

## Share Purchase Plan and Placement for WAM Microcap shareholders

2 April 2024  
ASX announcement  
and media release

**SPP price**  
**\$1.455 per**  
**share<sup>9</sup>**

being the estimated  
pre-tax NTA<sup>4</sup> as at  
31 March 2024

**7.2%**  
**Annualised fully**  
**franked dividend**  
**yield<sup>6</sup>**

**10.3%**  
**Annualised**  
**grossed-up**  
**dividend yield<sup>7</sup>**

**5.8 years**  
**Dividend coverage**  
equating to an estimated 60.4  
cents per share<sup>4</sup> available in the  
profits reserve as at 31 March  
2024

The WAM Microcap Limited (ASX: WMI) Board of Directors is pleased to announce a Share Purchase Plan (SPP) and Placement to existing shareholders<sup>1</sup>, raising \$75.0 million. This capital will be invested in the many undervalued growth opportunities the investment team have identified while providing existing WAM Microcap shareholders the opportunity to increase their holding in the Company.

The micro-cap sector is exhibiting signs of outperformance as company valuations improve following a period where large-cap companies have outperformed their smaller peers.

Thus the Company is looking to raise a total of \$75.0 million between the SPP and Placement, with the offer being made to existing shareholders<sup>1</sup> of WAM Microcap who have supported the Company since its inception in 2017. WAM Microcap has the capacity to raise \$138.9 million through the SPP and Placement, however, is only seeking to raise \$75.0 million, ensuring the capital is deployed into the most compelling opportunities.

Due to the restricted size of the offer, the proposed allocation policy for oversubscriptions will be to favour long-term, loyal shareholders and applications will be allocated depending on their length of time as a shareholder and size of holding. The Company is purposely restricting the size of the offer and is raising less than the heavily oversubscribed 2020 SPP and Placement which raised \$88.0 million.

The SPP provides the opportunity to acquire up to \$30,000 of fully paid ordinary shares in WAM Microcap, without incurring brokerage fees, at a 4.3% discount to the current share price<sup>2</sup>. Shareholders who participate in the SPP and Placement will be entitled to the fully franked interim dividend<sup>3</sup> of 5.25 cents per share. The SPP and Placement will only be offered to existing shareholders<sup>1</sup> at the price of \$1.455 per share, equal to the Company's estimated pre-tax net tangible asset (NTA)<sup>4</sup> backing per share as at 31 March 2024.

Shareholders will have the opportunity to apply for the SPP via an [online acceptance facility](#) that will open on Wednesday, 3 April 2024 and close on Monday, 22 April 2024.

Full details including access to the dedicated website and application instructions are

available in the [SPP booklet](#) which was announced earlier today.

Chairman Geoff Wilson AO said: "The WAM Microcap investment team has diligently constructed the investment portfolio, which has resulted in strong investment portfolio performance and total shareholder return since inception. The Company's share price has been trading at an average premium to NTA of 14.7% following the last SPP and Placement in September 2020 and we are pleased to provide our existing WAM Microcap shareholders the opportunity to increase their holdings at NTA and invest in a portfolio of quality Australian micro-cap companies.

"We greatly appreciate the trust, loyalty and support our shareholders have shown us since inception," Geoff added.

Through the Company's continued focus on undervalued micro-cap growth companies with a catalyst, in the 12-months to 31 March 2024, the WAM Microcap investment portfolio increased 25.7%<sup>5</sup>, outperforming the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 11.9%. The investment portfolio has increased 16.4%<sup>5</sup> per annum since inception in June 2017, outperforming by 9.4% per annum.

Since inception in June 2017, WAM Microcap has delivered total shareholder return (TSR) including the value of franking credits of 12.7% per annum, well above the return of the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index of 7.0% per annum over the same period. Shareholders who participate in the SPP and Placement will be entitled to receive the fully franked interim dividend<sup>3</sup> of 5.25 cents per share. The fully franked interim dividend of 5.25 cents per share represents an annualised FY2024 fully franked dividend yield of 7.2%<sup>6</sup> and an annualised grossed-up dividend yield of 10.3%<sup>7</sup> on the estimated 31 March 2024 pre-tax NTA.

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WAM Microcap has paid 54.25 cents per share in fully franked dividends to shareholders since inception, providing an average dividend yield on the initial public offering price of 8.2% and a grossed-up dividend yield of 11.7%<sup>7</sup> including the value of franking credits. The Company currently has 5.8 years dividend coverage, equating to an estimated 60.4 cents per share<sup>4</sup> available in its profits reserve as at 31 March 2024, before the payment of the fully franked interim dividend of 5.25 cents per share, payable on 30 May 2024 and before the issue of new WAM Microcap shares under the SPP and Placement.

Lead Portfolio Manager Oscar Oberg said: “We believe micro-cap companies are poised for recovery following the 2022 market sell-off and are optimistic for the year ahead.

“We are seeing the most compelling opportunities to deploy capital since the coronavirus pandemic and believe there will be an increase in capital markets activity in the next 12-months,” he said.

## SPP and Placement

The Placement is currently expected to occur towards the end of April 2024 to existing, long-term WAM Microcap professional and sophisticated investors<sup>8</sup> at the same price and under the same terms as the SPP.

Under the ASX Listing Rules, the Board can issue up to an additional 95.4 million shares or \$138.9 million under the SPP and Placement. Under the SPP, 63.6 million shares or \$92.6 million is able to be raised and under the Placement, 31.8 million shares or \$46.3 million is able to be raised utilising WAM Microcap’s 15% capacity under the ASX Listing Rules.

The total number of new WAM Microcap shares to be issued under the SPP and Placement is 51.5 million, raising a total of \$75.0 million based on the estimated 31 March 2024 pre-tax NTA.

With the \$75.0 million of additional capital to be raised, up to \$50.0 million will be allocated to the SPP participants and \$25.0 million to the Placement, with any of the SPP allocation not taken up to be allocated to the Placement. The shares issued under the SPP and Placement will rank pari passu with existing shares.

If you would like to participate in the Placement, please call Hamish Nairn from Taylor Collison or contact Philip Lee from Morgans.

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If you have any questions in relation to the SPP, please contact Wilson Asset Management’s Chief Financial Officer Jesse Hamilton or Olivia Harris. Alternatively, you can consult your financial advisor or stockbroker.

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<sup>1</sup>Subject to clause 1(c) to 1(i) of the SPP Terms and Conditions, all persons registered as holders of fully paid ordinary shares in WAM Microcap as at 7:00pm (Sydney time) on 28 March 2024 with a registered address in Australia or New Zealand.

<sup>2</sup>Based on the 28 March 2024 closing share price of \$1.52 per share and the estimated 31 March 2024 pre-tax NTA of \$1.455 per share.

<sup>3</sup>Assumes shareholders continue to hold shares issued under the SPP and Placement at the dividend record date on 20 May 2024.

<sup>4</sup>The 31 March 2024 pre-tax NTA and profits reserve figures are estimates only, and are based solely on the investment portfolio performance for the month. The estimated pre-tax NTA and profits reserve figures are before the fully franked interim dividend to be paid on 30 May 2024 and before the issue of new WAM Microcap shares under the SPP and Placement. The March 2024 investment update, including the final pre and post-tax NTA and profits reserve figures, will be announced to the market on or before 12 April 2024.

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

<sup>6</sup>Based on an annualised FY2024 fully franked interim dividend of 10.5 cents per share and the estimated 31 March 2024 pre-tax NTA of \$1.455 per share.

<sup>7</sup>Grossed-up dividend yield includes the benefit of franking credits and is based on a tax rate of 30.0%.

<sup>8</sup>These 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.

<sup>9</sup>The Issue price may be adjusted if required to comply with the requirements of ASIC Corporations (Share and Interest Purchase Plans) Instrument 2019/547 and the ASX Listing Rules.

## Strong investment portfolio performance and fully franked dividends since inception

**16.4%**

Investment portfolio performance since inception<sup>10</sup>

**54.25 cps**

Fully franked dividends paid since inception

**7.2%**

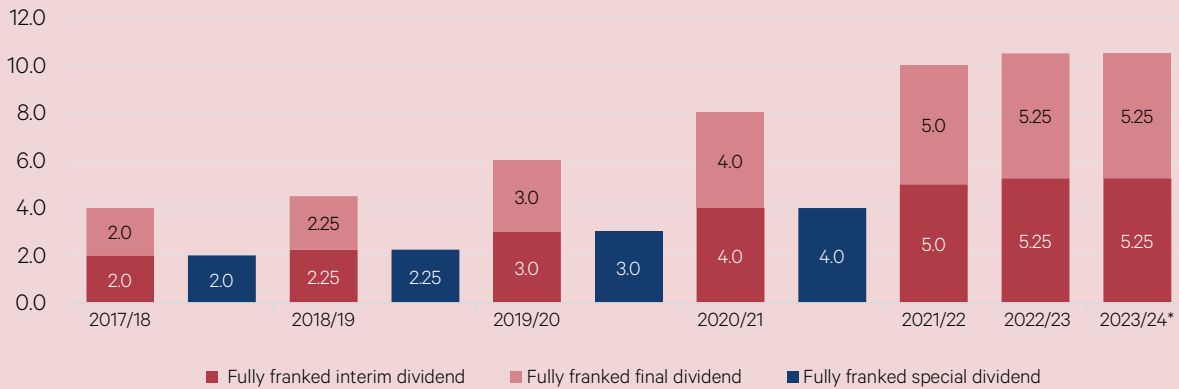
Annualised fully franked dividend yield on estimated 31 March 2024 pre-tax NTA<sup>11</sup>

**5.8 years**

Dividend coverage, before the issue of new SPP and Placement shares<sup>12</sup>

### Fully franked dividends since inception

Cents per share



### Investment portfolio performance since inception

as at 31 March 2024

	Fin YTD	1 yr	3 yrs %pa	5 yrs %pa	Since inception %pa (Jun-17)
WAM Microcap Investment Portfolio <sup>10</sup>	20.3%	25.7%	7.4%	16.6%	16.4%
S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index	14.4%	13.8%	2.7%	5.4%	7.0%
<b>Outperformance</b>	<b>+5.9%</b>	<b>+11.9%</b>	<b>+4.7%</b>	<b>+11.2%</b>	<b>+9.4%</b>

<sup>10</sup>Investment portfolio performance is before expenses, fees and taxes to compare to the relevant index which is also before expenses, fees and taxes.

<sup>11</sup>Based on an annualised FY2024 fully franked interim dividend of 10.5 cents per share and the estimated 31 March 2024 pre-tax NTA of \$1,455 per share.

<sup>12</sup>Dividend coverage is before the payment of the FY2024 fully franked interim dividend of 5.25 cents per share. It is based on an annualised FY2024 fully franked interim dividend of 10.5 cents per share and before the issue of new WAM Microcap shares under the SPP and Placement. The 31 March 2024 pre-tax NTA and profits reserve figures are estimates only, and are based solely on the investment portfolio performance for the month.

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# Share Purchase Plan fact sheet

The Share Purchase Plan (SPP) offers existing shareholders<sup>1</sup> the opportunity to acquire up to \$30,000 of fully paid ordinary shares in WAM Microcap without incurring any brokerage fees, and at a 4.3% discount to the current share price<sup>2</sup>.

## Purpose of the SPP

To equitably and efficiently grow the Company's assets, increase its relevance in the market and provide access to market opportunities.

## Who is entitled to the SPP?

The SPP is available to existing WAM Microcap shareholders who were on the WAM Microcap register as at 7:00pm (Sydney time) on the record date of 28 March 2024 with a registered address in Australia or New Zealand.

## Benefits to shareholders



The SPP will deliver benefits to shareholders beyond the opportunity for participants to purchase shares at a 4.3% discount to the current share price<sup>2</sup> without incurring brokerage fees.

The WAM Microcap share price closed at \$1.52 per share on 28 March 2024 and WAM Microcap's estimated pre-tax NTA as at 31 March 2024 was \$1,455 per share<sup>2</sup>. Shareholders who participate in the SPP will be entitled to receive the fully franked interim dividend<sup>3</sup> of 5.25 cents per share, payable on 30 May 2024. The fully franked interim dividend of 5.25 cents per share represents an annualised FY2024 fully franked dividend yield of 7.2% and a grossed-up dividend yield of 10.3%<sup>4</sup> on the estimated 31 March 2024 pre-tax NTA<sup>2</sup>.

The primary purpose of the capital raising is to equitably and efficiently grow the Company's assets, increase its relevance in the market, improve the prospect of broker and research coverage, garner additional interest from financial planners and provide access to market opportunities. The Company's larger capital base increases the liquidity of the shares, and the increased size is also expected to reduce the fixed expense ratio of the Company to the benefit of all shareholders.

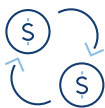
## Use of the additional capital



The proceeds of the additional capital will be invested in accordance with WAM Microcap's disciplined and proven investment process. WAM Microcap has the capacity to raise \$138.9 million through the current SPP and Placement, however is only seeking to raise \$75.0 million, ensuring the capital is deployed into the most compelling opportunities that the investment team have identified.

WAM Microcap provides exposure to relative value arbitrage and market mispricing opportunities. WAM Microcap's investment objectives are to deliver a stream of fully franked dividends, provide capital growth over the medium-to-long term and preserve capital. Since inception in June 2017, the WAM Microcap investment portfolio has increased 16.4%<sup>5</sup> per annum as at 31 March 2024, outperforming the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 9.4% per annum. WAM Microcap's assets as at 31 March 2024 were \$311.6 million, 95.4% of which were allocated to equities, with the remaining 4.6% held in cash.

## Placement



The Placement is currently expected to occur in the last week of April 2024 to existing, long-term WAM Microcap professional and sophisticated investors<sup>6</sup> at the same price and under the same terms as the SPP. With the \$75 million of additional capital to be raised, up to \$50 million will be allocated to the SPP and \$25 million to the Placement.

If you would like to participate in the Placement, please call Hamish Nairn from Taylor Collison on (08) 8217 3908 or email [hnairn@taylorcollison.com.au](mailto:hnairn@taylorcollison.com.au) or Philip Lee from Morgans on (07) 3334 4864 or email [philip.lee@morgans.com.au](mailto:philip.lee@morgans.com.au).

<sup>1</sup>Subject to clause 1(c) to 1(i) of the SPP Terms and Conditions, all persons registered as holders of fully paid ordinary shares in WAM Microcap as at 7:00pm (Sydney time) on 28 March 2024 with a registered address in Australia or New Zealand.

<sup>2</sup>Based on the 28 March 2024 closing share price of \$1.52 per share and the estimated 31 March 2024 pre-tax NTA of \$1,455 per share. The 31 March 2024 pre-tax NTA and profits reserve figures are estimates only, and are based solely on the investment portfolio performance for the month.

<sup>3</sup>Assumes shareholders continue to hold shares issued under the SPP at the dividend record date on 20 May 2024.

<sup>4</sup>Grossed-up dividend yield includes the benefit of franking credits and is based on a tax rate of 30.0%.

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

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## Participating in the Share Purchase Plan

The WAM Microcap share registrar, Boardroom Pty Limited, will email application forms and a summary of the Offer to eligible shareholders who have email addresses on the share register.

This email will come from [companies@boardroomlimited.com.au](mailto: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 would like to receive an email application form earlier, please contact Boardroom directly on:

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Shareholders will also have the opportunity to apply for the SPP via an online acceptance facility at [www.wammicrocapspp.com.au](http://www.wammicrocapspp.com.au). The online acceptance facility will open tomorrow on Wednesday, 3 April 2024 and close on Monday, 22 April 2024.

Eligible shareholders should read the Share Purchase Plan booklet and related documentation in full before deciding whether to subscribe for new Shares.

### Key dates

<b>SPP Record Date (7:00pm Sydney time)</b>	<b>28 March 2024</b>
<b>Announcement and issue of SPP Terms and Conditions</b>	<b>2 April 2024</b>
<b>SPP opens</b>	<b>3 April 2024</b>
<b>SPP closes</b>	<b>22 April 2024</b>
<b>SPP and Placement results announced</b>	<b>by 26 April 2024</b>
<b>Expected issue of SPP Shares</b>	<b>30 April 2024</b>
<b>SPP Shares expected to commence trading on ASX</b>	<b>1 May 2024</b>
<b>Expected issue of Placement Shares</b>	<b>2 May 2024</b>
<b>Placement Shares expected to commence trading on ASX</b>	<b>3 May 2024</b>
<b>Dividend ex date</b>	<b>17 May 2024</b>
<b>Dividend record date (7:00pm Sydney time)</b>	<b>20 May 2024</b>
<b>Last election date for DRP</b>	<b>22 May 2024</b>
<b>Dividend payment date</b>	<b>30 May 2024</b>

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**Key terms**

**Eligibility** The Share Purchase Plan will be open to existing shareholders of the Company (Eligible Shareholders) who own shares in the Company as at 7:00pm (Sydney time) on the SPP Record Date of 28 March 2024 and have a registered address in Australia or New Zealand.

**Issue date** The date on which SPP Shares are issued (expected to be 30 April 2024).

**Issue price** \$1.455 per share, equal to the Company’s estimated pre-tax net tangible asset (NTA) per share as at 31 March 2024.

**Register** The register of shareholders maintained by the Registrar.

**Share Purchase Plan** A type of capital raising allowing companies to offer shares to existing investors.

**SPP Record Date** 7:00pm (Sydney time) on 28 March 2024.

**SPP Share** A new share offered under the SPP, the terms and conditions of which are set out in the SPP booklet.

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## About WAM Microcap

WAM Microcap Limited (ASX: WMI) provides investors access to a portfolio of undervalued micro-cap growth companies with a market capitalisation of less than \$300 million at the time of acquisition. WAM Microcap also provides exposure to relative value arbitrage and market mispricing opportunities. WAM Microcap's investment objectives are to deliver a stream of fully franked dividends, provide capital growth over the medium-to-long term and preserve capital.

All major platforms provide access to WAM Microcap, including Asgard eWRAP Investment, BT Panorama, BT Wrap, Colonial First State FirstWrap, Hub24, IOOF Pursuit Select Investment Service, Macquarie Investment Manager / Consolidator, MLC Wrap IDPS and SMS, Netwealth Wrap and North Investment.

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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 25 years and is 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), WAM Active (ASX: WAA) – and the Wilson Asset Management Leaders Fund. Wilson Asset Management invests over \$5 billion on behalf of more than 130,000 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.

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**5 billion**

in funds under management

**>200 Years**

combined investment  
experience

**+25 Years**

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shareholders

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