

# MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

## NTA Backing as at 31 March 2019

Bentley Capital Limited (ASX Code: BEL) gives notice that its unaudited after-tax Net Tangible Assets (NTA) Backing as at 31 March 2019 was \$0.1148 per share.

NTA Backing for Period Ending:	% Change	Current Month 31 March 2019	Previous Month 28 February 2019
Pre-Tax NTA Backing per share	+25.54%	\$0.1148	\$0.0914
Post-Tax NTA Backing per share	+25.54%	\$0.1148	\$0.0914
Based on total issued share capital		<b>76,127,918</b>	76,127,918

Bentley's NTA position comprises the following items:

NTA Components:	Current Month 31 March 2019 \$'m	Previous Month 28 February 2019 'm
Non-current asset held for sale – Strike Resources Limited	4.10	2.21
Investment in Associate Entity – Keybridge Capital Limited	2.02	2.01
Clime CBG Australian Equities Fund (Wholesale) (CBG Fund)	1.26	1.43
Other ASX-listed securities	0.96	0.87
Other managed funds	0.42	0.42
Cash	0.17	0.13
Net other assets/(liabilities)	(0.19)	(0.11)
<b>Net Tangible Asset</b>	<b>8.74</b>	6.96

Bentley's major securities holdings as at 31 March 2019 were:

Security	ASX Code/ Description	Industry Sector	Value \$'m	% of NTA
Strike Resources Limited	SRK	Materials	4.10	46.9%
Keybridge Capital Limited	KBC	Diversified	2.02	23.1%
CBG Fund	Unlisted	Diversified	1.26	14.4%
Yowie Group Ltd	YOW	Food, Beverage	0.87	9.9%
Other managed funds	Unlisted	Diversified	0.42	4.8%
Other listed securities	Various	Various	0.09	1.1%

Bentley notes that Strike Resources Limited (ASX:SRK) announced on 13 March 2019 that Strike had secured an interest in the Solaroz Lithium Brine Project in Argentina.<sup>1</sup> Bentley's shareholding in Strike is currently valued at \$3.89 million, based on a last bid price of 7.4 cents as at 11 April 2019 – this compares with a last bid price of 7.8 cents as at 31 March 2019 and 4.2 cents as at 28 February 2019.

<sup>1</sup> Refer Strike's ASX Announcement dated 13 March 2019: Strike Secures Solaroz Lithium Brine Project in Argentina's Lithium Triangle



**NOTES:**

- (1) Bentley's investment in Keybridge Capital Limited (ASX: KBC) is regarded as an Associate entity (over which Bentley is considered to have significant influence) and is accounted for under the equity method in the consolidated financial statements pursuant to Accounting Standard AASB 128. Under the equity method, the carrying amount of an investment in an Associate entity is at initial cost plus a share of the Associate entity's net profit or loss (after tax) for the financial year to the relevant balance date. Refer Note 22 (Investment in Associate Entity) on page 53 of Bentley's 2018 Annual Report for further information in this regard.

Bentley has accounted for its investment in KBC (31,700,000 shares being 20.13% of KBC's total issued share capital) (28 February 2019: 31,700,000 shares; 20.12%) at a carrying value of \$2.022 million (being \$0.0638 per share) at month end on this basis. Bentley notes that KBC's closing bid price on ASX was \$0.051 and its net asset backing was \$0.0853 as at month end (28 February 2019: \$0.05 share price and \$0.085 net asset backing).

- (2) Bentley's investment in Strike Resources Limited (ASX:SRK) is regarded as an investment in a Non-Current Asset Held For Sale and is accounted for under Accounting Standard AASB 5. Refer Note 9 (Non-Current Asset Held for Sale) on pages 42 of Bentley's 2018 Annual Report for further information in this regard.

Bentley has accounted for its investment in SRK (52,553,493 shares being 36.16% of SRK's total issued share capital) (28 February 2019: 52,553,493 shares; 36.16%) at a carrying value of \$4.1 million (based on the closing bid price on ASX of 7.8 cents per share) at month end on this basis (28 February 2019: \$2.21 million; 4.2 cents).

- (3) Units invested in the Clime CBG Australian Equities Fund (Wholesale) (**CBG Fund**) are valued at the audited unit price published by the investment manager, CBG Asset Management Limited, as at month end - the unit price reflects the net asset backing of the fund; there is no buy/sell spread price; there is no recognition of realisation costs as there are no exit fees charged on redemption of units.
- (4) The post-tax NTA Backing per share figure is reported net of provision for tax liabilities on realised and unrealised gains on investments, in accordance with the Company's income tax accounting policy (refer Note 5 (Tax) at page 38 of Bentley's 2018 Annual Report for further information in this regard.
- (5) Bentley's current accounting policy is to recognise deferred tax assets arising from its carried forward tax losses and its unrealised loss on investments only to the extent of offsetting any deferred tax liabilities arising from its unrealised gains on investments.
- (6) Bentley's current accounting policy uses the first in-first out method of calculating gains or losses on sales of share investments.