# Performa High Yield Fund Ltd.

Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report

**December 31, 2014** 



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of Performa High Yield Fund Ltd.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Performa High Yield Fund Ltd. (the "Fund"), which comprise the statement of net assets, including the condensed schedule of investments, as at December 31, 2014, and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended.

### Management responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in United States of America, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

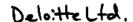
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Fund's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets of Performa High Yield Fund Ltd. as of December 31, 2014, the results of its operations and changes in its net assets for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in United States of America.



March 31, 2015

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# PERFORMA HIGH YIELD FUND LTD. STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

as at December 31, 2014 (Expressed in U.S. dollars)

# **ASSETS**

Investments at fair value (cost: \$210,221,731) Cash and cash equivalents Accrued interest receivable		\$	203,893,978 41,983,621
Derivative assets, at fair value			3,905,227 114,588
		_	249,897,414
LIABILITIES			
Due to broker Management fees payable			242,362 158,302
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		_	51,981
			452,645
NET ASSETS		\$	249,444,769
Accumulation Shares issued and outstanding (Note 3)			20,834,173
Net Asset Value per Accumulation Share		\$	11.97
Approved on behalf of the Board:			
Hugh Donit	Winston Robinson		_
Hugh Barit Director	Director		

# PERFORMA HIGH YIELD FUND LTD. CONDENSED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

as at December 31, 2014 (Expressed in U.S. dollars)

Investments in securities, at fair value Corporate debt	Fair value \$	% of Net Assets
Australia Industrial	1,882,894	0.75%
Total – Australia (cost - \$2,208,813)	1,882,894	0.75%
Canada Industrial	14,191,513	5.69%
Total – Canada (cost - \$14,646,495)	14,191,513	5.69%
France Industrial	559,163	0.22%
<b>Total – France (cost - \$563,938)</b>	559,163	0.22%
Greece Industrial	774,200	0.31%
Total – Greece (cost - \$792,769)	774,200	0.31%
<b>Ireland</b> Industrial	980,681	0.39%
Total – Ireland (cost - \$965,000)	980,681	0.39%
Israel Industrial	1,890,688	0.76%
Total – Israel (cost - \$1,790,825)	1,890,688	0.76%
<b>Japan</b> Industrial	606,188	0.24%
Total – Japan (cost - \$614,575)	606,188	0.24%

# PERFORMA HIGH YIELD FUND LTD. CONDENSED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

as at December 31, 2014 (Expressed in U.S. dollars)

Investments in securities, at fair value (cont'd) Corporate debt (cont'd)	Fair value \$	% of Net Assets
<b>Luxembourg</b> Industrial	8,737,326	3.50%
Total - Luxembourg (cost - \$9,280,022)	8,737,326	3.50%
Mexico Industrial	1,605,156	0.64%
Total - Mexico (cost - \$1,643,800)	1,605,156	0.64%
Netherlands Industrial	804,625	0.32%
Total - Netherlands (cost - \$793,875)	804,625	0.32%
United Kingdom Industrial	435,113	0.17%
Total - United Kingdom (cost - \$622,875)	435,113	0.17%
United States Financial Industrial Utility  Total - United States (cost - \$176,231,958)  Total - Corporate Debt (cost - \$210,221,731)	40,578,376 120,678,816 10,169,239 171,426,431 203,893,978	16.27% 48.38% 4.07% ————————————————————————————————————
Total investments in securities, at fair value (cost - \$210,221,731)	203,893,978	81.74%
Derivative assets, at fair value Forward Currency Contracts Euro British Pound	10,374 104,214	0.00%
Total derivative assets, at fair value	114,588	0.00%

# PERFORMA HIGH YIELD FUND LTD. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

for the year ended December 31, 2014 (Expressed in U.S. dollars)

# **INCOME**

Interest income Dividend and other income	\$	14,165,936 177,196
		14,343,132
Management fees (Note 4) Administration fees (Note 4)		1,854,464 296,714
Custodian fees (Note 4)		62,941
Professional fees Miscellaneous fees		46,169 7,138
		2,267,426
NET INVESTMENT INCOME		12,075,706
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS		
Net realized gain on investments and derivatives		572,482
Net realized gain on foreign currency transactions  Change in unrealized (depreciation) of investments and derivatives		490,679 (9,355,372)
Change in unrealized (depreciation) of investments and derivatives		(9,333,372)
	-	(8,292,211)
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$	3,783,495

# PERFORMA HIGH YIELD FUND LTD. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

for the year ended December 31, 2014 (Expressed in U.S. dollars)

NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 3,783,495
CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS	
Issuance of Accumulation Shares Redemption of Accumulation Shares	28,170,956 (8,724,347)
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS	19,446,609
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	23,230,104
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	226,214,665
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 249,444,769

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#### 1. THE FUND

Performa High Yield Fund Ltd. (the "Fund") was incorporated under the laws of Bermuda on July 29, 2002. On October 1, 2005 the Fund, at the time known as MVI Investment Fund Ltd., redeemed all its issued shares and ceased trading. The Fund remained dormant until its re-launch on February 2, 2012, at which time the Fund changed its name from MVI Investment Fund Ltd. to Performa High Yield Fund Ltd.

The objective of the Fund is to achieve an above average rate of total return while attempting to limit investment risk by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed income securities, investing primarily in high yield debt instruments of U.S. and non-U.S. issuers. An instrument is considered "High-Yield" if it is rated below investment grade by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSRO) such as S&P, Moody's or Fitch.

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### a. Basis of accounting:

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Effective January 1, 2014, the Fund adopted accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). The adoption of U.S. GAAP had no impact on the net asset value or net assets of the Fund.

#### b. Investments:

Trading activity is recorded on a trade date basis. Securities that are listed on a national securities exchange are valued at their last sales prices on the date of valuation on the largest national securities exchange on which such securities have traded on such date. If no sales of such securities occurred on the date of valuation, the securities are valued at the "bid" price on the largest national securities exchange on which such securities are traded. The resulting unrealized appreciation and depreciation of securities is reflected in the statement of operations. Realized gains and losses on sales of securities are calculated using the first-in, first-out basis of accounting.

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### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

#### c. Cash and cash equivalents:

As at December 31, 2014, cash and cash equivalents includes an investment of \$41,983,621 in a money market fund which is managed by P.R.P. Performa Limited (the "Investment Advisor").

#### d. Investment income:

Interest is recorded on the accrual basis of accounting, except for securities in default for which interest is recognized on the cash basis.

### e. New accounting standards:

In August 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-15, Presentation of Financial Statements (Subtopic 205-40): Going Concern ("ASU 2014-15"). The update provides guidance on management's responsibility in evaluating whether there is substantial doubt about a Fund's ability to continue as a going concern and about the related disclosures. For each reporting period, management will be required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events that raise substantial doubt about a Fund's ability to continue as a going concern within one year from the date the financial statements are issued. ASU 2014-15 is effective for annual reporting periods ending after December 15, 2016. Management has reviewed the requirements of ASU 2014-15 and there will be no impact on the financial statements of the Fund.

#### 3. SHARE CAPITAL

The authorized share capital of the Fund is divided into two classes of shares: 100 Ordinary Shares of a par value of \$0.01 and 100,000,000 redeemable Participating Shares with a par value of \$0.0001 each.

The Ordinary Shares are voting, non-redeemable and are not entitled to any dividends. The holder of the Ordinary Shares shall only be entitled to an amount equal to the par value of the Ordinary Shares in the event of a winding up or dissolution of the Fund. The Participating Shares are non-voting, and are redeemable.

Share transactions for the year ended December 31, 2014, we as follows:

	Shares at			Shares at
	December 31,			December 31,
Class	2013	<b>Issued</b>	Redeemed	2014
Accumulation Shares	19,241,611	2,302,682	(710,120)	20,834,173

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### 4. MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND CUSTODIAN FEES

Under the terms of the Fund's prospectus:

a. The Investment Advisor, an affiliated company, provides investment management and advisory services to the Fund. The Investment Advisor is responsible for the investment of the Fund's assets. The Investment Advisor earns an advisory fee equal to 0.75% per annum, calculated daily and paid quarterly in arrears. The Investment Advisor is related to the Fund by a common directorship.

The Investment Advisor has appointed Seix Investment Advisors LLC as the Fund's Sub Investment Advisor. The Sub Investment Advisor is paid a portion of the advisory fee.

b. STP Investment Services, Inc. (the "Administrator") provides services as the Administrator, Share Registrar and Transfer Agent for the Fund. For these services, the Administrator receives an administration fee. The administration fee is calculated at a rate of 0.12% per annum, on the daily net asset value of the Fund and is paid quarterly in arrears.

Under the terms of an investment management processing service agreement between the Investment Advisor and the Administrator, the Investment Advisor has the right to participate in 40% of the Administrator's net taxable income as defined in the investment management processing service agreement. The Investment Advisor has no equity interest in the Administrator.

#### c. Custodian

The custodian, Comerica Bank, is entitled to receive fees calculated at the following rates:

0.05% per annum on the first US\$100 million 0.03% per annum on the next US\$200 million 0.025% per annum on the excess of US\$300 million

The custodian fee is calculated daily and paid quarterly in arrears.

### 5. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

In the normal course of business, the Fund manages a variety of risks including market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

Market risk is the potential for changes in the value of investments due to market changes, including interest and foreign exchange rate movements and fluctuations in security prices. Market risk is directly impacted by the volatility and liquidity in the markets in which the underlying assets are traded. The Fund manages its exposure to market risk related to trading instruments on an aggregate basis combining the effects of cash instruments and fixed income securities.

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# 5. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK (cont'd)

As at December 31, 2014, the custody of cash and cash equivalents and investments are with Comerica Bank. The Fund has all its individual counterparty concentration with Comerica Bank, which is based in the United States of America.

Transactions in OTC derivative contracts are entered into with major commercial and investment banks. Estimated credit risk exposure with respect to the Fund's outstanding OTC derivatives is \$114,588 as of December 31, 2014.

The following table identifies the fair value amounts of derivative instruments included in the Statement of Net Assets as derivative assets at fair value, categorized by primary underlying risk, as of December 31, 2014:

	Derivative Assets, at fair value	Number of contracts bought/sold during the year ended December 31, 2014
Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk		
Forward Currency contracts	\$114,588	54
· 	\$114,588	

The following table presents the impact of derivative financial instruments on the statement of operations, arranged by type of contract. The Fund did not designate any derivatives as hedging instruments for the year ended December 31, 2014.

	Net realized gain/loss on investment and	Net change in unrealized gain/loss on investments and
Derivative Type	foreign currency	foreign currency
Forward Currency contracts	\$617,459	\$442,906

The following tables summarize the Fund's derivative assets subject to enforceable netting agreements:

			Statement of Assets and Liabilities					
Counterparty	Gross amount of recognized assets	Gross amounts offset in financials	Net amounts of assets presented in financials	Financial instrumen	Cash collateral t received	Net Amount		
A	\$ 139,082	(\$24,494)	\$ 114,588	\$ -	\$ -	\$114,588		

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### 6. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Fund discloses the fair value of its investments in a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure the fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to valuations based upon unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to valuations based upon unobservable inputs that are significant to the valuation (level 3 measurements). The guidance establishes three levels of the fair value hierarchy as follows:

- Level 1: Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access at the measurement date;
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active;
- Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable.

Inputs are used in applying the various valuation techniques and broadly refer to the assumptions that market participants use to make valuation decisions, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may include price information, volatility statistics, specific and broad credit data, liquidity statistics, and other factors. A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. However, the determination of what constitutes observable requires significant judgment by the Trading Advisor. The Trading Advisor considers observable data to be that market data which is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. The categorization of a financial instrument within the hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the instrument and does not necessarily correspond to the Trading Advisor's perceived risk of that instrument.

Derivative instruments can be exchange-traded or privately negotiated over-the-counter ("OTC"). Exchange-traded derivatives, such as futures contracts, are typically classified within level 1 or level 2 of the fair value hierarchy depending on whether or not they are deemed to be actively traded.

OTC derivatives, including currency forwards, are valued using third party quotations which are calculated using straight line interpolation of mid forward points as reported by time zone close from the market on which the foreign currency primarily trades. Certain OTC derivatives, such as generic forwards, have inputs which can generally be corroborated by market data and are therefore classified within level 2.

Those OTC derivatives that have less liquidity or for which inputs are unobservable are classified within level 3. While the valuations of these less liquid OTC derivatives may utilize some level 1 and/or level 2 inputs, they also include other unobservable inputs which are considered significant to the fair value determination. At each measurement date, the Trading Advisor updates the level 1 and level 2 inputs to reflect observable inputs, though the resulting gains and losses are reflected within level 3 due to the significance of the unobservable inputs. There were no level 3 financial instruments held during the year or at year end.

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# 6. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (cont'd)

The following table presents the financial instruments carried on the statement of assets and liabilities by caption and by level within the valuation hierarchy as of December 31, 2014:

		Level 1		Level 2	_	Level 3	_	Total
Investments in securities, at fair value Corporate debt					_	_	_	
Industrial	\$	_	\$15	3,146,363	\$	_	\$1	153,146,363
Financial		-	4	10,578,376		-		40,578,376
Utility		_	1	0,169,239				10,169,239
	\$	_	\$20	03,893,978	\$ <u></u>	<u> </u>	\$2	203,893,978
Derivative assets, at fair value								
Forward currency contracts	\$	-	\$	114,588	\$	-	\$	114,588
	_				_		_	

### 7. TAXES

Under current laws, there are no income, profit, capital or capital gains taxes levied in Bermuda, and accordingly, no provision for such taxes has been recorded by the Fund. In the event that such taxes are levied, the Fund has received an undertaking from the Government of Bermuda exempting it from all such taxes until March 31, 2035.

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# 8. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Financial highlights of the Fund for the years ended December 31, 2014 is as follows:

Per share operating performance

Net asset value per share at beginning of year	\$ 11.76
Net investment income Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	0.59 (0.38)
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	0.21
Net asset value per share at end of year	\$ 11.97
TOTAL RETURN:	1.84%
RATIO TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS:	
Expenses	0.91%
Net investment income	4.86%

In individual investor's return may vary from these returns based on the timing of capital transactions.

# 9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated up to the date of the audit report for recognition and disclosure, and determined that there were no material events that would require recognition or disclosure in the Fund's financial statement through that date.