

Bahá'í Investment Fund Information

The Bahá'í Investment Fund (**the Fund**) is established by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Australia Inc. (ABN 71 174 672 086) to - provide funds for the acquisition, improvement and development of the various National Properties owned by the Faith; support the activities of the NSA; promote the objectives of the Faith; and to provide financial assistance to Local Spiritual Assemblies and other Institutions of the Faith, generally in the form of loans.

The Fund is designed for investors who wish to promote the purposes of the Bahá'í Faith and for whom the considerations of profit are not of primary relevance in the investment decision.

The National Assembly is a Charitable Investment Fundraiser and the [Identification Statement](#) for the Fund is registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

The Fund is not prudentially supervised by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority. Therefore, an investor in the Fund will not receive the benefit of the financial claims scheme or the depositor protection provisions in the *Banking Act 1959*. Investments in the Fund are intended to be a means for investors to support the charitable purposes of the Fund.

INVESTORS

The two broad categories of Bahá'í investors (debenture holders) in the Fund are:

- a) Bahá'í institutions and agencies (retail associated clients); and
- b) Individual Bahá'ís (retail non-associated clients). As from 18 February 2015, the NSA no longer receives new investments or addition to existing investments from individual Bahá'ís. The NSA continues to maintain existing investments by individuals made prior to the said date.

At this time therefore, **only Bahá'í institutions and agencies can invest in the Fund**. A copy of the *Subscription Memorandum* for the Fund is available for download in the section *Forms* below.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The National Assembly is required to and does lodge annually audited financial statements (incorporating financial information for the Fund), within six months of end of its financial year, with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. Copies of the National Assembly's audited financial statements and auditor's report for the preceding 3 years can be downloaded here:

- ❖ Audited Financial Statement for financial year ending 31 December 2014. Click [here](#).
- ❖ Audited Financial Statement for financial year ending 31 December 2015. Click [here](#).
- ❖ Audited Financial Statement for financial year ending 31 December 2016. Click [here](#).

FORMS

- ❖ Subscription Memorandum for the Bahá'í Investment Fund. Click [here](#).
- ❖ Application Form. Click [here](#).
- ❖ Withdrawal Form. Click [here](#).

Further information about the Fund can be obtained from the National Treasury Department by sending an email to treasury@bnc.bahai.org.au