# STAUDE CAPITAL

# GLOBAL VALUE FUND

#### Dear fellow shareholders,

On behalf of the directors of Global Value Fund Limited (also referred to as 'GVF' or 'the Company'), I am pleased to present the Company's full-year results and annual report for the year ended 30 June 2022 ('FY2022').

FY2022 was a challenging year for investors, with most traditional asset classes recording noticeable losses over the period. Despite these headwinds, it is pleasing to report that the Company delivered positive investment returns over the year. The Portfolio Manager's letter to shareholders that follows provides a detailed description of the performance of the investment portfolio throughout FY2022 and discusses the outlook for the year ahead.

#### Investment performance and financial highlights

The Company's adjusted pre-tax NTA increased by 2.8%<sup>1</sup> during FY2022, or 3.3% if we include the benefit of franking credits received during the year. Shareholder total returns for the period were 5.2%<sup>2</sup>, with the high level of dividend payments made by the company more than offsetting the modest weakness in the share price.

Over the course of the year, GVF's share price traded between a 6.3% discount to its pre-tax NTA and a 2.2% premium, averaging a 4.1% discount when measured over the full year.

As GVF is an investment company, its profitability is driven by the returns from its investment portfolio. The Company reported a net profit after tax of \$5,500,304 for the year ended 30 June 2022. As at year end, the pre-tax NTA backing of the Company was \$1.15 per share and the post-tax NTA backing was \$1.08 per share.

### Dividends

The Board is pleased to announce a 3.3 cents per share fully franked final dividend for FY2022, maintaining the Company's current dividend payment rate, despite the more challenging environment the second half of FY2022 presented.

#### FY2022 dividend guidance

The Board currently anticipates that both the interim and final dividend for FY2023 will be 3.3 cents per share, franked as fully as possible. Whether a further increase in dividend payments in FY2023 is possible will depend on the Company's investment performance during the year.

The above dividend guidance is not a formal declaration of dividends for FY2023. The size and payment of any interim or final dividend for FY2023 will be subject to the Company having sufficient profit reserves and the dividend payment being within prudent business practices. If a FY2023 interim dividend is declared, the Board expects that it would be payable during May 2023.

### Dividends

While the Company generated positive returns during FY2022, they were held back considerably by the challenging market conditions seen over the year. When it comes to the payment of dividends, however, one of the advantages of the listed investment company (LIC) structure, is that LIC's like GVF can accumulate profits in a 'profit reserve' that can be drawn down against in future years. Pleasingly, over its life, GVF has been able to build a healthy profit reserve for shareholders. Thus, between the positive investment returns generated, and the ability to utilize previously saved profits, the board is able to announce 3.3 cents per share fully franked final dividend for FY2022. The final FY2022 dividend of 3.3 cents per share maintains the Company's high current dividend payment rate, despite the more challenging environment FY2022 presented.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Adjusted NTA returns are net of all fees and expenses. NTA adjusted for dividend and tax payments and the effects of capital management initiatives. Source: Staude Capital Ltd.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Shareholder total returns include dividend payments and franking credits. Source Bloomberg LLP.



## GVF AGM

As previously announced to shareholders, GVF portfolio manager, Miles Staude, and GVF head of corporate affairs, Emma Davidson, will be opening a new Staude Capital office in Sydney in November of this year, and relocating their family back to Australia. This development should allow both Miles and Emma to spend more time meeting with shareholders over the years ahead. The new Sydney office will complement the portfolio management teams' existing London office, allowing the team to cover the various Asian markets more closely as part of their global investment remit. In anticipation of opening their second office, Staude Capital recently hired Marios Charalambous to work alongside Mark Ambrose and James Dow in London. Marios joins Staude Capital from Coremont LLP and holds a BA in Mathematics from the University of Oxford.

The Board is pleased to see Staude Capital expanding the portfolio manager team and has confidence that the initiative to open a second office will be a success.

Taking advantage of their new domicile, Emma and Miles will be able to attend the FY2022 AGM in person, where they will provide a presentation to investors following the conclusion of the Company's AGM business on the day. Shareholders who cannot attend the Sydney meeting in person will be able to participate in the presentation through a live video facility and a recording of the presentation will also be circulated to shareholders after the event.

The AGM and shareholder presentation will be held on 24 November 2022 at 15.00 AEDT and the Company will circulate details on how to particulate in the event closer to the date.

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Jonathan Trollip Chairman Sydney 24 August 2022

Staude Capital Limited is an appointed representative of Mirabella Advisers LLP, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Mirabella Financial Services LLP is the investment manager of the Global Value Fund and has seconded the investment team at Staude Capital to manage the Global Value Fund.