



GLOBAL MASTERS FUND LIMITED

ABN 84 109 047 618

Chairman's Address – Annual General Meeting

Friday 15 November 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am pleased to present the 14th Annual Chairman's Report of Global Masters Fund Limited for the financial year ending 30 June 2019.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW:

The Company has enjoyed a good performance over the year ended 30 June 2019 with the Net Tangible Asset (NTA) value per share increasing by 10.5%, before recognising the net deferred tax liability on unrealised gains. This was driven by an increase in value of its major investment, Berkshire Hathaway, listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The increase in NTA was also supported by a fall in the Australian dollar compared to the US currency. Global Masters was established to provide investors with offshore diversity and currency exposure. Your Board does not hedge the currency.

During the year, the UK investments which comprise 16.6% of the portfolio, performed well.

In these uncertain times including the unresolved Brexit issue, the Manager - EC Pohl & Co Pty Ltd, continues to monitor events so that swift action can be taken if necessary.

We are confident that the companies we have invested in will continue to grow their economic footprint. What remains uncertain is the unquantified risk and final impact of BREXIT.

We are confident that commercial reality will result in some kind of trade deal with the EU and the likelihood of deals around the world. There is still an inherent risk for the London Financial markets. Your Board, as well as the management of Athelney Trust and EC Pohl & Co Pty Ltd will continually monitor these matters so as to be in a position to react if necessary.



In Australia, after a drop in the All Ordinaries Index in the first and second quarters of the year, the market and business confidence improved after the election of Scott Morrison as Prime Minister. With a cut in tax rates and the Reserve Bank in Australia cutting the cash rate, there is a sense of political stability and the outlook seems positive, compared to the start of the financial year.

THE MARKET OUTLOOK

Opportunities in the new financial year remain uncertain and as business, consumers and the markets react to threats – real or imagined – the task at hand requires a disciplined and patient commitment to the investment process – a process employed by our Manager - EC Pohl & Co – and this is fundamental to the success of our business. I would like to thank Dr Manny Pohl and his team of professionals for their outstanding contribution.

Your Board will continue to monitor the markets and the Global Masters Fund portfolios. Volatility is not necessarily to be avoided or feared but caution is warranted.

THE BOARD

As always, I thank my fellow Directors (Manny Pohl, Managing Director, Patrick Corrigan and Jonathan Addison) and our Company Secretary (Mr Brian Jones) for their hard work and engagement throughout the year and I also thank you as Shareholders, for your support and loyalty over many years.

Murray d'Almeida

Chairman

15 November 2019