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## **GVF significantly outperforms, increases full year dividend**

### **Highlights**

- Record operating profit before tax of \$15.8M
- Final FY2017 dividend of 3.15 cents per share declared, a 5% increase on FY2016
- Investment strategy delivers 15% market outperformance

Global Value Fund Limited (ASX: GVF) (“GVF” or the “Company”) announces a record operating profit before tax of \$15.8 million and a record operating profit after tax of \$11.1 million for the full year ended 30 June 2017. The Company has declared a final dividend for FY2017 of 3.15 cents per share, an increase of 5% compared to the previous corresponding period. The FY2017 final dividend will be 50% franked.

For the full year ended 30 June 2017, the Company’s investment portfolio generated net investment returns of 14.8%<sup>1</sup>. The largest contributor to returns was the investment manager’s discount capture strategy, which generated a 15%<sup>2</sup> (gross) return over FY2017. Positive returns from this strategy represent outperformance over the underlying currency and asset class exposures of the investment portfolio, and the 15% generated from the strategy during FY2017 represents significant market outperformance.

Company Chairman Jonathan Trollip said: “FY2017 contained many surprises for financial markets, probably the most significant single event for markets was the surprise election of Donald Trump to the US presidency, an event that precipitated a significant rally in global share markets, but a selloff in many other assets classes, such as government bonds. Pleasingly, against this backdrop the Company’s investment portfolio delivered a net investment return of 14.8%<sup>1</sup>”.

### **FY2017 review and Company outlook**

Portfolio Manager Miles Staude said: “FY2017 proved to be the best full-year performance for the fund’s discount capture strategy since the Company’s IPO and was a very strong result given the mixed investing backdrop the year presented. Looking ahead to FY2018, the Company begins the new financial year with an investment portfolio full of attractive underlying value that the team and I are excited about unlocking. The fund continues to run with low levels of general equity market risk, and as global share markets continue to rally, our focus remains on generating the best risk-adjusted returns we can, while seeking to protect shareholder capital from any market correction”.

### **FY2017 key dates\***

Ex-dividend date	6 October 2017
Dividend record date	9 October 2017
Last election date for DRP	10 October 2017
Dividend payment date	3 November 2017

\*These dates may be subject to change

<sup>1</sup> Net investment returns are after management fees and trading costs, but before company expenses and tax (Source: StauDe Capital Limited).

<sup>2</sup> Source: StauDe Capital Limited



### **Increased FY2017 Final Dividend of 3.15 cents per share**

The Board has resolved to pay a final dividend of 3.15 cents per share for FY2017, an increase of 5% compared to the previous corresponding period. The FY2017 final dividend will be 50% franked. The record date for the FY2017 final dividend is 9 October 2017 and the final dividend will be paid on 3 November 2017. GVF shares will trade ex-dividend on 6 October 2017.

### **Dividend reinvestment plan**

The Company's dividend reinvestment plan (DRP) will be in effect for the FY2017 final dividend of 3.15 cents per share.

The DRP has been designed so that participants will always receive the lowest reinvestment price possible, without their reinvestment diluting the post-tax NTA of those shareholders who choose not to participate in the plan. When the Company's share price is greater than or equal to its NTA, dividends are paid as newly issued shares in the Company. The Company's closing share price of \$1.13 per share on 28 August 2017 was above its current NTA. If this situation remains on 6 October 2017, participating shareholders will be issued new shares at the greater of a 2.5% discount to the volume weighted average share price over the three trading days from the ex-date, or the 6 October 2017 NTA value of the Company. If the share price for GVF is less than the Company's NTA at this time, cash available for distribution as dividends on shares subject to the DRP will be used to acquire the Company's shares on-market in accordance with the terms set out in the plan.

Shareholders who would like to participate in the DRP can enroll at [www.investorserve.com.au](http://www.investorserve.com.au), or alternatively please contact the Company's share registrar, Boardroom, on 1300 737 760. The enrolment deadline for participation in the DRP for the FY2017 interim dividend is 5.00 pm (AEDT) Tuesday 10 October 2017. Details of the DRP are available on the Company's website at:

[www.globalvaluefund.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/GVF-Dividend-Reinvestment-Plan-Staude.-Mirabella.-Mertons-approved.-July-2017.pdf](http://www.globalvaluefund.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/GVF-Dividend-Reinvestment-Plan-Staude.-Mirabella.-Mertons-approved.-July-2017.pdf)

### **FY2018 full year dividend guidance**

The Board currently anticipates being able to maintain at least the same level of dividend payments made during FY2017 over the FY2018 financial year, that being a 3.15 cent per share interim dividend payment 50% franked, and a further 3.15 cent per share final dividend payment 50% franked. Whether an increase in dividend payments or dividend franking levels is possible will depend on the Company's investment performance during FY2018.

The above dividend guidance is not a formal declaration of dividends for FY2018. The size and payment of any interim or final dividend for FY2018 will be subject to the Company having sufficient profit reserves and the dividend payment being within prudent business practices. If a FY2018 interim dividend is declared, the Board expects that it would be payable during May 2018.



## About GVF

The Global Value Fund (ASX: GVF) is a listed investment company that provides shareholders with the opportunity to invest globally through a portfolio of securities purchased at a discount to their underlying asset value. By capturing this discount for its shareholders, the Company aims to provide an alternative source of market outperformance compared to more common stock selection strategies.

Staude Capital is based in London and its investment team has considerable experience in finding international assets trading at a discount to their intrinsic worth, and in identifying or creating catalysts that will be used to unlock this value. The investment team at Staude Capital has been seconded into Mirabella Financial Services LLP to manage the Global Value Fund portfolio.

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