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Folkestone Maxim A-REIT Securities Fund added to Colonial First State FirstWrap

The Folkestone Maxim A-REIT Securities Fund ("Fund") is now available on Colonial First State FirstWrap.

The Fund offers something unique to investors, through a high conviction actively managed investment strategy, delivering a concentrated portfolio of ASX listed real estate securities bought on merit, rather than benchmark weights.

This Fund looks inside and outside the S&P/ASX 300 A-REIT Index ("Index") for attractive investment opportunities. The Index is highly concentrated with the top two A-REITs, Westfield and Scentre, comprising 36% of the Index, the top 8 comprising 80% of the Index and the retail sector making up almost 60% of the underlying assets owned by A-REITs.

Mr Winston Sammut, Portfolio Manager for the Fund said, "in an environment of rising bond yields and property cap rates stabilising, the A-REIT sector may come under short-term pricing pressure. As a result, we think advisers and their clients who adopt a well-disciplined, active strategy focused on individual security selection may have the potential to be rewarded whilst an Index strategy may likely underperform."

Security selection continues to work for the Fund. For the year to 31 December 2017 investors received a total return of 11.97% (after fees, before tax) outperforming the Index return of 6.45% by a value add of 5.52%.

Mr Sammut said "The Fund's strong performance in the past year can be attributed to taking active positions in securities such as Rural Funds (agricultural sector) and Lifestyle Communities (seniors living sector) and not investing in a number of the retail focused A-REITs which have underperformed due to the cyclical and structural changes impacting the retail sector."

"Strong performance, generated through a high conviction, active investment style, does not have to add to volatility (risk) to an A-REIT securities fund" says Mr Sammut.

"Over the three years to 31 December 2017, the Fund generated outperformance of +3.10% p.a. (after fees, before tax) above the Index return while maintaining a lower level of volatility¹ of 10.61% p.a. as compared to the Index of 12.64% p.a.².

¹ Standard Deviation of Returns

² S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index. Source: Morningstar December 2017



Mr Adrian Harrington, Head of Funds Management, said "We are delighted by the growing adviser demand for the Fund. Over the last two years, we have been growing our presence in the retail market with the Fund now available on a range of platforms including; Asgard eWrap, Asgard Infinity, BT Wrap, BT Panorama, Hub 24, IOOF Pursuit, Macquarie Wrap, Netwealth, Powerwrap, Symetry and uXchange. We also have an SMA with Mason Stevens and are running MDAs for a financial advisory group and a number of Family Offices."

Folkestone Maxim was a finalist in the Money Management/Lonsec's 2017 Fund Manager of the Year Awards in both the Property & Infrastructure Securities and the Emerging Manager categories. In December 2017, the Fund was awarded the inaugural Financial Standard Investment Leadership Award for Australian Listed Property.

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Folkestone Maxim Asset Management is a wholly owned subsidiary of Folkestone and specialises in the management of A-REIT securities funds.

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