the Quarterly Business Update lodged separately on 26 August 2020 for further commentary.

**Dividend Information**

It is not proposed to pay a final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2020. No interim dividend was paid for the half-year ended 31 December 2019.

**Associate entities**

Refer to the attached financial report Note 7.

**Independent Auditors’ Report**

The Consolidated Financial Report for InvestSMART Group Limited for the year ended 30 June 2020 has been audited by the Company’s independent external auditor, BDO Audit Pty Ltd. A copy of the independent external auditor’s report may be found at pages 35 to 38 of the Audited Consolidated Financial Report and Directors’ Report.

**Additional Information**

Additional Appendix 4E disclosures and other significant information may be found in InvestSMART Group Limited Audited Consolidated Financial Report and Directors’ Report for the year ended 30 June 2020 (lodged with this document) and the Quarterly Business Update lodged separately on 26 August 2020.

**InvestSMART Group Limited**

**ABN 62 111 772 359**

**Audited Consolidated Financial Report  
and Directors' Report**

**for the year ended 30 June 2020**

| <b>Contents</b>                                | <b>Page</b> |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Directors' Report                              | 2           |
| Auditor's Independence Declaration             | 10          |
| Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income | 11          |
| Consolidated Statement of Financial Position   | 12          |
| Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity    | 13          |
| Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows           | 14          |
| Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements | 15          |
| Directors' Declaration                         | 34          |
| Independent Audit Report to the Members        | 35          |

## Directors' Report

The Directors present their report on InvestSMART Group Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (collectively the Group) for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

### Directors

The names and details of the Directors of the Company who held office during the year and at the date of this report (unless otherwise specified) are:

**Paul Clitheroe AM (Appointed Non-Executive Chairman 26 November 2014, appointed Executive Chairman 31 March 2015, reappointed Non-Executive Chairman 24 February 2016)**

*Non-executive Chairman*

Bachelor of Arts (UNSW), SNF Fin, CFP

Age 65

Paul Clitheroe was a founding director of leading financial planning firm ipac and has been involved in the investment industry since he graduated from the University of New South Wales in the late 1970s. From 1993 to 2002 Mr Clitheroe hosted the popular Channel 9 program *Money*. Since 1999 he has been the chairman and chief commentator of *Money* magazine. He writes personal finance columns for metropolitan, suburban and regional newspapers across Australia. Mr Clitheroe has been a media commentator and conference speaker for more than 30 years and is regarded as one of Australia's leading experts in the field of personal investment strategies and advice.

Mr Clitheroe is Chairman of Monash Absolute Investment Company Ltd (commenced: 20/01/2016) and previously a Director of Wealth Defender Equities Ltd (commenced: 27/01/2015, ceased: 22/10/2018), both ASX-listed investment companies. He is also Chairman of the Australian Government Financial Literacy Board, Chairman of Financial Literacy Australia and Chairman of the youth anti-drink driving body, RADD. In 2012, Macquarie University appointed Mr Clitheroe as Chair of Financial Literacy. He is a Professor with the School of Business and Economics.

**Michael Shepherd AO (Appointed 1 March 2014)**

*Lead Independent Non-Executive Director*

*Chairman of the Audit Risk and Compliance Committee*

*Chairman of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee*

SF Fin, MAICD

Age 70

Michael Shepherd has had a successful career in financial services over more than 40 years. He was a director of ASX Limited and group between 1988 and 2007, including a term as Vice-Chairman between 1993 and 2007. Mr Shepherd was also Chairman of the ASX Derivatives Board and Chairman of the ASX Market Rules Committee.

Mr Shepherd is currently Chairman of Navigator Global Investments Limited (a listed investment management company, commenced 16/12/2009) and a member of the Responsible Entity Compliance Committee of UBS Global Asset Management (Australia) Limited. He is also a Senior Fellow and Life Member, Financial Services Institute of Australasia, after being a director of that body between 2001 and 2009, including 2 years as National President.

**Peter Ronald Hodge (Appointed 1 September 2015, appointed Managing Director 24 February 2016)**

*Managing Director*

BCom, BEcon, MSc, FFin, GAICD

Age 50

Ron Hodge was the founder of InvestSMART in 1999. Mr Hodge later sold this business to Fairfax Media in October 2007 where he continued as General Manager. He has worked in financial services for over 25 years, including at UBS in Singapore and Bell Commodities in Sydney. Mr Hodge holds a Masters degree in Computer Science, Bachelors Degree in Commerce, Bachelors Degree in Economics, a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investments and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

**Kevin A Moore (Appointed 1 December 2017)**

*Independent Non-executive Director*

FAICD, MCIM, JP

Age 56

Kevin Moore has multinational board and governance experience, specialising in digital marketing, and is a Growth Director with a focus on \$10 million to \$100 million businesses. Mr Moore is a fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing. He holds a Diploma in International and Export Marketing from Henley,

The Management College, at The University of Reading. Mr Moore was appointed to the Chair of Crossmark Asia Pacific in 2014.

### Company Secretary

Catherine Teo was appointed Company Secretary and General Counsel on 12 February 2019. Ms Teo is a qualified lawyer, admitted in the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the High Court of Australia and has over ten years' experience as a corporate lawyer.

### Interests in the Securities of the Company

The relevant interests of each Director in the securities of the Company shown in the Register of Directors' Shareholdings as at the date of this report are:

| Director           | Ordinary Shares |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Paul Clitheroe     | 5,000,000       |
| Michael Shepherd   | 600,000         |
| Peter Ronald Hodge | 8,496,666       |
| Kevin Moore        | 559,809         |

Directors are not required under the Company's constitution to hold any Shares, Options or any other Securities in the Company. A portion of the shares held by Paul Clitheroe (2,666,667) are subject to vesting conditions.

### Interests in Contracts or Proposed Contracts with the Company

None of the Directors have an interest in, or proposed interests in, contracts with the Company, other than the loans to Mr Paul Clitheroe and Mr Ron Hodge as part of the Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) and Employee Share Ownership Plan (ESOP) as detailed below.

### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Group during the year was the provision of financial services and products under general advice to retail investors in particular in the area of wealth management, personal insurance and funds management.

### Dividends

No dividend has been declared, recommended or paid for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 (2019: nil).

### Review of operations

The table below shows the consolidated performance of the Group for the years ended 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2019. This information is presented to show the relative changes in operating income over the period.

|                                                                                        | 2020               | 2019               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                                                                        | \$                 | \$                 |
| <b>Continuing operations</b>                                                           |                    |                    |
| Commission income - funds                                                              | 3,689,240          | 4,610,068          |
| Commission income - insurance                                                          | 1,605,829          | 1,788,701          |
| Subscription income                                                                    | 4,350,653          | 4,235,400          |
| Funds management fees                                                                  | 900,213            | 764,953            |
| Other income                                                                           | 100,298            | 48,352             |
| Change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss         | (33,181)           | 539,910            |
| <b>Total Income</b>                                                                    | <b>10,613,052</b>  | <b>11,987,384</b>  |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                                                                  | <b>10,357,158</b>  | <b>11,924,546</b>  |
| <b>Profit before income tax, amortisation, impairment and employee benefit expense</b> | <b>255,894</b>     | <b>62,838</b>      |
| Amortisation of intangibles                                                            | 1,764,435          | 1,590,467          |
| Employee benefit expense                                                               | 55,865             | 305,600            |
| Intangibles impairment                                                                 | 451,118            | 277,319            |
| <b>Loss before income tax</b>                                                          | <b>(2,015,524)</b> | <b>(2,110,548)</b> |
| Income tax benefit                                                                     | 679,866            | 339,696            |
| <b>Loss for the year</b>                                                               | <b>(1,335,658)</b> | <b>(1,770,852)</b> |

The net tangible asset backing of the Company at 30 June 2020 was \$4,047,201 (2019: \$3,791,307). The net tangible asset backing per share at 30 June 2020 was \$0.0365 per share (2019: \$0.0342 per share). Net tangible assets includes leased right-of-use assets and lease liabilities.

Commissions income on funds is affected by The Treasury Laws Amendment (Ending Grandfather Conflicted Remuneration Remuneration) Bill 2019 which received assent on 28 October 2019. The Bill effectively removes grandfathering arrangements for commissions on funds management products from 1 January 2021. Some product providers have elected to remove grandfathered trails prior to 1 January 2021. Commissions income was also affected by market volatility in the second half of the year. The decrease in insurance commissions was within management's expectations.

Subscription income and funds management fees increased compared to 2019.

The enforced lockdown period significantly increased website traffic and engagement in free website content, calculators and tools. Total paying subscribers increased by 9% from 31 December 2019 to 30 June 2020.

The InvestSMART Professionally Managed Account (PMA) platform (launched in November 2018) continued to receive consistent net inflows each month, apart from March 2020. Total funds under management across the PMA and Intelligent Investor active portfolios increased from \$137 million (at 30 June 2019) to a high of \$183 million on 20 February 2020 (up 34%) before pulling back with Covid-19 market jitters to finish at \$164 million by year end (up 20%).

Management and Board acted quickly at the onset of Covid-19 to selectively reduce remuneration of senior management and directors to partially offset potential falls in revenue.

Operating expenses are 14% lower than 2019. Marketing and other costs were selectively reduced over the year to offset the effect of loss of commissions, to focus efforts on digital conversion and in response to Covid-19.

The value of the AWI Ventures Investments are based on Director's Valuations and there were no material transactions or changes in circumstances during the year.

Amortisation of intangibles increased due to a change in accounting estimate on 30 April 2019 which resulted in a reduction in the useful life of fund distribution contracts. Depreciation increased due to the implementation of AASB16, which requires the recognition of a right-of-use asset and corresponding liability for leases.

During the year the Group assessed that there were indications that intangible assets within Fund Distribution Contracts were impaired. Recoverable amount was assessed as lower than the carrying value for these assets resulting in an impairment charge. Management's estimates of future cash flows were used to calculate the recoverable amount of intangible assets.

The Group has substantial realised capital tax losses that have not been recognised in the financial statements as the Directors believe there are negligible opportunities to utilise those losses in the medium term.

### **Business strategies and prospects**

The Group will continue to focus on increasing the conversion of users of free products on its website and mobile application to new subscribers and investors in its fund management products. In September 2019 the Group split its websites across the InvestSMART, Intelligent Investor and Eureka Report brands to improve conversion, simplify funnels and migrate all systems to one technology stack. The Group continues to offer free portfolio management service, free content, calculators and tools as part of the conversion and trust building process.

Total paying subscribers increased by 6% over the year and total FUM increased by 14% over the year. The Group intends to launch its third active exchange traded managed fund, The Intelligent Investor Growth Fund, in September 2020. The Group will continue to focus on increasing funds management fees and subscription income whilst selectively reducing costs to negate the decrease in commission revenue. Commissions income for funds management products will cease on 1 January 2021. Attrition rates for insurance commissions are expected to continue with a small portion affected by cessation of grandfathered commissions.

### **Significant Changes in State of Affairs**

There were no significant changes in the Group affairs during the period.

### **Environmental regulation**

The Group is not subject to any particular or significant environmental regulation under Australian Commonwealth or State Law.

## Meetings of Directors

The number of Directors' Meetings (including Meetings of Committees of Directors) and number of Meetings attended by each of the Directors of the Company during the 2020 financial year were:

|                  | Directors' Meetings         |                   | Meetings of Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee |                   | Meetings of Nomination and Remuneration Committee |                   | Meetings of Investment Committee |                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
|                  | Meetings eligible to attend | Meetings attended | Meetings eligible to attend                      | Meetings attended | Meetings eligible to attend                       | Meetings attended | Meetings eligible to attend      | Meetings attended |
| Paul Clitheroe   | 9                           | 9                 | 4                                                | 4                 | 1                                                 | 1                 | 4                                | 4                 |
| Ron Hodge        | 9                           | 9                 | -                                                | -                 | -                                                 | -                 | 4                                | 4                 |
| Michael Shepherd | 9                           | 9                 | 4                                                | 4                 | 1                                                 | 1                 | -                                | -                 |
| Kevin Moore      | 9                           | 9                 | -                                                | -                 | -                                                 | -                 | -                                | -                 |

## Events Subsequent to Balance Date

Since 30 June 2020, there have been no significant events up to the date of this report.

## Earnings/loss per share

Basic loss per share was 1.20 cents (2019: loss per share 1.60c), and diluted loss per share was 1.20 cents, (2019: loss per share 1.60c).

## Remuneration Report (Audited)

The Group's remuneration policy is designed to offer a remuneration structure that aligns management incentives with the interests of shareholders and attracts and retains employees and Directors who have extensive experience in the financial services industry and are knowledgeable in investment management best practice.

The Company has linked performance with compensation in relation to the performance of the Company's share price through the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) and Employee Share Ownership Plan (ESOP), which is an equity-settled share-based payment to employees and Directors. The value of any benefits given to Directors or key management personnel (KMP) is detailed below.

All Directors must have a commitment to good corporate governance. The primary role of the Non-Executive Directors is the protection and enhancement of sustainable shareholder value through:

- (a) ensuring the control and accountability framework is in place so that all significant issues relating to the operation and performance of the Company and its subsidiary entities are brought to the attention of the Board;
- (b) monitoring governance policies, practices and systems to ensure they are effective and appropriate; and
- (c) monitoring risk policies, practices and systems to ensure they are effective and appropriate.

The Directors agree the remuneration each Director receives (other than any Managing Director or Director who is a salaried officer), subject to the sum determined by the Company in general meeting. No option or bonus plans are in place for Directors (other than the Managing Director).

Under ASX Listing Rule 10.17, the maximum fees payable to Directors may not be increased without prior approval from the Company at a general meeting. Directors will seek approval from time to time as deemed appropriate.

The Directors will be entitled to receive the following benefits:

- (a) the maximum total remuneration of the Directors of the Company (excluding the Managing Director) has been approved by shareholders at \$400,000 per annum to be divided amongst them in such proportions as they agree. Directors are not required to allocate the entire amount.
- (b) Mr Paul Clitheroe is eligible to participate in the LTIP and received 4,000,000 shares at 25 cents per share and a corresponding limited recourse loan on 26 November 2014, as approved by shareholders. 1,333,333 of these shares vested on 30 May 2016, when the share price reached \$0.33 per share. The second tranche vests when the share price reaches \$0.42 per share after 26 November 2016. The final tranche vests when the share price reaches \$0.50 per share after 26 November 2017. There is no time limit for the share price to reach the vesting price.
- (c) Mr Ronald Hodge, as Managing Director, is eligible to participate in the LTIP and received 4,166,666 shares at 25 cents per share and a corresponding limited recourse loan on 8 September 2015, as approved by shareholders. Mr Hodge's

**InvestSMART Group Limited**  
**Directors' Report**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

shares have no performance conditions and the first tranche of 1,388,888 vested on 8 September 2016, the second tranche vested on 8 September 2017 and the third tranche vested on 8 September 2018. As Managing Director Mr Hodge is eligible to participate in the ESOP and received 400,000 shares at 31 cents per share and a corresponding limited recourse loan on 28 December 2016, as approved by shareholders. The first tranche of 133,333 shares vested on 28 December 2017, the second tranche on 28 December 2018 and the third tranche on 28 December 2019.

The Directors' remuneration for the year ended 30 June 2020 is detailed in the following table:

| Name of Director | Base fee       | Super-annuation | Accrued Annual Leave | Accrued Long Service Leave | LTIP & ESOP expense | Total          |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                  | \$             | \$              | \$                   | \$                         | \$                  | \$             |
| Paul Clitheroe   | 79,452         | 7,548           | -                    | -                          | -                   | 87,000         |
| Michael Shepherd | 79,452         | 7,548           | -                    | -                          | -                   | 87,000         |
| Ron Hodge        | 248,566        | 23,614          | 4,002                | 4,417                      | 1,344               | 281,943        |
| Kevin Moore      | 58,000         | -               | -                    | -                          | -                   | 58,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>465,470</b> | <b>38,710</b>   | <b>4,002</b>         | <b>4,417</b>               | <b>1,344</b>        | <b>513,943</b> |

The Directors' remuneration for the year ended 30 June 2019 is detailed in the following table.

| Name of Director | Base fee       | Super-annuation | Accrued Annual Leave | Accrued Long Service Leave | LTIP & ESOP expense | Total          |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                  | \$             | \$              | \$                   | \$                         | \$                  | \$             |
| Paul Clitheroe   | 82,192         | 7,808           | -                    | -                          | 19,601              | 109,601        |
| Michael Shepherd | 82,192         | 7,808           | -                    | -                          | -                   | 90,000         |
| Ron Hodge        | 264,450        | 25,123          | 2,623                | 25,344                     | 69,634              | 387,174        |
| Kevin Moore      | 60,000         | -               | -                    | -                          | -                   | 60,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>488,834</b> | <b>40,739</b>   | <b>2,623</b>         | <b>25,344</b>              | <b>89,235</b>       | <b>646,775</b> |

No Director of the Company has received or become entitled to receive a benefit, other than a remuneration benefit as disclosed in the notes to the financial statements, by reason of a contract made by the Company or a related entity with the Director or with a firm of which they are a member, or with a Company in which they have a substantial interest.

#### Key Management Personnel

Ron Hodge (Managing Director), Nigel Poole (Chief Technology Officer) and Alastair Davidson (Head of Funds Management) were considered to be Key Management Personnel ("KMP") for the year ended 30 June 2020. All of the KMP are on ongoing contracts which require from the KMP 3 months' written notice of intention to terminate employment. The Board may terminate the employment of a KMP with 6 months' written notice, if without cause.

The remuneration of the key management personnel who were not Directors for the year to 30 June 2020 is shown below.

| Name of KMP       | Base remuneration | Super-annuation | Accrued Annual Leave | Accrued Long Service Leave | LTIP & ESOP expense | Total   |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------|
|                   | \$                | \$              | \$                   | \$                         | \$                  | \$      |
| Nigel Poole       | 213,341           | 20,267          | 1,245                | 3,633                      | 1,008               | 239,494 |
| Alastair Davidson | 205,449           | 19,518          | 3,913                | 3,485                      | 1,008               | 233,373 |

The remuneration of the key management personnel who were not Directors for the year to 30 June 2019 is shown below.

| Name of KMP       | Base remuneration | Super-annuation | Accrued Annual Leave | Accrued Long Service Leave | LTIP & ESOP expense | Total   |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------|
|                   | \$                | \$              | \$                   | \$                         | \$                  | \$      |
| Nigel Poole       | 216,428           | 20,560          | (12,624)             | 14,451                     | 67,780              | 306,595 |
| Alastair Davidson | 201,214           | 19,115          | 712                  | 13,819                     | 67,780              | 302,640 |

Shares held by Key Management Personnel and Directors

| Security                  | Balance<br>at 30<br>June<br>2018 | Shares<br>acquired<br>year<br>ended<br>30 June<br>2019 | Balance<br>at 30<br>June<br>2019 | Shares<br>acquired<br>year<br>ended 30<br>June<br>2020 | Balance<br>at 30<br>June<br>2020 | Approval<br>or issue<br>date | Value<br>at<br>issue<br>date | Estimated<br>or actual<br>vesting<br>date | Unvested<br>balance<br>at 30<br>June<br>2018 | Shares<br>vested<br>year<br>ended 30<br>June<br>2019 | Unvested<br>Balance<br>at 30<br>June<br>2019 | Shares<br>vested<br>year<br>ended 30<br>June<br>2020 | Unvested<br>balance<br>at 30<br>June<br>2020 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Paul Clitheroe</b>     | <b>5,000,000</b>                 | -                                                      | <b>5,000,000</b>                 | -                                                      | <b>5,000,000</b>                 |                              |                              |                                           | <b>2,666,667</b>                             | -                                                    | <b>2,666,667</b>                             | -                                                    | <b>2,666,667</b>                             |
| Fully Paid Issued Capital | 1,000,000                        | -                                                      | 1,000,000                        | -                                                      | 1,000,000                        | n/a                          | n/a                          | n/a                                       | n/a                                          | n/a                                                  | n/a                                          | n/a                                                  | n/a                                          |
| LTIP Tranche 1            | 1,333,333                        | -                                                      | 1,333,333                        | -                                                      | 1,333,333                        | 26/11/2014                   | 0.054                        | Note 1                                    | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| LTIP Tranche 2            | 1,333,333                        | -                                                      | 1,333,333                        | -                                                      | 1,333,333                        | 26/11/2014                   | 0.066                        | Note 1                                    | 1,333,333                                    | -                                                    | 1,333,333                                    | -                                                    | 1,333,333                                    |
| LTIP Tranche 3            | 1,333,334                        | -                                                      | 1,333,334                        | -                                                      | 1,333,334                        | 26/11/2014                   | 0.073                        | Note 1                                    | 1,333,334                                    | -                                                    | 1,333,334                                    | -                                                    | 1,333,334                                    |
| <b>Michael Shepherd</b>   | <b>400,000</b>                   | -                                                      | <b>600,000</b>                   | -                                                      | <b>600,000</b>                   |                              |                              |                                           |                                              |                                                      |                                              |                                                      |                                              |
| Fully Paid Issued Capital | 400,000                          | 200,000                                                | 600,000                          | -                                                      | 600,000                          | n/a                          | n/a                          | n/a                                       | n/a                                          | n/a                                                  | n/a                                          | n/a                                                  | n/a                                          |
| <b>Ron Hodge</b>          | <b>4,885,000</b>                 | <b>679,938</b>                                         | <b>5,564,938</b>                 | <b>2,931,728</b>                                       | <b>8,496,666</b>                 |                              |                              |                                           | <b>1,655,556</b>                             | <b>1,522,222</b>                                     | <b>133,334</b>                               | <b>133,334</b>                                       | -                                            |
| Fully Paid Issued Capital | 318,335                          | 679,938                                                | 998,273                          | 2,931,728                                              | 3,930,001                        | n/a                          | n/a                          | n/a                                       | n/a                                          | n/a                                                  | n/a                                          | n/a                                                  | n/a                                          |
| LTIP Tranche 1            | 1,388,888                        | -                                                      | 1,388,888                        | -                                                      | 1,388,888                        | 17/06/2015                   | 0.077                        | 8/09/2016                                 | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| LTIP Tranche 2            | 1,388,888                        | -                                                      | 1,388,888                        | -                                                      | 1,388,888                        | 17/06/2015                   | 0.083                        | 8/09/2017                                 | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| LTIP Tranche 3            | 1,388,889                        | -                                                      | 1,388,889                        | -                                                      | 1,388,889                        | 17/06/2015                   | 0.088                        | 8/09/2018                                 | 1,388,889                                    | 1,388,889                                            | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| ESOP Tranche 1            | 133,333                          | -                                                      | 133,333                          | -                                                      | 133,333                          | 28/12/2016                   | 0.050                        | 28/12/2017                                | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| ESOP Tranche 2            | 133,333                          | -                                                      | 133,333                          | -                                                      | 133,333                          | 28/12/2016                   | 0.057                        | 28/12/2018                                | 133,333                                      | 133,333                                              | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| ESOP Tranche 3            | 133,334                          | -                                                      | 133,334                          | -                                                      | 133,334                          | 28/12/2016                   | 0.063                        | 28/12/2019                                | 133,334                                      | -                                                    | 133,334                                      | 133,334                                              | -                                            |
| <b>Kevin Moore</b>        | <b>211,809</b>                   | <b>193,000</b>                                         | <b>404,809</b>                   | <b>155,000</b>                                         | <b>559,809</b>                   |                              |                              |                                           |                                              |                                                      |                                              |                                                      |                                              |
| Fully Paid Issued Capital | 211,809                          | 193,000                                                | 404,809                          | 155,000                                                | 559,809                          | n/a                          | n/a                          | n/a                                       | n/a                                          | n/a                                                  | n/a                                          | n/a                                                  | n/a                                          |
| <b>Nigel Poole</b>        | <b>4,466,666</b>                 | -                                                      | <b>4,466,666</b>                 | -                                                      | <b>4,466,666</b>                 |                              |                              |                                           | <b>1,588,889</b>                             | <b>1,488,889</b>                                     | <b>100,000</b>                               | <b>100,000</b>                                       | -                                            |
| LTIP Tranche 1            | 1,388,888                        | -                                                      | 1,388,888                        | -                                                      | 1,388,888                        | 17/06/2015                   | 0.077                        | 8/09/2016                                 | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| LTIP Tranche 2            | 1,388,889                        | -                                                      | 1,388,889                        | -                                                      | 1,388,889                        | 17/06/2015                   | 0.083                        | 8/09/2017                                 | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| LTIP Tranche 3            | 1,388,889                        | -                                                      | 1,388,889                        | -                                                      | 1,388,889                        | 17/06/2015                   | 0.088                        | 8/09/2018                                 | 1,388,889                                    | 1,388,889                                            | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| ESOP Tranche 1            | 100,000                          | -                                                      | 100,000                          | -                                                      | 100,000                          | 28/12/2016                   | 0.050                        | 28/12/2017                                | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| ESOP Tranche 2            | 100,000                          | -                                                      | 100,000                          | -                                                      | 100,000                          | 28/12/2016                   | 0.057                        | 28/12/2018                                | 100,000                                      | 100,000                                              | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| ESOP Tranche 3            | 100,000                          | -                                                      | 100,000                          | -                                                      | 100,000                          | 28/12/2016                   | 0.063                        | 28/12/2019                                | 100,000                                      | -                                                    | 100,000                                      | 100,000                                              | -                                            |

**InvestSMART Group Limited**  
**Directors' Report**  
For the year ended 30 June 2020

| Security                  | Balance<br>at 30<br>June<br>2018 | Shares<br>acquired<br>year<br>ended<br>30 June<br>2019 | Balance<br>at 30<br>June<br>2019 | Shares<br>acquired<br>year<br>ended<br>30 June<br>2020 | Balance<br>at 30<br>June<br>2020 | Approval<br>or issue<br>date | Value<br>at<br>issue<br>date | Estimated<br>or actual<br>vesting<br>date | Unvested<br>balance<br>at 30<br>June<br>2018 | Shares<br>vested<br>year<br>ended 30<br>June<br>2019 | Unvested<br>Balance<br>at 30<br>June<br>2019 | Shares<br>vested<br>year<br>ended 30<br>June<br>2020 | Unvested<br>balance<br>at 30<br>June<br>2020 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Alastair Davidson</b>  | <b>4,794,339</b>                 | <b>-</b>                                               | <b>4,794,339</b>                 | <b>453,720</b>                                         | <b>5,248,059</b>                 |                              |                              |                                           | <b>1,588,889</b>                             | <b>1,488,889</b>                                     | <b>100,000</b>                               | <b>100,000</b>                                       | <b>-</b>                                     |
| Fully Paid Issued Capital | 327,674                          | -                                                      | 327,674                          | 453,720                                                | 781,394                          | n/a                          | n/a                          | n/a                                       | n/a                                          | n/a                                                  | n/a                                          | n/a                                                  | n/a                                          |
| LTIP Tranche 1            | 1,388,888                        | -                                                      | 1,388,888                        | -                                                      | 1,388,888                        | 17/06/2015                   | 0.077                        | 8/09/2016                                 | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| LTIP Tranche 2            | 1,388,888                        | -                                                      | 1,388,888                        | -                                                      | 1,388,888                        | 17/06/2015                   | 0.083                        | 8/09/2017                                 | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| LTIP Tranche 3            | 1,388,889                        | -                                                      | 1,388,889                        | -                                                      | 1,388,889                        | 17/06/2015                   | 0.088                        | 8/09/2018                                 | 1,388,889                                    | 1,388,889                                            | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| ESOP Tranche 1            | 100,000                          | -                                                      | 100,000                          | -                                                      | 100,000                          | 28/12/2016                   | 0.050                        | 28/12/2017                                | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| ESOP Tranche 2            | 100,000                          | -                                                      | 100,000                          | -                                                      | 100,000                          | 28/12/2016                   | 0.057                        | 28/12/2018                                | 100,000                                      | 100,000                                              | -                                            | -                                                    | -                                            |
| ESOP Tranche 3            | 100,000                          | -                                                      | 100,000                          | -                                                      | 100,000                          | 28/12/2016                   | 0.063                        | 28/12/2019                                | 100,000                                      | -                                                    | 100,000                                      | 100,000                                              | -                                            |

Note 1: The LTIP shares issued to Paul Clitheroe vest in three equal tranches on the later of the first, second and third anniversary of the grant date, or the date the share price is at or above \$0.33, \$0.42 or \$0.50 respectively for each tranche. The first tranche vested on 30 May 2016 and the remaining two tranches remain unvested. The performance of the share price was selected as the performance criteria as this closely aligns the rewards for performance to shareholder returns.

The LTIP shares issued to Ron Hodge, Nigel Poole and Alastair Davidson vested at \$0.25 per share on the dates noted above and have no performance conditions in order to vest. These LTIP shares were issued in relation to the termination of a management contract with one of the Group subsidiaries, and the Directors believed this compensation best aligned the executives to the interests of shareholders.

The shares issued to the Managing Director and key management personnel as part of the ESOP on 28 December 2016 are dependent on the relevant employee not resigning, or being dismissed for cause, before each tranche vests.

Key management personnel transactions concerning dividends and ordinary shares are on the same terms and conditions applicable to ordinary shareholders.

### Unitholdings in Funds

The number of units held during the year by each Director in funds for which InvestSMART Funds Management Ltd acts as Responsible Entity:

|                                                    | Balance at 30<br>June 2019 | Units<br>acquired | Units<br>disposed | Balance at 30<br>June 2020 |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>InvestSMART Australian Small Companies Fund</b> |                            |                   |                   |                            |
| Paul Clitheroe                                     | 84,226                     | 1,278             | -                 | 85,504                     |
| Michael Shepherd                                   | 21,439                     | 325               | -                 | 21,764                     |
| <b>InvestSMART Australian Equity Income Fund</b>   |                            |                   |                   |                            |
| Kevin Moore                                        | 10,000                     | -                 | -                 | 10,000                     |
| <b>Professionally Managed Accounts</b>             |                            |                   |                   |                            |
| Ron Hodge                                          | 1                          | 2                 | 1                 | 2                          |

This concludes the Remuneration Report which has been audited.

### Insurance of Directors

During the financial year, the Company has given indemnity and paid insurance premiums to insure Directors and officers of subsidiaries against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of Directors or officers of the Company or subsidiaries, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Company or subsidiaries. Details of the nature of the liabilities covered and the amount of premiums paid have not been disclosed as disclosure is prohibited under the terms of the contract.

### Proceedings on behalf of the Group

No proceedings have been brought or intervened in on behalf of the Group with leave of the Court under section 237 of the Corporations Act 2001.

### Indemnification of auditors

The company has not otherwise, during or since the end of the financial year, except to the extent permitted by law, indemnified or agreed to indemnify an auditor of the company or of any related body corporate against a liability incurred as such auditor.

### Non-Audit Services

Our auditors are BDO Audit Pty Ltd. BDO Audit Pty Ltd received \$5,000 for non-audit services (verification of a recommendation report). A network firm, BDO Services Pty Ltd, received \$33,850 for non-audit services (taxation services). The Directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the Corporations Act. No other non-audit services have been provided by the auditor or by another person on the auditor's behalf during the year. This statement has been made in accordance with advice provided by the Company's audit committee and has been endorsed by a resolution of that committee.

### Auditor's Independence Declaration

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2020 has been received and can be found on page 10.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



Paul Clitheroe  
Chairman  
Dated this 26th day of August 2020 at Sydney

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY TIM AMAN TO THE DIRECTORS OF INVESTSMART GROUP LIMITED

As lead auditor of InvestSMART Group Limited for the year ended 30 June 2020, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of InvestSMART Group Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.



Tim Aman  
Director

BDO Audit Pty Ltd  
Sydney  
26 August 2020

**InvestSMART Group Limited**  
**Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

**Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**

|                                                                                |       | 2020               | 2019               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                                                                | Notes | \$                 | \$                 |
| Commission income - funds                                                      |       | 3,689,240          | 4,610,068          |
| Commission income - insurance                                                  |       | 1,605,829          | 1,788,701          |
| Subscription income                                                            |       | 4,350,653          | 4,235,400          |
| Funds management fees                                                          |       | 900,213            | 764,953            |
| Interest                                                                       |       | 21,094             | 46,371             |
| Other income                                                                   |       | 79,204             | 1,981              |
| Net gain/(loss) on financial instruments at fair value through profit and loss | 3     | (33,181)           | 539,910            |
| <b>Total Income</b>                                                            |       | <b>10,613,052</b>  | <b>11,987,384</b>  |
| Share of net loss of associate                                                 |       | -                  | 40,640             |
| Accounting and administrative costs                                            |       | 412,791            | 316,671            |
| Audit fees                                                                     | 20    | 137,962            | 172,944            |
| Business insurance                                                             |       | 196,860            | 169,675            |
| Commission rebates                                                             |       | 1,398,697          | 1,779,800          |
| Directors' fees                                                                |       | 232,001            | 240,000            |
| Employee costs                                                                 |       | 5,513,341          | 5,846,625          |
| Legal and statutory expenses                                                   |       | 57,940             | 102,413            |
| Marketing and advertising                                                      |       | 640,348            | 1,514,210          |
| Other expenses                                                                 |       | 541,768            | 458,992            |
| Rent                                                                           |       | 131,958            | 331,831            |
| Software and website costs                                                     |       | 811,114            | 818,761            |
| Travel and accommodation                                                       |       | 22,646             | 42,489             |
| Depreciation and amortisation                                                  |       | 2,024,167          | 1,679,962          |
| Employee benefit expense                                                       | 13    | 55,865             | 305,600            |
| Impairment of intangibles                                                      | 8     | 451,118            | 277,319            |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                                                          |       | <b>12,628,576</b>  | <b>14,097,932</b>  |
| <b>Profit(loss) before income tax</b>                                          |       | <b>(2,015,524)</b> | <b>(2,110,548)</b> |
| Income tax benefit                                                             | 5     | 679,866            | 339,696            |
| <b>Profit/(loss) for the year</b>                                              |       | <b>(1,335,658)</b> | <b>(1,770,852)</b> |
| Other comprehensive income, net of income tax                                  |       | -                  | -                  |
| <b>Total comprehensive profit/(loss) for the year</b>                          |       | <b>(1,335,658)</b> | <b>(1,770,852)</b> |
| Basic earnings/(loss) per share (cents per share)                              | 17    | (1.20)             | (1.60)             |
| Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (cents per share)                            | 17    | (1.20)             | (1.60)             |

*The above Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

**InvestSMART Group Limited**  
**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at 30 June 2020**

**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

|                                                                |       | 2020                     | 2019                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                                | Notes | \$                       | \$                       |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                  |       |                          |                          |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                      | 16    | 5,117,905                | 4,400,457                |
| Trade receivables                                              |       | 433,524                  | 750,169                  |
| Prepayments and deposits                                       |       | 227,184                  | 262,494                  |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss         | 4     | 2,179,293                | 2,196,894                |
| Fixed assets, including software less accumulated depreciation | 9     | 118,673                  | 176,046                  |
| Right of use asset                                             | 6     | 413,518                  | -                        |
| Deferred tax asset                                             | 5     | 302,381                  | 200,240                  |
| Intangibles                                                    | 8     | 2,810,796                | 5,026,349                |
| <b>Total assets</b>                                            |       | <b><u>11,603,274</u></b> | <b><u>13,012,649</u></b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                             |       |                          |                          |
| Trade and other payables                                       | 10    | 726,437                  | 791,195                  |
| Subscriptions received in advance                              |       | 2,026,593                | 1,708,725                |
| Trail commissions to rebate                                    |       | 753,944                  | 1,061,208                |
| Provisions                                                     | 11    | 507,353                  | 433,625                  |
| Lease liability                                                | 6     | 428,569                  | -                        |
| Deferred tax liability                                         | 5     | 838,322                  | 1,416,047                |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                                       |       | <b><u>5,281,218</u></b>  | <b><u>5,410,800</u></b>  |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                              |       | <b><u>6,322,056</u></b>  | <b><u>7,601,849</u></b>  |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                                  |       |                          |                          |
| Issued capital                                                 | 14    | 58,522,441               | 58,522,441               |
| Employee Benefit reserve                                       | 13    | 1,804,804                | 1,748,939                |
| Retained losses                                                |       | <u>(54,005,189)</u>      | <u>(52,669,531)</u>      |
| <b>Total equity</b>                                            |       | <b><u>6,322,056</u></b>  | <b><u>7,601,849</u></b>  |

*The above Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

**InvestSMART Group Limited**  
**Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

**Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**

|                                   | Notes | Issued<br>Capital<br>\$ | Retained<br>losses<br>\$ | Employee<br>Benefit<br>Reserve<br>\$ | Total Equity<br>\$ |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Balance at 30 June 2018</b>    |       | 58,522,441              | (50,898,679)             | 1,443,339                            | 9,067,101          |
| Comprehensive income for the year |       | -                       | (1,770,852)              | -                                    | (1,770,852)        |
| Employee benefit share reserve    | 13    | -                       | -                        | 305,600                              | 305,600            |
| <b>Balance at 30 June 2019</b>    |       | <u>58,522,441</u>       | <u>(52,669,531)</u>      | <u>1,748,939</u>                     | <u>7,601,849</u>   |
| Comprehensive loss for the year   |       | -                       | (1,335,658)              | -                                    | (1,335,658)        |
| Employee benefit share reserve    | 13    | -                       | -                        | 55,865                               | 55,865             |
| <b>Balance at 30 June 2020</b>    |       | <u>58,522,441</u>       | <u>(54,005,189)</u>      | <u>1,804,804</u>                     | <u>6,322,056</u>   |

*The above Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

**InvestSMART Group Limited**  
**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

|                                                            | 2020                   | 2019             |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
|                                                            | \$                     | \$               |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                |                        |                  |
| Notes                                                      |                        |                  |
| Receipts from customers                                    | 11,259,652             | 11,280,325       |
| Payments to suppliers and employees                        | (10,360,410)           | (11,897,210)     |
| Interest received                                          | 21,094                 | 46,371           |
| Income tax received                                        | -                      | 37,669           |
| <b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b> | <b>16(a) 920,336</b>   | <b>(532,845)</b> |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>                |                        |                  |
| Proceeds from sale of investments                          | -                      | 613,613          |
| Proceeds from sale of associate                            | -                      | 343,835          |
| Purchase of investments                                    | (15,580)               | (19,419)         |
| Acquisition of subsidiary, net of cash acquired            | -                      | (542,326)        |
| Purchase of fixed assets                                   | (22,789)               | (28,173)         |
| <b>Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b> | <b>(38,369)</b>        | <b>367,530</b>   |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>                |                        |                  |
| Principal payments for leases                              | (164,519)              | -                |
| <b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>               | <b>(164,519)</b>       | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>           | <b>717,448</b>         | <b>(165,315)</b> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year         | 4,400,457              | 4,565,772        |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>    | <b>16(b) 5,117,905</b> | <b>4,400,457</b> |

*The above Consolidated Statement of Cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

## **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**

### **1. Reporting Entity**

InvestSMART Group Limited (the “**Company**”) is domiciled in Australia and is the parent entity of the group which includes the entities listed in Note 7 (the “**Group**”) and is a for profit company limited by shares incorporated in Australia whose shares are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange. The consolidated financial statements of the Group are presented for the year ended 30 June 2020. The Group is primarily involved in operating businesses delivering financial services to retail investors in Australia, primarily in wealth and funds management.

### **2. Summary of significant accounting policies**

#### **Basis of Preparation**

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, including Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) 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 also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis, and is based on historical cost, with the exception of the valuation of financial assets as described below.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Directors on 26 August 2020. The directors and shareholders have the power to amend these financial statements after issue.

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Adoption of New and Revised Accounting Standards**

The Group has adopted all of the new and revised standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current reporting period. The adoption of new and revised standards and interpretations has resulted in changes to the Group’s accounting policies. Any other new, revised or amending Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted. The adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations did not have any significant impact on the financial performance or position of the consolidated entity.

*AASB 16 Leases* was adopted from 1 July 2019. AASB 16 introduces a single lessee accounting model and requires a lessee to recognise assets and liabilities for all leases with a term of more than 12 months, unless the underlying asset is of low value. A lessee is required to recognise a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying leased asset and a lease liability representing its obligations to make lease payments. The Group has chosen the modified retrospective application with the cumulative effect of initially applying the standard recognised at the date of initial application (1 July 2019). The Group recognised a right-of-use asset of \$227,340 and a corresponding lease liability of \$227,340 on application date. The Group recognised a right-of-use asset of \$365,748 and a corresponding lease liability of \$365,748 during the year for a new lease. Depreciation on right-of-use assets of \$179,570 (disclosed as Rent before application of AASB16) and interest expense of \$13,661 (disclosed as Rent before application of AASB16) was recognised for the period. The application of the standard did not have a material impact on total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year. Refer to Note 6 for further information.

The Group’s accounting policy for leases is stated below.

#### **Current versus non-current classification**

The Group presents assets and liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position based on liquidity and not on a current versus non-current classification. The expected period of recovery or settlement of amounts are disclosed in the relevant notes.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

##### **Revenue from contracts with customers**

Under *AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers* an entity recognises revenue by applying the following steps:

- Step 1: Identify the contract(s) with a customer
- Step 2: Identify the performance obligations in the contract
- Step 3: Determine the transaction price
- Step 4: Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract
- Step 5: Recognise revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation

The Group derives revenue from retail customers in Australia. Contract duration is long-term except for subscription revenue which is typically between one month and one year.

The Group has a performance obligation to service customers who have purchased subscriptions in advance and recognises revenue when that subscription service has been delivered. Where a transfer of services has not occurred a contract liability is recognised for subscriptions in advance.

Commission income is derived from trailing commissions on funds management and insurance products under a contract to distribute products to the InvestSMART client base. Commissions are recognised when the Group has satisfied its performance obligations, which occurs when control of the goods or services are transferred to the customer. When the performance obligation has been satisfied, the Group will recognise as revenue the amount of the transaction price that is allocated to the performance obligation after excluding any estimates of variable consideration that are constrained.

Funds management fees are recognised based on net assets under management at the end of each day. Revenue is recognised as the performance obligation is satisfied. Performance fees are recognised when the right to receive payment has been established. Management and performance fees are variable consideration and are not recognised unless the Group assesses it is probable that a significant reversal in the cumulative amount of revenue will not occur. There were no performance fees received or receivable at year end.

#### **Investment and interest revenue**

Realised and unrealised gains on investments measured at fair value through profit and loss are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Realised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the consideration received and the fair value at the previous period end.

Dividends and distributions are recognised on the applicable ex-dividend date.

Interest income is recognised as it accrues.

#### **Investments at Fair Value**

The Group's investments are all measured at fair value through profit or loss in accordance with AASB 13: Fair Value Measurement.

The fair values of the Group's listed investments are determined from the amount quoted on the primary exchange of the country of domicile. If a listed investment is measured at fair value and has a bid price and an ask price, fair value is based on a price within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value and allows the use of mid-market pricing or other pricing conventions that are used by market participants as a practical expedient for fair value measurement within a bid-ask spread.

The fair value of the Group's unlisted ventures investments is determined primarily using the price at which any recent transaction in the security may have been effected, adjusted for the Directors' view as to the likely success of the business model and discounted for the likelihood of a liquidity event occurring in the next 3 years. Valuation principles are in line with International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation (IPEV) Guidelines.

A derivative is a financial contract whose value depends on, or is derived from, underlying assets, liabilities or indices. Derivative transactions include a wide assortment of instruments, such as forwards, futures, options and swaps. The fair value of derivatives that are not exchange traded is estimated based on most recent transactions. Where no recent transactions are available fair value is determined by applying a binomial option pricing model, which takes into account current market conditions (volatility and interest rates).

Changes in the fair value of investments are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of the investments are expensed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as incurred.

### **Principles of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of the Group as at 30 June 2020 and the results of all subsidiaries for the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. Control is achieved when the Company is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the subsidiary and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the subsidiary.

Subsidiaries are all entities (including special purpose entities) over which the Company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies, generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one-half of the voting rights and excludes those subsidiaries determined by the Directors to be investments held for resale. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Group controls another entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group, or when they are established.

### **Associates**

An associate is an entity over which the Group exercises significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee but is not control or joint control of those policies. Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. The equity method is a method of accounting whereby the investment is initially recognised at cost and adjusted thereafter for the post-acquisition change in the investor's share of the investee's net assets. The investor's profit or loss includes its share of the investee's profit or loss and the investor's other comprehensive income includes its share of the investee's other comprehensive income. Dividends or distributions received or receivable from an associate reduce the carrying value of the investment. Where an associate was previously a controlled entity of the Group, the deemed cost for applying the equity method is the fair value on the date that the Group ceased to have a controlling interest.

### **Intercompany transactions and balances**

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between Group companies are eliminated on consolidation. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of the impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Where there is a change in ownership interest, there will be an adjustment between the carrying amounts of the controlling and "non-controlling" interests to reflect their relative interests in the subsidiary. Any difference between the amount of the adjustment to non-controlling interests and any consideration paid or received is recognised in a separate reserve within equity attributable to the owners of the Company.

When a Company acquires control through a change in investment policy, the entity is remeasured to its fair value with the change in carrying amount recognised in profit or loss. The fair value is the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequently accounting for the retained interest as an associate, jointly controlled entity or financial asset. Any amounts above net tangible assets are held as goodwill or intangibles at that point.

If the ownership interest in a jointly-controlled entity or an associate is reduced but joint control or significant influence is retained, only a proportionate share of the amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss where appropriate.

When the Group ceases to have control, joint control or significant influence, any retained interest in the entity is remeasured to its fair value with the change in carrying amount recognised in profit or loss. The fair value is the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequently accounting for the retained interest as an associate, jointly controlled entity or financial asset. In addition, any amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in respect of that entity are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. This may mean that amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss.

### **Business combinations and Goodwill**

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the aggregate of the fair value consideration transferred, measured at acquisition date and the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree. For each business combination, the Group elects whether to measure the non-controlling interests in the acquiree at fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred and included in administrative expenses. When the Group acquires a business, it assesses the financial assets and liabilities assumed for appropriate classification and designation in accordance with the contractual terms, economic circumstances and pertinent conditions as at the acquisition date. This includes the separation of embedded derivatives in host contracts by the acquiree.

Goodwill is initially measured at cost, being the excess of the aggregate of the consideration transferred and the amount recognised for non-controlling interests, and any previous interest held, over the net identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

After initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the Group's Cash-Generating Units that are expected to benefit from the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the acquiree are assigned to those units. The Group has determined that it operates as one Cash Generating Unit for the purposes of testing goodwill impairment.

### **Intangible Assets**

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost. The cost of intangible assets acquired in a business combination is their fair value at the date of acquisition. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Internally generated intangibles, excluding capitalised development costs, are not capitalised and the related expenditure is reflected in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income in the period in which the expenditure is incurred.

The useful lives of intangible assets are assessed as either finite or indefinite. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortised over the useful economic life and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. The amortisation period and the amortisation method for an intangible asset with a finite useful life are reviewed at least at the end of each reporting period. Changes in the expected useful life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset are considered to modify the amortisation period or method, as appropriate, and are treated as changes in accounting estimates and adjusted on a prospective basis. The amortisation expense on intangible assets with finite lives is recognised in the statement of profit or loss as the expense category that is consistent with the function of the intangible assets. Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset are measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognised in the statement of profit or loss when the asset is derecognised.

### **Impairment of financial assets**

The Group assesses at each reporting date an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for all debt instruments not held at fair value through profit or loss. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

Under the general approach for credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12-months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

For trade receivables and contract assets, the Group applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the Group does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. Trade receivables consist of commissions and funds management fees receivable which are generally received in the month following recognition.

The Group considers a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Group is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Group. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

### **Share-based Payments to Employees and Directors**

Employees (including executive directors) of the Group may receive remuneration in the form of share-based payments, where employees render services as consideration for equity instruments (equity-settled transactions).

The cost of equity-settled transactions is determined by the fair value at the date when the grant is made using an appropriate valuation model. The cost is recognised, together with a corresponding increase in other capital reserves in equity, over the period in which the performance and/or service conditions are fulfilled in the employee benefits reserve.

The cumulative expense recognised for equity-settled transactions at each reporting date until the vesting date reflects the extent to which the vesting period has expired and the Group's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. This cost is reversed in the event that an employee forfeits any share-based payment, when leaving the Group or other circumstances.

The expense in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for a period represents the movement in cumulative expense recognised as at the beginning and end of that period and is recognised in employee benefits expense.

### **Income Tax**

The Group has formed a tax consolidated group and has executed tax-sharing agreements with each controlled entity. The head entity and the controlled entities in the tax consolidated group continue to account for their own current and deferred tax amounts. The Group has applied the Group allocation approach in determining the appropriate amount of current taxes and deferred taxes to allocate to members of the tax consolidated group.

In addition to its own current and deferred tax amounts, the Group also recognises the current tax liabilities (or assets) and the deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and unused tax credits assumed from controlled entities in the tax consolidated group. The income tax expense (revenue) for the year comprises current income tax expense and deferred tax expense or benefit.

Current income tax expense charged to profit or loss is the tax payable on taxable income. Current tax liabilities are measured at the amounts expected to be paid to the relevant taxation authority.

Deferred income tax expense reflects movements in deferred tax asset and deferred tax liability balances during the year as well as unused tax losses. Current and deferred income tax expense is charged or credited outside profit or loss when the tax relates to items that are recognised outside profit and loss. No deferred income tax is recognised from the initial recognition of an asset or liability, excluding a business combination, where there is no effect on accounting or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled and their measurement also reflects the manner in which management expects to recover or settle the carrying amount of the related asset or liability.

Deferred tax assets relating to temporary differences and unused tax losses are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the benefits of the deferred tax asset can be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognised only to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset where a legally enforceable right of set-off exists and it is intended that net settlement or simultaneous realisation and settlement of the respective asset and liability will occur. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where: (a) a legally enforceable right of set-off exists; (b) the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities where it is intended that net settlement or simultaneous realisation and settlement of the respective assets and liability will occur in future periods in which significant amounts of deferred tax assets or liabilities are expected to be recovered or settled.

### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with bank, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes deposits held at call with financial institutions net of bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position.

### **Long service and Annual leave provisions**

The Group does not expect its long service leave or annual leave benefits to be settled wholly within 12 months of each reporting date. The Group recognises a liability for long service leave and annual leave measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method.

### **Expenses**

The Group records all expenses on an accruals basis. This includes accounting, audit, legal and administrative fees, management fees, employee costs, marketing and advertising costs, director's fees, travel and accommodation expense, rent expenses, commission rebates, other expenses, market data costs, software and website costs.

### **Property, Plant and Equipment**

All property, plant and equipment is carried at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, when it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the reporting period in which they are incurred. Depreciation on assets is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost, net of residual value, over the estimated useful lives as follows:

|                                  |                                                                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Computer and office equipment    | 2-4 years                                                                 |
| Network and production equipment | 3-4 years                                                                 |
| Leasehold improvements           | shorter of the expected fitout life or lease term (approximately 4 years) |

### **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST.

### **Earnings/loss per share**

Basic earnings/loss per share is calculated by dividing profit/(loss) attributable to members of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year, adjusted for any bonus element. Diluted earnings/(loss) per share is calculated by dividing profit attributable to members of the Company by the total number of ordinary shares that would be outstanding if all the LTIP and ESOP shares had vested.

### **Share capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

### **Functional and presentation currency**

The functional and presentation currency of the Group is Australian dollars.

### **Leases**

At the commencement of a contract, the Group assesses whether the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. For identified leases the Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. No assets or liabilities are recognised if the lease is short term (less than 12 months) or of low value.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. The measurement includes non-cancellable lease payments (including inflation-linked payments), and includes payments to be made in optional periods if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise an option to extend the lease. Interest expense on the lease liability and depreciation expense (using the straight-line method) on the right-of-use asset is recognised in the statement of profit or loss.

### **Comparatives**

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified to be consistent with the current reporting period.

### **Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that may have a financial impact on the entity and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Estimates of future cash flows were used to estimate fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business combinations. The fair value of intangible assets was calculated using management's estimates of future cash flows from each entity's identified intangible assets for the period of their expected useful life. Intangibles are tested for impairment at each balance date and when circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired. The Group bases its assumptions used to test the impairment of goodwill on budgets and forecasts which are prepared for the Group's cash generating unit (CGU). These budgets and forecasts generally cover a five-year period, and a long-term growth rate (net of inflation) is used for longer periods.

Level 3 investments in financial assets are based on Director's estimates of the fair value of those investments, where reliable third-party sources of valuation are not available.

**InvestSMART Group Limited**  
**Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

The Group has not recognised deferred tax assets relating to carried forward realised capital and revenue losses on the basis that it does not expect to derive sufficient future capital gains to utilise the current losses within a 3 to 5-year time period.

**3. Change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss**

|                                           | 2020            | 2019           |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                                           | \$              | \$             |
| Net unrealised gain/(loss) on investments | (33,181)        | 553,934        |
| Net realised gain/(loss) on investments   | -               | (14,024)       |
|                                           | <u>(33,181)</u> | <u>539,910</u> |

**4. Financial assets held at fair value**

|                                                        | 2020             | 2019             |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                        | \$               | \$               |
| AWI Ventures investee companies                        | 1,693,988        | 1,721,363        |
| Investments in Separately Managed Accounts             | 235,305          | 225,531          |
| Call option                                            | 250,000          | 250,000          |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss | <u>2,179,293</u> | <u>2,196,894</u> |

Investments in Separately Managed Accounts consists of investments in separately managed accounts issued by Praemium Australia Limited (managed by InvestSMART Financial Services Pty Ltd) and investments in Professionally Managed Accounts, a scheme issued by InvestSMART Funds Management Limited.

A call option was purchased on 14 June 2018 to acquire 100% of an unlisted company for \$3,750,000 exercisable between the third and fourth anniversary date of entering the share option deed. The unlisted company is not considered to be a subsidiary as the Group is not exposed, nor has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the company and does not have the ability to affect the returns of the company. Further information on the fair value determination and the risk exposures of financial assets held at fair value is provided in Note 12.

**5. Income Tax**

**(a) Income tax benefit recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income**

|                                                                                       | 2020           | 2019           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                                                       | \$             | \$             |
| The components of income tax benefit:                                                 |                |                |
| Current income tax expense                                                            | -              | -              |
| Other adjustments for prior years                                                     | -              | 9,979          |
| Deferred tax income relating to the origination and reversal of temporary differences | 648,946        | 329,717        |
| Change in tax rate                                                                    | 30,920         | -              |
| Total income tax benefit                                                              | <u>679,866</u> | <u>339,696</u> |

**(b) Income tax benefit**

A reconciliation of income tax benefit applicable to accounting profit before income tax at the statutory income tax rate to income tax benefit at the entity's effective income tax rate for the years ended 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2019 is as follows:

|                                                                      |                |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Prima facie income tax benefit calculated at 27.5% on operating loss | 554,269        | 578,477        |
| Add/(Less) tax effect of:                                            |                |                |
| Expenditure not deductible in current year                           | (48,571)       | (131,395)      |
| Impairment of intangibles                                            | -              | (76,263)       |
| Recognition of previously unused tax losses                          | 83,108         | 136,906        |
| Change in tax rate                                                   | 30,920         | -              |
| Income not taxable                                                   | 22,351         | -              |
| Losses carried forward not recognised                                | (9,125)        | (178,008)      |
| Adjustments for prior years                                          | 46,913         | 9,979          |
| Income tax benefit                                                   | <u>679,866</u> | <u>339,696</u> |

**(c) Deferred tax assets and liabilities**

**Deferred tax assets**

The deferred tax asset balance comprises temporary differences recognised as follows:

|                                                       | 2020           | 2019            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                                                       | \$             | \$              |
| Accruals and provisions not deductible in this period | 179,120        | 182,857         |
| Lease liability                                       | 111,428        | -               |
| Deductible capital expenditure                        | 11,833         | 17,383          |
| Closing balance                                       | <u>302,381</u> | <u>200,240</u>  |
| Movements in deferred tax assets                      |                |                 |
| Opening balance                                       | 200,240        | 274,101         |
| Benefit in the income statement                       | <u>102,141</u> | <u>(73,861)</u> |
|                                                       | <u>302,381</u> | <u>200,240</u>  |

**Deferred tax liabilities**

The deferred tax liability balance comprises temporary differences recognised as follows:

|                                                   |                  |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Future tax expense for intangibles acquired       | 730,807          | 1,382,246        |
| Prepayments                                       | -                | 33,801           |
| Right-of-use assets                               | 107,515          | -                |
|                                                   | <u>838,322</u>   | <u>1,416,047</u> |
| Movements in deferred tax liabilities             |                  |                  |
| Opening balance                                   | 1,416,047        | 1,720,249        |
| Deferred tax arising on acquisition of subsidiary | -                | 99,376           |
| Benefit in the income statement                   | <u>(577,725)</u> | <u>(403,578)</u> |
|                                                   | <u>838,322</u>   | <u>1,416,047</u> |

A tax rate of 27.5% was applied for the year ending 30 June 2020 (2019: 27.5%) as the Group is classified as a small business for tax purposes. A reduced tax rate of 26% will apply for reporting periods after 30 June 2020 (previously 27.5%). The Group expects to continue to be classified as a small business for tax purposes.

The Group has not recognised deferred tax assets relating to carried forward tax losses as it is not considered probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the unused tax losses can be utilised. The potential deferred tax asset that could be realised at 30 June 2020 is \$4,817,247, of which \$4,724,949 is realised capital losses.

**6. Leases**

The weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to lease liabilities recognised in the statement of financial position at the date of initial application is 5.2%.

The operating lease commitments disclosed applying AASB117 at the end of the reporting period immediately preceding the initial date of application is \$430,720. A lease liability of \$227,340 was recognised at the date of initial application. The difference is due to the lease of Sydney premises being classified as a short-term lease and the interest component of the lease liability for the Melbourne premises.

## Right-of-use assets

Leases recognised as right-of-use assets and lease liabilities consist of office premises.

|                                                             |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                                             | \$          |
| Initial recognition of on adoption of AASB16 on 1 July 2019 | 227,340     |
| Additions                                                   | 365,748     |
| Depreciation charge                                         | 179,570     |
| Balance at 30 June 2020                                     | 413,518     |
| Number of right-of-use assets leased                        | 2           |
| Range of remaining term                                     | 1 - 2 years |
| Average remaining lease term                                | 1.3 years   |
| Number of leases with extension options                     | 1           |
| Number of short-term leases (expired 31 March 2020)         | 1           |
| Expense for short-term leases                               | \$131,958   |

The total cash outflow for lease payments is \$366,141 (2019: \$424,431).

## Lease liabilities

Maturity analyses of lease liabilities at 30 June 2020:

|                | Less than 1<br>year<br>\$ | 1 to 2 years<br>\$ | Total<br>\$ |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Lease payments | 310,050                   | 132,424            | 442,474     |
| Interest       | 12,187                    | 1,718              | 13,905      |
|                | 297,863                   | 130,706            | 428,569     |

The interest expense on lease liabilities for 2020 is \$13,661.

## 7. Controlled entities and investments in associates

### (a) Controlled entities

The company exercised control over the below entities during the period:

|                                               | % owned at |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                                               | 30/06/2020 | 30/06/2019 |
| Intelligent Investor Holdings Pty Ltd         | 100%       | 100%       |
| The Intelligent Investor Distribution Pty Ltd | 100%       | 100%       |
| InvestSMART Publishing Pty Ltd                | 100%       | 100%       |
| InvestSmart Financial Services Pty Ltd        | 100%       | 100%       |
| InvestSmart Funds Management Ltd              | 100%       | 100%       |
| InvestSMART Advice Pty Ltd                    | 100%       | 100%       |
| Yourshare Financial Services Pty Ltd          | 100%       | 100%       |
| InvestSmart Insurance Pty Ltd                 | 100%       | 100%       |
| van Eyck Group Holdings Pty Ltd               | 100%       | 100%       |
| AWI Ventures Pty Ltd                          | 100%       | 100%       |
| Eureka Report Pty Ltd                         | 100%       | 100%       |
| Kohler and Company Pty Ltd                    | 100%       | 100%       |

### (b) Investments in associates

InvestSMART Funds Management Ltd is the Responsible Entity and issuer of Professionally Managed Accounts and is deemed to have significant influence over the financial and operating policy decisions of the fund. The fund is domiciled and has its principal place of business in Australia. The Group's ownership in the fund is classified as an investment in associate and accounted for using the equity method. The Group has a unitholding of 0.1% of Professionally Managed Accounts at 30 June 2020 (2019: 0.5%).

Summarised financial information for all associates:

|                                                    | 2020 | 2019     |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|----------|
|                                                    | \$   | \$       |
| Aggregate carrying amount                          | 1    | 1        |
| Aggregate profit/(loss) from continuing operations | -    | (40,640) |
| Aggregate total comprehensive income               | -    | (40,640) |

## 8. Intangible Assets

|                                         | Goodwill | Fund<br>distribution<br>contracts | Subscriber<br>lists | Content | Total     |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------|
|                                         | \$       | \$                                | \$                  | \$      | \$        |
| Balance at 30 June 2018                 | -        | 5,703,100                         | 552,350             | -       | 6,255,450 |
| Additions through business combinations | 277,319  | -                                 | 248,538             | 112,828 | 638,685   |
| Amortisation                            | -        | 1,019,893                         | 457,746             | 112,828 | 1,590,467 |
| Impairment                              | 277,319  | -                                 | -                   | -       | 277,319   |
| Balance at 30 June 2019                 | -        | 4,683,207                         | 343,142             | -       | 5,026,349 |
| Amortisation                            | -        | 1,591,127                         | 173,308             | -       | 1,764,435 |
| Impairment                              | -        | 451,118                           | -                   | -       | 451,118   |
| Balance at 30 June 2020                 | -        | 2,640,962                         | 169,834             | -       | 2,810,796 |

**Fund distribution contracts** were acquired as intangible assets under a business combination on 1 January 2015. Whilst they have no expiry date, it is expected that customers on which the distribution fees are earned will leave over 6 - 10 years.

The Group assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there are any indications that an asset may be impaired. During the reporting period the Group received communication from product providers that commissions from certain funds management products would end sooner than the mandated deadline of 1 January 2021 and that commissions on other products may end sooner than the mandated deadline.

The recoverable amount of the assets has been determined based on a value in use calculation using cash flow projections from financial forecasts and budgets approved by senior management covering a five-year period. It was concluded that the value in use did not exceed the carrying value less costs of disposal. As a result of this analysis, management has recognised an impairment charge of \$451,118 in the current year against fund distribution contracts.

The calculation of value in use for the cash generating unit is most sensitive to the assumptions italicised below:

*Future revenue growth* – Future revenue growth is based on past experience (attrition rates), communications received from product providers and movements in the Australian share market. The cash flow projections assume a growth rate of 6% in the Australian share market. Future cash flow projections exclude estimated future cash inflows expected to arise from future restructurings or from improving or enhancing the asset's performance.

*Discount rates* - Discount rates represent the current market assessment of the risks specific to the assets, taking into consideration the time value of money and the risks incorporated in the cash flow estimates. The discount rate calculation is based on the specific circumstances of the Group and its operating segments and is derived from its weighted average cost of capital (WACC). The WACC takes into account both debt and equity. The cost of equity is derived from the expected return on investment by the Group's investors. The cost of debt is based on the expected cost of interest-bearing borrowings the Group may be obliged to service. The beta factors are evaluated annually based on publicly available market data. Adjustments to the discount rate are made to factor in the specific amount and timing of the future tax flows in order to reflect a pre-tax discount rate.

The Group considers no other assets to be impaired.

**Subscriber lists** were acquired as intangible assets on acquisition of Intelligent Investor and The Constant Investor. Amortisation rates are based on the Group's historical experience and are amortised on a straight-line basis. Intelligent Investor and The Constant Investor subscriber lists are assumed to have a 5-year life.

## 9. Fixed assets including software

|                                          | Plant and<br>equipment<br>\$ | Software<br>\$ | Total<br>\$ |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Cost at 30 June 2018                     | 374,702                      | 211,790        | 586,492     |
| Additions                                | 28,173                       | -              | 28,173      |
| Cost at 30 June 2019                     | 402,875                      | 211,790        | 614,665     |
| Additions                                | 22,789                       | -              | 22,789      |
| Cost at 30 June 2020                     | 425,664                      | 211,790        | 637,454     |
| Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2018 | 137,500                      | 211,624        | 349,124     |
| Depreciation charge for the period       | 89,329                       | 166            | 89,495      |
| Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2019 | 226,829                      | 211,790        | 438,619     |
| Depreciation charge for the period       | 80,162                       | 0              | 80,162      |
| Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2020 | 306,991                      | 211,790        | 518,781     |
| Net book value at 30 June 2019           | 176,046                      | -              | 176,046     |
| Net book value at 30 June 2020           | 118,673                      | -              | 118,673     |

## 10. Trade and other payables

|                                  | 2020<br>\$ | 2019<br>\$ |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Trade payables and accruals      | 503,346    | 497,604    |
| Other payables                   | -          | 57,401     |
| PAYG and superannuation payables | 32,639     | 37,874     |
| GST payable                      | 190,452    | 198,316    |
|                                  | 726,437    | 791,195    |

Trade payables are non-interest bearing and unsecured. Payment duration is disclosed in Note 12.

## 11. Provisions

|                              | 2020<br>\$ | 2019<br>\$ |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Annual leave provision       | 235,609    | 220,626    |
| Long service leave provision | 199,998    | 195,253    |
| Other provisions             | 71,746     | 17,746     |
|                              | 507,353    | 433,625    |

## 12. Financial risk management

The Group's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, accounts receivable, accounts payable, investments in unlisted equities and derivatives classified as financial assets at fair value through profit and loss.

AASB 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures identifies three types of risk associated with financial instruments (i.e. the Group's investments, receivables and payables).

### (i) Credit risk

AASB 7 defines this as the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised 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. There are no other material amounts of collateral held as security at 30 June 2020.

Receivables are non-interest bearing and unsecured and will be received within 3 months. The credit risk exposure of the Group in relation to receivables is the carrying amount. The credit risk exposure of the Group in relation to cash is the carrying amount and any accrued unpaid interest. Cash investments are held with a number of banks all of which are rated AA- by Standard and Poor's. None of these assets are over-due or considered to be impaired.

**(ii) Liquidity risk**

AASB 7 defines this as the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with liabilities. Senior management monitors the Group's cash-flow requirements daily taking into account upcoming dividends, tax payments and investment activity.

The Group's inward cash-flows depend upon the level of trail commission, subscription revenue and funds management fees received. If these decrease by a material amount, the Group will amend its outward cash-flows accordingly. As the Group's major cash outflows are the cost of employees and rebates of trail commissions, the level of both of these is managed by the Board and senior management. The tangible assets of the Group are largely in the form of cash, unlisted securities and short term receivables. Unlisted securities may be difficult to liquidate in a timely fashion.

The table below analyses the Group's non-derivative liabilities in relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period to the earliest possible contractual maturity date at the year-end date. The amounts in the table below are contractual undiscounted cash flows.

|                                    | On-demand | Less than 3 months | 3 to 12 months | 1 to 5 years | Total     |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| At 30 June 2020:                   | \$        | \$                 | \$             | \$           | \$        |
| Trade and other payables           | -         | 643,575            | 69,335         | 13,527       | 726,437   |
| Subscriptions received in advance  | -         | 850,581            | 1,169,084      | 6,928        | 2,026,593 |
| Trail commissions due to customers | -         | 263,546            | 490,398        | -            | 753,944   |
| Lease liabilities                  | -         | 79,567             | 230,533        | 132,476      | 442,576   |
| Total financial liabilities        | -         | 1,837,269          | 1,959,350      | 152,931      | 3,949,550 |
| At 30 June 2019:                   |           |                    |                |              |           |
| Trade and other payables           | -         | 601,238            | 189,957        | -            | 791,195   |
| Subscriptions received in advance  | -         | 749,841            | 945,293        | 13,591       | 1,708,725 |
| Trail commissions due to customers | -         | 521,237            | 539,972        | -            | 1,061,209 |
| Total financial liabilities        | -         | 1,872,316          | 1,675,222      | 13,591       | 3,561,129 |

**(iii) Market risk**

AASB 7 defines this as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Movements in the ASX All Ords have been used to calculate a "reasonably possible" change in market prices as the data is readily observable. The range for a general fall in prices has increased due to an increase in volatility for the ASX All Ords.

A general fall in market prices of 10 per cent and 20 per cent would lead to a reduction in the Group's equity and increase the reported loss by \$217,929 and \$435,859 respectively (2019: \$107,524 and \$217,717 respectively for a general fall in market prices of 5 per cent and 10 per cent). The sensitivity analysis assumes all investments have a delta of 1 and are spread evenly across all investments.

The Group is not directly exposed to currency risk as all its operations are conducted in Australian dollars. The Group is engaged in activities conducted solely in Australia.

**Interest rate risk**

The Group's cash balances and term deposits expose it to risks associated with the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its financial position and cash flows.

**Sensitivity analysis - interest rate risk**

An increase of 75 basis points in interest rates at year end would have increased the Group's profit by \$32,887 (2019: \$34,243). A decrease of 75 basis points would have an equal but opposite effect.

At 30 June 2020, the Group's exposure to interest rate risk and the effective weighted average interest rate for each class of financial asset and liability is set out in the table below:

**InvestSMART Group Limited**  
**Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

|                                                        | Weighted<br>average<br>interest rate<br>(% pa) | Floating<br>interest<br>rate | Non-<br>interest<br>bearing | Total                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Financial assets</b>                                |                                                | \$                           | \$                          | \$                      |
| Cash assets                                            | 0.4                                            | 4,290,398                    | 827,506                     | 5,117,905               |
| Trade and other receivables                            |                                                | -                            | 433,524                     | 433,524                 |
| Prepayments and deposits                               |                                                | -                            | 227,184                     | 227,184                 |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss |                                                | -                            | 2,179,293                   | 2,179,293               |
|                                                        |                                                | <u>4,290,398</u>             | <u>3,667,507</u>            | <u>7,957,906</u>        |
| <b>Financial liabilities</b>                           |                                                |                              |                             |                         |
| Trade and other payables                               |                                                | -                            | 726,437                     | 726,437                 |
| Subscriptions received in advance                      |                                                | -                            | 2,026,593                   | 2,026,593               |
| Trail commissions due to customers                     |                                                | -                            | 753,944                     | 753,944                 |
| Lease liabilities                                      |                                                | -                            | 428,569                     | 428,569                 |
|                                                        |                                                | -                            | <u>3,935,543</u>            | <u>3,935,543</u>        |
| <b>Net financial assets/(liabilities)</b>              |                                                | <u><b>4,290,398</b></u>      | <u><b>(268,036)</b></u>     | <u><b>4,022,363</b></u> |

At 30 June 2019, the Group's exposure to interest rate risk and the effective weighted average interest rate for each class of asset and liability is set out in the table below:

|                                                        | Weighted<br>average<br>interest rate<br>(% pa) | Floating<br>interest<br>rate | Non-<br>interest<br>bearing | Total                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Financial assets</b>                                |                                                | \$                           | \$                          | \$                      |
| Cash assets                                            | 1                                              | 3,936,130                    | 464,326                     | 4,400,457               |
| Trade and other receivables                            |                                                | -                            | 750,169                     | 750,169                 |
| Prepayments and deposits                               |                                                | -                            | 262,494                     | 262,494                 |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss |                                                | -                            | 2,196,894                   | 2,196,894               |
|                                                        |                                                | <u>3,936,130</u>             | <u>3,673,883</u>            | <u>7,610,014</u>        |
| <b>Financial liabilities</b>                           |                                                |                              |                             |                         |
| Trade and other payables                               |                                                | -                            | 791,195                     | 791,195                 |
| Trail commissions due to customers                     |                                                | -                            | 1,061,208                   | 1,061,208               |
| Subscriptions received in advance                      |                                                | -                            | 1,708,725                   | 1,708,725               |
|                                                        |                                                | -                            | <u>3,561,128</u>            | <u>3,561,128</u>        |
| <b>Net financial assets/(liabilities)</b>              |                                                | <u><b>3,936,130</b></u>      | <u><b>112,755</b></u>       | <u><b>4,048,886</b></u> |

**Fair value hierarchy**

AASB 13 requires the Group to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the subjectivity of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1 - Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 - 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 3 - Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. 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 Directors. The Directors consider 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.

There has been no change in the Level 2 and Level 3 valuation techniques used for this report from previous reports. The table below sets out the Group's financial assets and liabilities (by class) measured at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy at 30 June 2020:

**InvestSMART Group Limited**  
**Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

|                                                            | <b>Level 1</b> | <b>Level 2</b> | <b>Level 3</b>   | <b>Total</b>     |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                            | <b>\$</b>      | <b>\$</b>      | <b>\$</b>        | <b>\$</b>        |
| <b>At 30 June 2020</b>                                     |                |                |                  |                  |
| <b>Financial assets</b>                                    |                |                |                  |                  |
| Investments in Separately Managed Accounts                 | 31,365         | 203,940        | -                | 235,305          |
| AWI Ventures investee companies                            | -              | -              | 1,693,988        | 1,693,988        |
| Call option                                                | -              | -              | 250,000          | 250,000          |
| Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss | <u>31,365</u>  | <u>203,940</u> | <u>1,943,988</u> | <u>2,179,293</u> |
| <b>At 30 June 2019</b>                                     | <b>\$</b>      | <b>\$</b>      | <b>\$</b>        | <b>\$</b>        |
| <b>Financial assets</b>                                    |                |                |                  |                  |
| Investments in Separately Managed Accounts                 | 20,564         | 204,967        | -                | 225,531          |
| AWI Ventures investee companies                            | -              | -              | 1,721,363        | 1,721,363        |
| Call option                                                | -              | -              | 250,000          | 250,000          |
| Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss | <u>20,564</u>  | <u>204,967</u> | <u>1,971,363</u> | <u>2,196,894</u> |

During the reporting period ending 30 June 2020 there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements.

Financial instruments whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and therefore classified within level 1, include active listed equities, certain unlisted unit trusts and exchange traded derivatives.

Investments classified within level 2 have inputs based on quoted and unquoted prices. The level 2 investments held by the Group consists of investments in separately managed accounts issued by Praemium Australia Limited (managed by InvestSMART Financial Services Pty Ltd) and investments in Professionally Managed Accounts, a scheme issued by InvestSMART Funds Management Limited. The accounts hold primarily listed securities which are valued at the last closing price on the Australian Securities Exchange.

**Description of significant unobservable inputs to valuation of Level 3 assets**

Through AWI Ventures Pty Ltd, the Group has investments in 3 start-up companies in the financial technology sector. These companies have little or no revenue and therefore cannot be valued using Discounted Cash Flow. The fair value of the investee companies has been assessed as the price at which each investee company raised a material amount of new capital, or historic cost if they have not raised a material amount of new capital, adjusted for the Director's view of the likely success of the business.

The Group purchased a call option (derivative) over an unlisted business on 14 June 2018. Fair value has been determined using a binomial options pricing model.

Investments classified within level 3 have significant unobservable inputs, as they are infrequently traded. Unlisted equities and options are classified within level 3.

The table below shows the assumptions used by management in assessing fair value of its investments in unlisted investments:

|                                 | <b>Valuation technique</b>    | <b>Significant unobservable inputs</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>Range (weighted average)</b> | <b>Sensitivity to fair value</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AWI Ventures investee companies | Market approach               | Last issue price & date of new equity, last traded price of equity, Capital structure, Discount rate, Directors' qualitative assessment of investee business model success | N/A                             | An issue of new equity, or trade in existing equity, at a higher or lower price may have significant effect on fair value                                                                                 |
| Call option                     | Binomial option pricing model | Volatility rate, Last traded price of derivative                                                                                                                           | N/A                             | An issue of new equity, trade in existing equity, changes in interest rates, volatility rate, dividends at a higher or lower amount may have significant effect on fair value under option pricing models |

**InvestSMART Group Limited**  
**Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

The following table shows a reconciliation of the movement in the fair value of financial instruments categorised within level 3 between the beginning and the end of the reporting period:

|                                         |                  |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| Fair Value at 30 June 2019              | 1,971,363        |
| Unrealised loss through profit and loss | 27,375           |
| Balance at 30 June 2020                 | <u>1,943,988</u> |

### 13. Employee benefit reserve

|                                        | 2020             | 2019             |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                        | \$               | \$               |
| Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP)        | 1,504,103        | 1,477,293        |
| Employee Share Ownership Scheme (ESOP) | <u>300,701</u>   | <u>271,646</u>   |
|                                        | <u>1,804,804</u> | <u>1,748,939</u> |
| Opening balance                        | 1,748,939        | 1,443,339        |
| Expense                                | <u>55,865</u>    | <u>305,600</u>   |
| Closing balance                        | <u>1,804,804</u> | <u>1,748,939</u> |

On 26 November 2014 (the grant date), the Company lent \$1,000,000 to the Chairman, Mr Paul Clitheroe, to acquire 4,000,000 shares at \$0.25 per share as part of the Long-Term Incentive Plan, subject to vesting terms, as approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting in November 2014. The first tranche of these shares has vested, though the associated non-recourse loan has not been repaid, and therefore has not been included in fully paid ordinary share capital. The remaining tranches have not vested and therefore have not been included in fully paid ordinary share capital. On 6 February 2019 (the modification date) the Company extended the maturity of the loan on the first tranche of the options to 30 May 2021 (as approved at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 6 February 2019). The incremental fair value granted at modification date is \$19,601.

On 17 June 2015 (the grant date) the Company agreed to lend \$3,125,000 in total to three key management personnel to acquire 12,499,998 shares at \$0.25 per share, as part of the Long-Term Incentive Plan as approved by shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting in June 2015. These shares were issued on 8 September 2015 and vested in three equal tranches over three years. The first tranche of these shares vested on 8 September 2016, the second tranche vested on 8 September 2017 and the third tranche vested on 8 September 2018. The associated non-recourse loan has not been repaid, and therefore has not been included in fully paid ordinary share capital. On 6 February 2019 (the modification date) the Company extended the maturity of the loan on each tranche of shares by two years. The incremental fair value granted at modification date is \$163,292.

On 28 December 2016 as part of the Employee Share Ownership Plan (ESOP) the Company lent \$1,804,200 to the Managing Director and employees of the Group to acquire 5,820,000 ordinary shares as approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting on 29 November 2016. The shares were issued on the Grant Date and vest in three equal tranches over three years. The first tranche of these shares vested on 28 December 2017, the second tranche vested on 28 December 2018 and the third tranche vested on 28 December 2019. The associated non-recourse loan has not been repaid, and therefore has not been included in fully paid ordinary share capital. On 6 February 2019 (the modification date) the Company extended the maturity of the loan on each tranche of shares by two years. The incremental fair value granted at modification date is \$40,461. 2,625,000 ESOP shares from this issue were forfeited and cancelled at 30 June 2020.

On 6 September 2017 the Company lent \$178,500 to employees of the Group to acquire 700,000 ordinary shares under the ESOP. The shares were issued on the Grant Date and vest in three equal tranches over three years. The first tranche of shares vested on 6 September 2018 and the second tranche vested on 6 September 2019. The remaining tranche vests on 6 September 2020. The associated non-recourse loan has not been repaid, and therefore has not been included in fully paid ordinary share capital. On 6 February 2019 (the modification date) the Company extended the maturity of the loan on each tranche of shares by two years. The incremental fair value granted at modification date is \$6,608. 150,000 ESOP shares from this issue were forfeited and cancelled at 30 June 2020.

On 4 March 2019 the Company lent \$104,125 to employees of the Group to acquire 1,225,000 ordinary shares under the ESOP. The shares were issued on the Grant Date and vest in three equal tranches over three years. The first tranche of shares vested on 6 September 2018. The remaining two tranches have not vested. The associated non-recourse loan has not been repaid, and therefore has not been included in fully paid ordinary share capital. The incremental fair value at grant date is \$34,524. 165,000 ESOP shares from this issue were forfeited and cancelled at 30 June 2020.

On 11 April 2019 (the grant date), the Company lent \$1,000,000 to Mr Alan Kohler to acquire 4,000,000 shares, as part of the Long-Term Incentive Plan, subject to vesting terms, as approved by shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 6 February 2019. The shares issued will vest in three equal tranches on the later of the first, second and third anniversary of the

grant date, or the date the share price is at or above \$0.33, \$0.42 or \$0.50 respectively for each tranche. The Company estimated the fair value of this share benefit was \$48,400 at the grant date.

Fair values at modification and grant dates were determined using Black-Scholes or Monte-Carlo methods. The inputs used include the share price at grant or modification date, vesting price, vesting period, expected volatility (44%), expected dividends (1% yield), the risk free interest rate (1.5%-1.75% depending on the maturity date of the loan) and the maturity date. Expected volatility was primarily based on historic volatility, with consideration given to implied volatility on comparable exchange traded options and the natural term structure of long dated options. The cost of the LTIP shares and ESOP shares are amortised over the applicable vesting period through the statement of comprehensive income.

#### 14. Issued capital

|                                   | 2020        |            | 2019        |            |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                                   | Shares      | \$         | Shares      | \$         |
| Fully paid ordinary share capital | 110,885,360 | 58,522,441 | 110,885,360 | 58,522,441 |

An additional 20,499,998 shares were issued, as part of the LTIP detailed in Note 13 and the Directors Report. The vested shares have a non-recourse loan outstanding.

Under the LTIP, the director or employee can repay the loan by forfeiting the shares issued under the plan. The shares vest when the Company's share price reaches certain hurdles or after certain time periods and may be forfeited prior to the loan repayment date and have therefore not been included in the issued share capital total.

An additional 4,805,000 shares are on issue under the ESOP to the Managing Director and other employees of the Group at 30 June 2020. Under the ESOP, the director or employee can repay the loan by forfeiting the shares issued under the plan. The shares vest over certain time periods and may be forfeited prior to the loan repayment date and have therefore not been included in the issued share capital total.

All shares have no par value.

##### (a) Terms and conditions

The Company has ordinary shares on issue. Holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at shareholder meetings.

##### (b) Capital Management

The Group's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain investor and market confidence. To achieve this the Directors monitor the monthly performance of the operating entities, the Group's management expenses, and share price movements. The Group is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements. Capital relates to equity attributable to investors.

The primary objective of the Group's capital management is to ensure that it maintains healthy capital ratios to support its business and maximise shareholder value. The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may adjust any dividend payment to investors, capital returns or issue new shares. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes for managing capital during the years ended 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2019.

#### 15. Related party information

Ron Hodge, Nigel Poole and Alastair Davidson were key management personnel of the Group during the financial year. Remuneration paid to key management personnel by the Group in connection with the management of affairs of the Group were:

|      | Short-term<br>Employee<br>Benefit Cash<br>Salary & Fees | Employment<br>Benefit<br>Superannuation | Accrued<br>Annual Leave | Accrued Long<br>Service Leave | Employee<br>Share Benefit | Total   |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| 2020 | 667,356                                                 | 63,399                                  | 9,160                   | 11,535                        | 3,360                     | 754,810 |
| 2019 | 682,092                                                 | 64,798                                  | (9,289)                 | 53,614                        | 205,193                   | 996,408 |

**InvestSMART Group Limited**  
**Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

Shareholdings of key management personnel and their related entities:

|                   | Balance at 30<br>June 2018 | Shares<br>acquired | Balance at 30<br>June 2019 | Shares<br>acquired | Balance at 30<br>June 2020 |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Ron Hodge         | 4,885,000                  | 679,938            | 5,564,938                  | 2,931,728          | 8,496,666                  |
| Nigel Poole       | 4,466,666                  | -                  | 4,466,666                  | -                  | 4,466,666                  |
| Alastair Davidson | 4,794,339                  | -                  | 4,794,339                  | 453,720            | 5,248,059                  |

The Directors' remuneration excludes insurance premiums paid and payable by the Group in respect of Directors' liability insurance. Apart from the details disclosed in this note, no key management personnel have entered into a material contract with the Group during the financial year.

The Directors of the InvestSMART Group Limited are responsible for determining and reviewing compensation arrangements for the Managing Director and key management personnel. The Directors also assess the appropriateness of the nature and amount of emoluments of each Director on a periodic basis by reference to workload and market conditions.

The overall objective is to ensure maximum stakeholder benefit from the retention of a high-quality board whilst constraining costs. The Directors' remuneration has been included in the remuneration report section of the Directors Report.

Investments in associates are disclosed in Note 7 (b). The Group received management fees of \$186,219 (2019: \$83,342) from managed investment schemes classified as investments in associates. The Group held receivables for management fees from managed investment schemes classified as investments in associates of \$20,617 (2019: \$6,654) at year end.

## 16. Statement of Cash Flows

### (a) Reconciliation of net profit from ordinary activities after income tax to net cash used in operating activities

|                                                                                | 2020<br>\$     | 2019<br>\$       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Profit/(Loss) for the year                                                     | (1,335,658)    | (1,770,852)      |
| Adjustments to reconcile profit after tax to net cash flows:                   |                |                  |
| Net (gain)/loss on financial instruments at fair value through profit and loss | 33,181         | (539,910)        |
| Employee benefit expense                                                       | 55,865         | 305,600          |
| Depreciation and amortisation                                                  | 2,024,167      | 1,679,962        |
| Share of net loss of associate                                                 | -              | 40,640           |
| Decrease in deferred tax asset                                                 | (102,141)      | 73,861           |
| Decrease in deferred tax liability                                             | (577,725)      | (403,578)        |
| Impairment of intangibles                                                      | 451,118        | 277,319          |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities:                                    |                |                  |
| Decrease/(Increase) in trade and other receivables                             | 316,645        | (83,938)         |
| Decrease in prepayments                                                        | 35,310         | 40,830           |
| Decrease in trade and other payables                                           | 19,574         | (152,779)        |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) used in operating activities                    | <u>920,336</u> | <u>(532,845)</u> |

### (b) Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

|              | 2020<br>\$       | 2019<br>\$       |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cash at bank | <u>5,117,905</u> | <u>4,400,457</u> |

The credit risk exposure of the group in relation to cash is the carrying amount and any accrued unpaid interest. Cash investments are held with a number of banks all of which are rated AA- by Standard and Poor's.

## 17. Earnings/(loss) per share

|                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2020<br>cents      | 2019<br>cents      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Basic earnings per share (cents per share)                                                                                                                                               | <u>(1.20)</u>      | <u>(1.60)</u>      |
| Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)                                                                                                                                             | <u>(1.20)</u>      | <u>(1.60)</u>      |
| Earnings/(loss) as per Statement of Consolidated Income                                                                                                                                  | <u>(1,335,658)</u> | <u>(1,770,852)</u> |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year used in calculating basic earnings per share                                                                      | <u>110,885,360</u> | <u>110,885,360</u> |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year used in calculating diluted earnings per share if all LTIP and ESOP shares vest and non-recourse loans are repaid | <u>136,312,659</u> | <u>136,820,358</u> |

As the Group is in a loss position in 2020, share based incentive plans do not affect the diluted earnings per share calculation as potential ordinary shares shall be treated as dilutive when, and only when, their conversion to ordinary shares would decrease earnings per share or increase loss per share from continuing operations.

## 18. Contingent liabilities and commitments

At 30 June 2020 the Group has the following contingent liabilities:

|                                        | 2020<br>\$     | 2019<br>\$     |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Guarantees for office rentals          | 122,524        | 187,778        |
| Guarantees for intermediary facilities | <u>401,000</u> | <u>651,000</u> |
|                                        | <u>523,524</u> | <u>838,778</u> |

## 19. Franking Account

|                                                                                               | 2020<br>\$       | 2019<br>\$       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Opening balance of franking account                                                           | 2,931,463        | 2,969,095        |
| Adjustments for tax payment and tax payable/refundable in respect of the prior year's profits | -                | (37,632)         |
| Adjusted franking account balance                                                             | <u>2,931,463</u> | <u>2,931,463</u> |

## 20. Auditors remuneration

|                                                                                           | 2020<br>\$     | 2019<br>\$     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Auditing and reviewing the financial reports of the Group and managed investment schemes: |                |                |
| BDO Audit Pty Ltd - audit and review fees                                                 | 137,962        | -              |
| EY - audit and review fees                                                                | <u>-</u>       | <u>172,944</u> |
|                                                                                           | <u>137,962</u> | <u>172,944</u> |

Audit and review fees include fees for:

- Auditing and reviewing the statutory financial report of the parent entity covering the group
- Auditing the statutory financial report of Australian Financial Services Licensees which are controlled entities
- Assurance services required by legislation to be provided by the auditor (reporting to ASIC for the purposes of Form FS 71 for AFS licensees)
- Auditing and reviewing schemes issued by InvestSMART Funds Management Limited
- Audit of compliance plans of schemes issued by InvestSMART Funds Management Limited

The fees for these services are not broken down as they are bundled.

Fees for other services performed by audit and network firms:

|                                                             |               |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| BDO Services Pty Ltd - taxation services                    | 33,850        | -            |
| BDO Audit Pty Ltd - verification of a recommendation report | 5,000         | -            |
| EY - verification of a recommendation report                | <u>-</u>      | <u>5,000</u> |
|                                                             | <u>38,850</u> | <u>5,000</u> |

## 21. Parent Entity Information

|                                                                   | 2020                | 2019                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                                                   | \$                  | \$                  |
| <b>Statement of Financial Position</b>                            |                     |                     |
| <b>Assets</b>                                                     |                     |                     |
| Current assets                                                    | 107,080             | 178,490             |
| Non-current assets                                                | 4,361,020           | 4,400,397           |
| Total Assets                                                      | <u>4,468,100</u>    | <u>4,578,887</u>    |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                                |                     |                     |
| Current liabilities                                               | -                   | -                   |
| Total Liabilities                                                 | <u>-</u>            | <u>-</u>            |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                                                 | <u>4,468,100</u>    | <u>4,578,887</u>    |
| <b>Equity</b>                                                     |                     |                     |
| Contributed Equity                                                | 58,522,441          | 58,522,441          |
| Employee benefit reserve                                          | 1,804,804           | 1,748,939           |
| Retained earnings                                                 | <u>(55,859,145)</u> | <u>(55,692,493)</u> |
| Total Equity                                                      | <u>4,468,100</u>    | <u>4,578,887</u>    |
| <b>Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income</b> |                     |                     |
| Net loss for the year after income tax expense                    | <u>166,652</u>      | <u>600,921</u>      |
| Total Comprehensive loss for the year                             | <u>166,652</u>      | <u>600,921</u>      |

At 30 June 2020 InvestSMART Group Ltd has a contingent liability for a guarantee for an office rental of \$63,256 (2019: \$128,260).

The accounting policies of the parent entity, InvestSMART Group Limited, used in determining the financial information shown above, are the same as those applied in the Group's consolidated financial statements, as detailed in Note 2.

## 22. Segment information

The Group has only one reportable segment. The Group is engaged solely in retail financial services conducted in Australia, deriving revenue from commissions, subscriptions and funds management fees. The entity's operations are merged across subsidiaries, management, location and presentation of reporting. The operating segment identification is based on the internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Board of Directors in assessing performance and in determining the allocation of resources.

## 23. Events occurring after reporting date

Since 30 June 2020, there have been no significant events up to the date of this report.

## 24. Company details

The registered office and principal place of business of the Company and subsidiaries is:  
Suite 2, Level 2, 66 Clarence St  
Sydney NSW 2000

## **Directors' declaration**

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of InvestSMART Group Limited, I state that:

1. In the opinion of the Directors:
  - (a) The financial statements, notes and the additional disclosures included in the Director's Report designated as audited, of the Company are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
    - (i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
    - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, as disclosed in Note 2 and Corporations Regulations 2001.
  - (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
2. This declaration has been made after receiving the declarations required to be made to the Directors in accordance with section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001 for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

On behalf of the Board



Paul Clitheroe  
Chairman  
Dated this 26th day of August 2020 at Sydney

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of InvestSMART Group Limited

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of InvestSMART Group Limited and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the directors' declaration.

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

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) 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 Group in accordance with 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 confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

## Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

### Valuation of Intangible Assets

| Key audit matter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | How the matter was addressed in our audit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Note 8 to the financial report discloses the individual intangible assets, and discloses the assumptions used by the Group in testing these assets for impairment.</p> <p>During the reporting period the Group received communication from product providers that commissions from certain funds management products would end sooner than the mandated deadline of 1 January 2021.</p> <p>The impairment assessment is a key audit matter due to the size of the recorded asset of \$2,810,796 (\$2019 : \$5,026,349) and the degree of estimation and assumptions required to be made by the Group, specifically concerning future discounted cash flows.</p> <p>An annual impairment test for the intangible asset is required under Australian Accounting Standard (AASB) 136 Impairment of Assets.</p> | <p>Our audit procedures included, amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenged key assumptions, including forecast growth rates by comparing them to historical results, business trends, economic and industry forecasts and comparable organisations;</li> <li>• Compared these assumptions against external benchmarks (such as for the terminal value multiple and discount rates) and considered the assumptions based on our knowledge of the Group and its industry;</li> <li>• Assessed the amortisation periods applied to the intangible assets; and</li> <li>• Assessed the related disclosure in the financial report to ensure accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.</li> </ul> |

## Valuation of Unlisted Investments

| Key audit matter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | How the matter was addressed in our audit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Note 4 to the financial report discloses the Group's investment in unlisted securities of \$1,693,988 (2019: \$1,721,363). These comprise three holdings in companies in the financial technology sector. The investment is classified within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy as defined in AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement.</p> <p>The valuation of these investments is a key audit matter due to the size of the asset as well as the presence of significant unobservable inputs into the valuation of the assets.</p> | <p>Our audit procedures included, amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessed management's valuation and agreed inputs such as purchase price and last traded price to observable external and internal resources;</li> <li>Assessed the valuation methodologies applied by management in the determination of the fair value;</li> <li>Compared the valuation techniques applied at 30 June 2020 to those applied at the 31 December 2019 half year review; and</li> <li>Ensured the adequacy of the disclosures relating to the investments within the financial report and within Australian Accounting Standards.</li> </ul> |

## Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Group's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2020, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and 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 Company 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 preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the group 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 Group or to cease operations, or has 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at:

[https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar1\\_2020.pdf](https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar1_2020.pdf)

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Report on the Remuneration Report

### Opinion on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 5 to 9 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2020.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Investsmart Group Limited, for the year ended 30 June 2020, complies with section 300A of the Corporations Act 2001.

### Responsibilities

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the Corporations Act 2001. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

BDO Audit Pty Ltd



Tim Aman  
Director

Sydney, 26 August 2020