

13 July 2021

Attractive Entitlement Offer for WAM Leaders shareholders

The WAM Leaders Board of Directors is pleased to offer shareholders¹ the opportunity to increase their interest in the Company with the announcement of a pro-rata non-renounceable Entitlement Offer (*Entitlement Offer*) at an issue price representing an 8.0% discount to the 12 July closing share price of \$1.565 per share and equal to the Company's pre-tax net tangible asset (NTA) backing of \$1.44 per share as at 30 June 2021. WAM Leaders' post-tax NTA as at 30 June 2021 was \$1.37 per share. From the 30 June 2021 pre-tax NTA, the Company expects to pay approximately 3.84 cents per share in corporate tax as part of the FY2021 income tax return. The franking credits attached to corporate tax payments are available for distribution to shareholders through fully franked dividends.

"This provides an equitable opportunity for shareholders to increase their exposure to Matt and his team who have significantly outperformed in recent years".

— WAM Leaders Chairman, Geoff Wilson AO



**Top-Up
Facility**

Any New Shares not applied for by WAM Leaders shareholders will be included in the Top-Up Facility. Applications for Additional New Shares under the Top-Up Facility will be allocated at the sole discretion of the WAM Leaders Board of Directors and will be subject to scale back (where applicable). There is no guarantee that a Shareholder who applies for Additional New Shares will receive all or any of the Additional New Shares that they applied for. Shareholders who participate in the Top-Up Facility will do so without incurring any brokerage costs. New Shares issued under the Top-Up Facility will rank equally with existing WAM Leaders shares on issue and will therefore receive the fully franked final dividend of 3.5 cents per share³.

✓ **The pro-rata 1 for 5 non-renounceable Entitlement Offer of new fully paid shares will raise up to approximately \$241.2 million (approximately 167.5 million shares).**

The proceeds will be invested in accordance with the Company's proven active investment approach, which focuses on large-cap companies with compelling fundamentals, a robust macroeconomic thematic and a catalyst, and has led to strong investment portfolio outperformance in all periods throughout the Company's history.

✓ **Attractive issue price of \$1.44 per New Share.**

The issue price of \$1.44 per New Share represents an attractive discount of 8.0% to the closing share price on Monday 12 July 2021 of \$1.565 per share. The fully franked full year dividend of 7.0 cents per share represents a dividend yield of 4.9% and a grossed-up dividend yield² of 6.9% on the issue price of \$1.44 per New Share.

✓ **Guaranteed 1 New Share for every 5 WAM Leaders shares held.**

Shareholders¹ who take up their Entitlement Offer will be guaranteed 1 New Share for every 5 WAM Leaders shares held as of the record date of Monday 19 July 2021 at 7:00pm (Sydney time), provided application monies are received prior to the closing date of the Entitlement Offer, in accordance with the Offer Booklet and the personalised entitlement and acceptance form.

✓ **Additional fully franked final dividend.**

New Shares issued under the Entitlement Offer will rank equally with existing WAM Leaders shares on issue and will **therefore receive the fully franked final dividend of 3.5 cents per share³**.

✓ **No brokerage costs.**

Shareholders who participate in the Entitlement Offer will do so without incurring any brokerage costs.

Apply for Additional New Shares

Shareholders who take up their Entitlement Offer in full may also apply for Additional New Shares in excess of their Entitlement (*Additional New Shares*) under a Top-Up Facility (*Top-Up Facility*).

¹All shareholders with registered addresses in Australia or New Zealand on the register as of the record date, Monday 19 July 2021 at 7:00pm (Sydney time).

²Grossed-up dividend yield includes the benefit of franking credits and is based on a tax rate of 30.0%.

³Assumes shareholders continue to hold shares issued under the offer at the dividend record date on Tuesday 19 October 2021.

“The WAM Leaders investment team is excited and honoured to be investing shareholder capital in this new phase for equity markets. We stand ready to capitalise on the many opportunities we have identified”.

— WAM Leaders Lead Portfolio Manager, Matt Haupt



Shortfall Facility



If there remains any shortfall of New Shares taken up by Eligible Shareholders (including after the application of the Top-Up Facility), the WAM Leaders Board of Directors reserves the right to issue all or any of the New Shares under the Shortfall Facility at their discretion (**Shortfall Facility**). The New Shares issued under the Shortfall Facility will be offered through a placement to eligible professional and sophisticated investors⁴ at the same price and under the same terms as the Entitlement Offer. Shareholders who participate in the Shortfall Facility will receive the fully franked final dividend of 3.5 cents per share³. New Shares issued under the Shortfall Facility will rank equally with existing WAM Leaders shares on issue.

If you are a professional and sophisticated investor⁴ and have enquiries regarding the Shortfall Facility, please contact:

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Benefits to all shareholders



The Entitlement Offer will deliver benefits to all shareholders beyond the opportunity for participants to purchase shares at an attractive discount to the current share price. The Entitlement Offer entitles existing shareholders to increase their interest in the Company on a pro-rata basis without incurring brokerage costs. New Shares issued under the Top-Up Facility will rank equally with existing WAM Leaders shares on issue and will therefore receive the fully franked final dividend of 3.5 cents per share³. The capital raising will grow the Company’s assets, and continue to increase its relevance in the market, improve the prospect of additional broker and research coverage, increase interest from financial planners and gain additional access to market opportunities. The increased size is also expected to reduce the fixed expense ratio of the Company to the benefit of all shareholders.

Use of the additional capital



The proceeds of the additional capital will be invested in accordance with the Company’s disciplined and proven investment process. WAM Leaders’ active investment approach, which focuses on large-cap companies with compelling fundamentals, a robust macroeconomic thematic and a catalyst, and has led to strong investment portfolio outperformance in all periods throughout the Company’s history. Since inception in May 2016, the WAM Leaders investment portfolio has increased 14.9%⁵ per annum, outperforming the Index by 4.5% per annum.

WAM Leaders’ gross assets as at 30 June 2021 were \$1,225.8 million, 96.9% of which were allocated to equities, with the remaining 3.1% held in cash and cash equivalents. The current cash weighting supports the flexible investment mandate to actively pursue opportunities in the market as they arise.

⁴These terms are defined in the Corporations Act and refer to individuals with net assets greater than \$2.5 million, or those who earn gross income of \$250,000, or a Superannuation Fund with net assets of at least \$10 million.

⁵Investment portfolio performance is before expenses, fees and taxes to compare to the relevant index which is also before expenses, fees and taxes.

Key Dates

Announcement of Entitlement Offer	Tuesday 13 July 2021
Lodgement of Offer Booklet	Wednesday 14 July 2021
Shares trade on an ex-Entitlement basis	Friday 16 July 2021
Entitlement Offer Record date (Sydney time 7:00pm)	Monday 19 July 2021
Dispatch of Offer Booklet and application forms	Thursday 22 July 2021
Entitlement Offer opens	Thursday 22 July 2021
Entitlement Offer closes (Sydney time 5:00pm)	Friday 6 August 2021
Issue date of New Shares	Friday 13 August 2021
Ex dividend date	Monday 18 October 2021
Dividend Record Date (Sydney time 7:00pm)	Tuesday 19 October 2021
Dividend payment date	Friday 29 October 2021



Further information relating to the Entitlement Offer and the timetable will be contained in the Offer Booklet.



Participating in the Entitlement Offer

WAM Leaders' share registry, Boardroom Pty Limited, will email application forms and the Offer Booklet to eligible shareholders who have email addresses on the share register.

This email will come from companies@boardroomlimited.com.au.

Printed copies will be mailed only to those shareholders who do not have email addresses on the share register. If you currently receive postal correspondence from Boardroom and would like to receive an email application form earlier, please contact Boardroom directly on:

T 1300 420 372

E wilsonam@boardroomlimited.com.au

Eligible shareholders should read the Offer Booklet in full before deciding whether to subscribe for New Shares.

Join our WAM Leaders Investor Update and Q&A today

Please join Wilson Asset Management Chairman and Chief Investment Officer Geoff Wilson AO, WAM Leaders Lead Portfolio Manager Matthew Haupt, Portfolio Manager John Ayoub and Equity Analyst Anna Milne for an Investor Update and Q&A webinar.

**Tuesday 13 July 2021
3:30pm (Sydney time)**

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Key terms

Entitlement Offer

Entitlements are offered to eligible shareholders in the ratio of 1 New Share for every 5 shares of their existing WAM Leaders holdings. Fractional entitlements will be rounded up to the nearest whole number for New Shares.



Eligibility

The Entitlement Offer will be open to shareholders of the Company (**Eligible Shareholders**) who:

- own shares in the Company as at 7:00pm (Sydney time) on the Record Date of Monday 19 July 2021; and
- have a registered address in Australia or New Zealand.

New Share

A share offered and issued under the Offer Booklet, the terms and conditions of which are set out in the Offer Booklet.

Non-renounceable

The Entitlement Offer is non-renounceable. Accordingly, the entitlements to participate in the Entitlement Offer are not transferable and cannot be traded on the ASX or any other exchange or transferred privately.

Top-Up Facility

Additional New Shares in excess of the Entitlement.

Shortfall Facility

Any shortfall of New Shares not taken up by Eligible Shareholders including after the application of the Top-Up Facility.

Shareholders who have any questions regarding the Entitlement Offer or Top-Up Facility are encouraged to contact:

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About WAM Leaders

WAM Leaders Limited is a listed investment company (LIC) managed by Wilson Asset Management. Listed in May 2016, WAM Leaders provides investors with exposure to an active investment process focused on identifying large-cap companies with compelling fundamentals, a robust macroeconomic thematic and a catalyst.

All major platforms provide access to WAM Leaders, including AMP North, BT Panorama, Colonial First State FirstWrap, Netwealth, Macquarie Wrap and Hub24. WAM Leaders receives coverage from the following independent investment research providers:

WAM Leaders
5 Years Listed



This announcement has been authorised by the Board of WAM Leaders Limited.

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About Wilson Asset Management

Wilson Asset Management has a track record of making a difference for shareholders and the community for more than 20 years. As the investment manager for eight LICs – WAM Capital (ASX: WAM), WAM Leaders (ASX: WLE), WAM Global (ASX: WGB), WAM Microcap (ASX: WMI), WAM Alternative Assets (ASX: WMA), WAM Strategic Value (ASX: WAR), WAM Research (ASX: WAX) and WAM Active (ASX: WAA) – Wilson Asset Management invests over \$4.7 billion on behalf of more than 110,000 retail investors.

Wilson Asset Management created and is the lead supporter of the first LICs to deliver both investment and social returns: Future Generation Australia (ASX: FGX) and Future Generation Global (ASX: FGG). Wilson Asset Management advocates and acts for retail investors, is a member of the global philanthropic Pledge 1% movement, is a significant funder of many Australian charities and provides all team members with \$10,000 each year to donate to charities of their choice. All philanthropic investments are made by the Investment Manager.