

8 July 2025

UPDATE FOR UNITHOLDERS Falcon Capital Limited (In Liquidation) (ACN 119 204 554) ("Company")

the Responsible Entity of the First Guardian Master Fund (ARSN 635 429 113)("FGMF")

On 9 April 2025, Ross Blakeley and Paul Harlond were appointed as Joint and Several Liquidators ("Liquidators") of the Company by order of the Federal Court of Australia ("Liquidation"), which included a direction to wind up the following funds which the Company is the trustee of (together, "Funds"):

Fund	ABN
First Guardian Master Fund (ARSN 635 429 113) ("Master Fund")	59 219 164 349 (cancelled)
First Guardian Global Income Fund	47 581 264 061
First Guardian Australian Development Fund	29 113 076 414
First Guardian Absolute Equities Fund	26 829 155 891 (cancelled)
First Guardian Trulet Innovation Fund	90 699 290 693
First Guardian Global Equity Fund	81 990 326 957

On 8 July 2025, the Liquidators issued their Statutory Report to Creditors ("**Report**"), the purpose of which, in accordance with Rule 70-40 of the Insolvency Practice Rules (Corporations) 2016 ("**IPR**") and the Corporations Act 2001 ("**Act**"), is to provide creditors of the Company ("**Creditors**") with an update on:

- i. The estimated amounts of assets and liabilities of the Company;
- ii. Inquiries relating to the winding up of the Company that have been undertaken to date;
- iii. Further inquiries relating to the winding up of the Company that may need to be undertaken;
- iv. What happened to the business of the Company;
- v. The likelihood of Creditors receiving a dividend before the affairs of the Company are fully wound up; and
- vi. Possible recovery actions.

Whilst it is not specifically required under the Act, the Liquidators are also issuing this Report to provide additional information to persons who invested funds in the FGMF ("Investors" or "Unitholders"), including as to the progress of the winding up of the Funds for which the Company is the Responsible Entity/Trustee.

Unitholders can access the Report via FTI Consulting's Creditors' Portal at https://www.fticonsulting.com/creditors/falcon-capital-limited.

Subject to the qualifications set out in the Report the key points in the Report as it relates to Unitholders include:

- Whilst the Liquidators have undertaken significant tasks including initial investigations in relation to the Company and the Funds, the Liquidation and the winding up of the Funds is still in its infancy with much still to be done and established.
- The Liquidators have expended considerable time in identifying assets of the Company and the FGMF, and have taken steps in instigating and maximising the realisation of recoverable assets.
- The Liquidators have conducted preliminary assessments of the actual and contingent liabilities of the Company and thus identified the potential Creditors of the Company. This includes identifying and considering whether Unitholders of the FGMF may be creditors of the Company to the extent they may have a claim for losses or damages against the Company (including for a breach of its duties as Responsible Entity of the FGMF).
- Irrespective, it is recognised that Unitholders are important stakeholders in the winding up of the Company (whether creditors or not), noting the Liquidators' role under the Court Order is to also wind up the Funds.

- It is the Liquidators' preliminary assessment that the Funds' investments may not recover their ascribed book value as asserted by the Directors in their Report on Company Activities and Property ("ROCAP"). Further, the Liquidators consider the value of the assets may have been overstated in the accounts. It is very likely that some of the Funds' assets/investments are not recoverable or will not recover their full ascribed value. Indeed, significant shortfalls to book values are expected.
- At this stage, it is considered possible that a dividend may be paid to Creditors of the Company and a distribution may be made to Unitholders in the FGMF in the future. However, for reasons including the nature of the assets and the commercial and legal sensitivities that exist in relation to their realisation, the Liquidators are not in a position to provide an estimate as to what the assets may ultimately realise and thus what funds may be available for distribution to Creditors and Unitholders.
- The Liquidators intend to undertake further investigations. This includes in determining whether any breaches of the Corporations Act or other laws have occurred by any party (including the Company's directors), or other circumstances exist, which may give rise to a potential claim by the Liquidators.
- The Liquidators have and will continue to engage with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("ASIC") in the conduct of the Liquidation, including lodging a report with ASIC regarding the findings from their investigations.
- Having noted the complexity of and the number of outstanding matters in the Liquidation, the Liquidators consider that the Liquidation and the winding up of the Funds will continue for and take some time to complete.

A large proportion of Investors in the FGMF invested through investment platforms. Investors who invested through a platform, and remain invested through that platform, hold their interests in the FGMF through that platform, rather than directly with Falcon and the FGMF. Those platforms are the formal registered Unitholders. Whilst the Liquidators recognise that those indirect investors are interested parties, they should continue to liaise with those investment platforms regarding their investment. The contact details of these platforms are listed below:

Contact Details
contact@netwealth.com.au
1800 888 223
yourchoicesuper@onevue.com.au
1800 571 881 (option 5)
service@umaservice.com.au
1800 571 881 (option 5)
support@praemium.com.au
1800 571 881 (option 2)
acclaimadmin@acclaimwealth.com.au
1300 264 264

If you are a direct Unitholder, you will no longer have access to the First Guardian Portal, previously accessible via the Company website. At this time, and having regard to the status of the Liquidation, the Liquidators are unable to issue end of year statements or provide a view on the value of the FGMF units on issue.

If you need support, you are encouraged to seek your own individual advice from a lawyer, accountant or financial planner that takes into consideration your individual circumstances.



You can also contact a free financial counsellor through the National Debt Helpline on 1800 007 007 or live chat at https://ndh.org.au/.

There are also a number of free professional services you can reach out to, including community legal centres who can provide free and confidential legal help. Find your closest legal centre at:

- VIC: https://www.fclc.org.au/find a community legal centre
- NSW: https://findlegalhelp.clcnsw.org.au/
- QLD: https://www.communitylegalqld.org.au/find-legal-help/
- WA: https://communitylegalwa.org.au/
- ACT: https://www.actlawsociety.asn.au/for-the-public/legal-help/community-legal-centres
- NT: https://www.legalaid.nt.gov.au/

The Liquidators will provide progressive updates as to the progress of the Liquidation (and the winding up of the Funds) to Creditors and Unitholders in due course and as matters warrant. The Liquidators encourage you to refer to the FAQs and Reports previously provided in addressing any questions you may have. If queries remain you may contact the Liquidators via falcon.investors@fticonsulting.com.

Yours faithfully

Ross Blakeley

Joint and Several Liquidator

Paul Harlond

Joint and Several Liquidator

