# **QV Equities Investor Update**

March & April 2017



### **QV** Equities Limited

- Listed 22 August 2014
- Managed by Investors Mutual
- Focused on Ex-20 stocks

- Experienced Board with independent majority
- Focus on long-term capital growth & income



#### **About IML**



- Boutique manager established in 1998
- Disciplined 'true to label' value style
- Large investment team with experienced leadership
- Consistent performance over 18 years
- Over \$7bn FUM large retail following
- Morningstar Fund Manager of the Year Small Cap





### **Retail investor needs:**

Capital preservation

Reasonable capital growth

Income focused



### **Investment Philosophy: focus on quality**

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### **QVE Performance & NTA – February 2017**

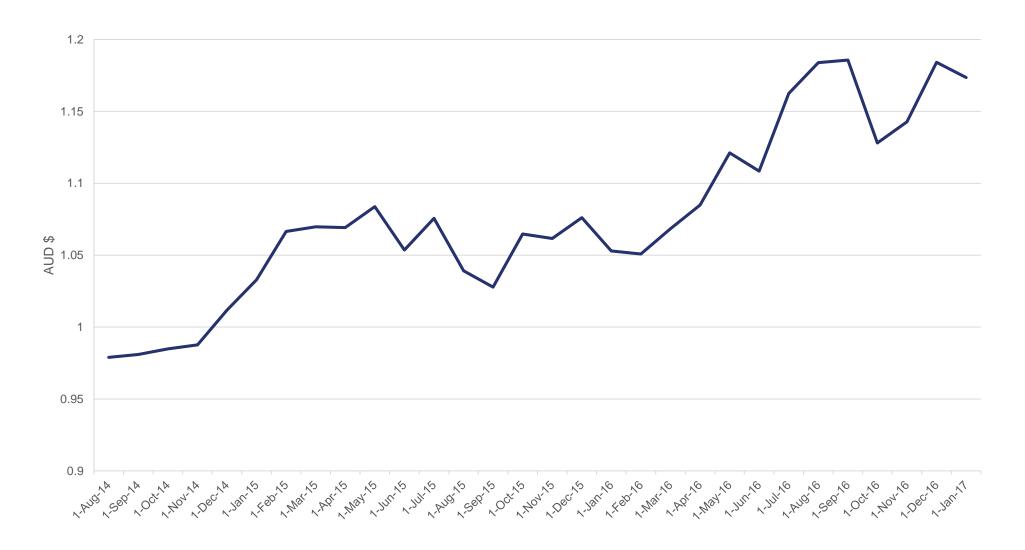
NET TANGIBLE ASSETS (NTA)*	QVE-ASX
NTA before tax cum div	1.1624
NTA after tax cum div	1.1170

PERFORMANCE	QVE's NTA (pre tax)	QVE's NTA (after tax)	BENCHMARK
1 Month	-1.0%	-0.4%	+1.8%
3 Months	+1.7%	+1.6%	+4.9%
6 Months	-0.2%	0.7%	+1.1%
1 Year	+14.0%	+11.7%	+18.4%
Since Inception Total Return p.a	+9.2%	+7.5%	+9.4%



<sup>\*</sup>The before and after tax NTA numbers relate to the provision for tax on net profit in addition to deferred tax on the un-realised gains in the Company's investment portfolio. The Company is a long term investor and does not intend disposing of its total portfolio. Under current Accounting standards, the Company is required to provide for tax on any gains that might arise on such a theoretical disposal, after utilisation of brought forward losses. QVE goes ex with a 2 cent fully franked dividend on 17 March 2017.

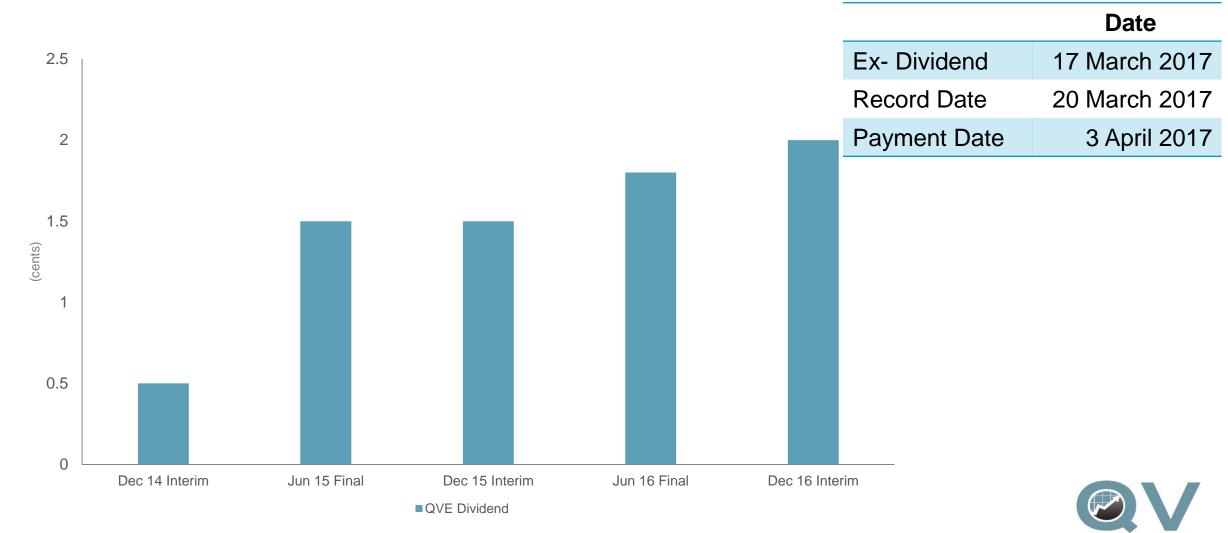
#### **QVE historical NTA**





### **QVE** dividend history

Looking to deliver a growing and consistent fully franked dividend



## **QV Equities – Investment Outlook**

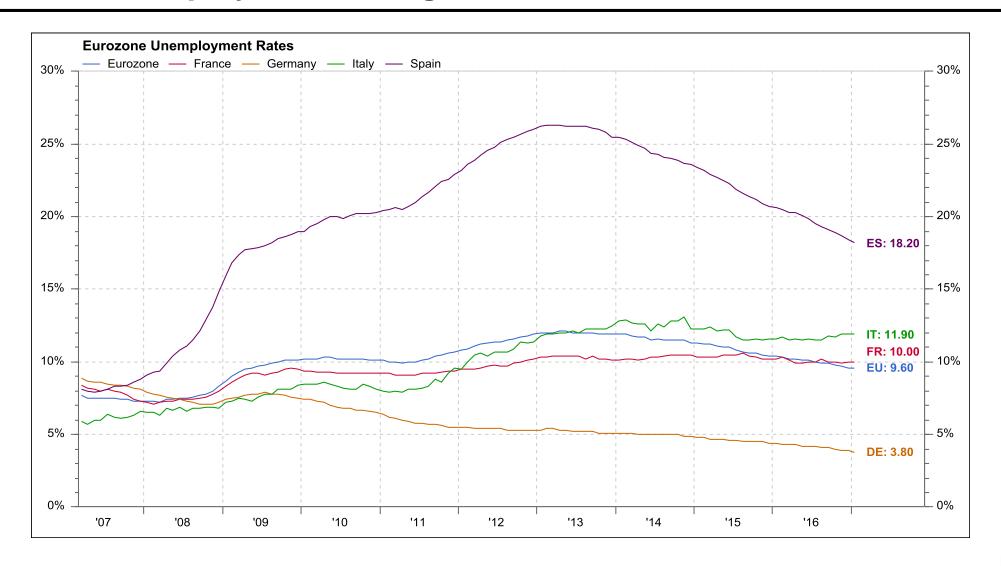


### Where are we today?

- US economy continuing to expand
- Japan & EU still sluggish
- China dependent on stimulus but slowing from previously unsustainable levels
- Emerging economies recovering
- Interest rates / bond yields ticking higher
- Sharemarkets volatility to return
  - > Active stock selection is key in this environment

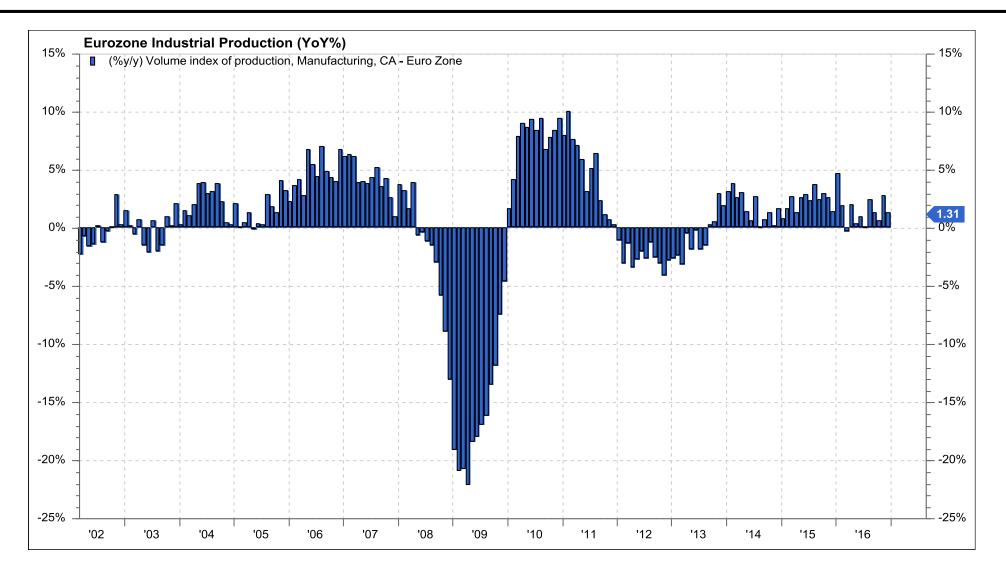


### **Eurozone Unemployment easing**





### **Eurozone Industrial Production**



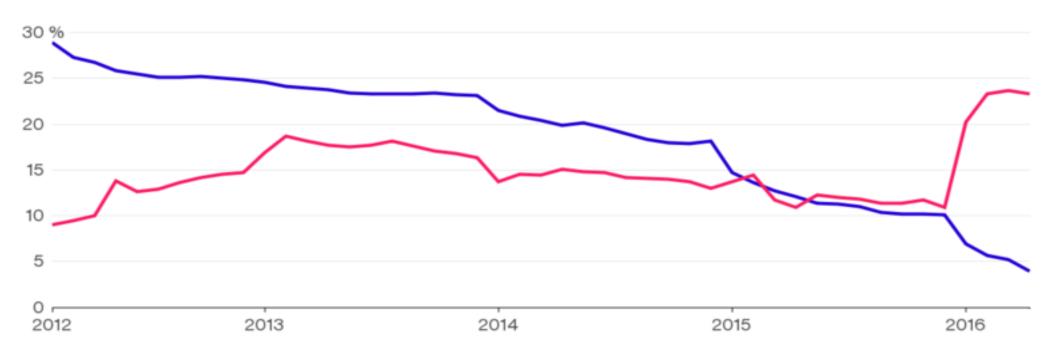


### Chinese stimulus spending

#### China Inc. to the Rescue

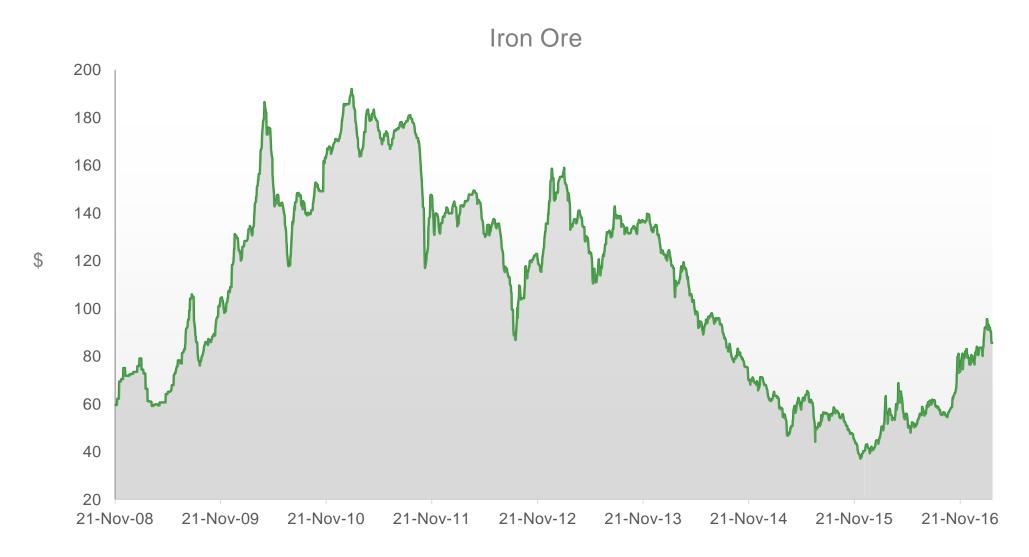
As business investment slides, the state is stepping in to plug the gap

- Private sector investment in fixed assets YTD YoY
- State-owned & state holdings investment in fixed assets YTD YoY





### **Iron Ore**





### **Met Coal price**





### 'Trumponomics'

• Corporate tax cuts proposed from 35% to 15%

Infrastructure spending of \$1trillion USD

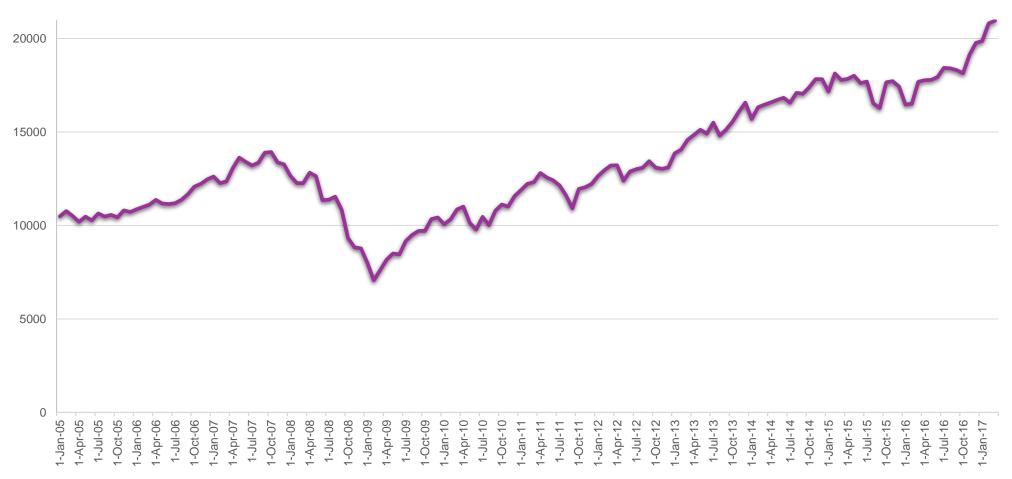
Repeal of Dodd Frank banking legislation

Protectionist trade policies; renegotiation of NAFTA and repeal of TPP



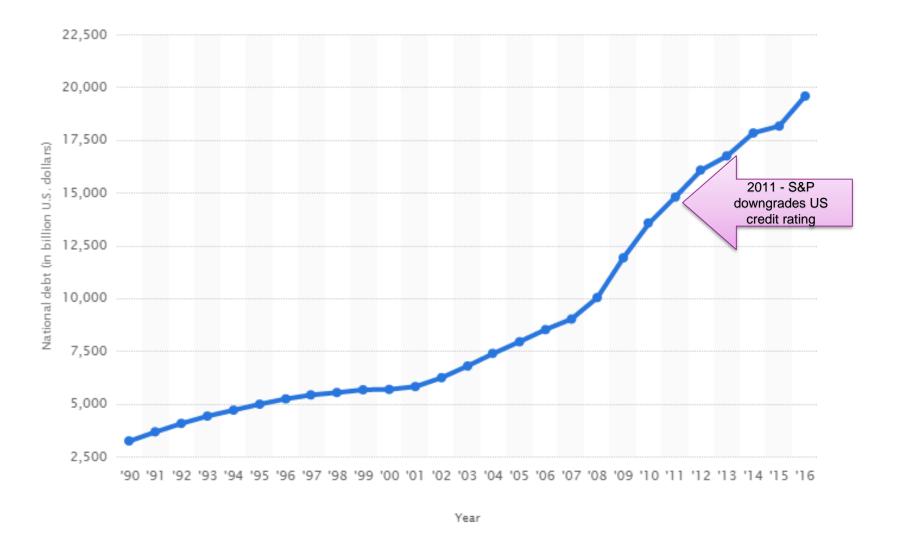
### **Dow Jones since 2005**





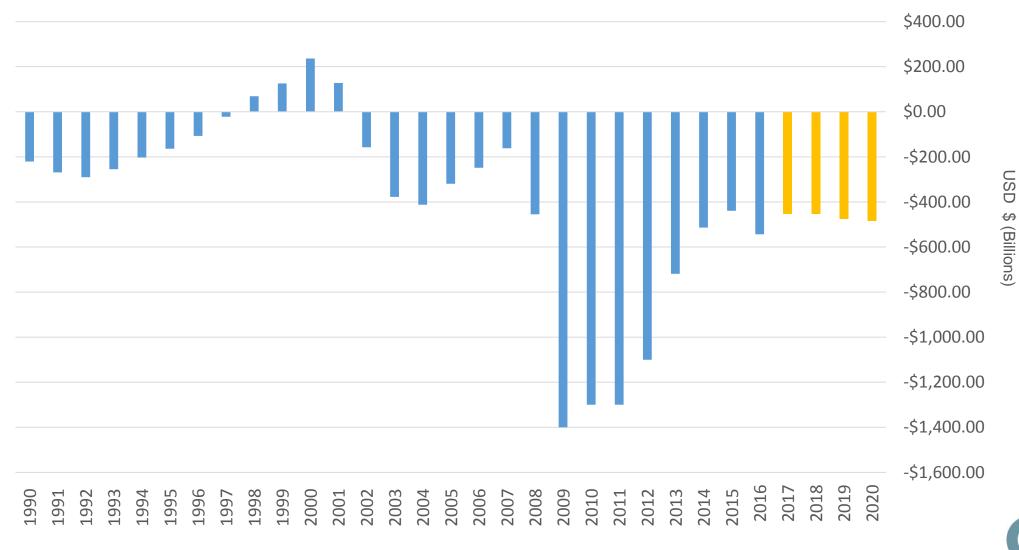


### **US Public Debt- 1990 to 2016**





#### **US Government Deficits 1990-2016**





### Market Outlook: where are we today?

Earnings environment remains mixed

Rally on Trump optimism

Banks & Resource stocks have been strongly rerated

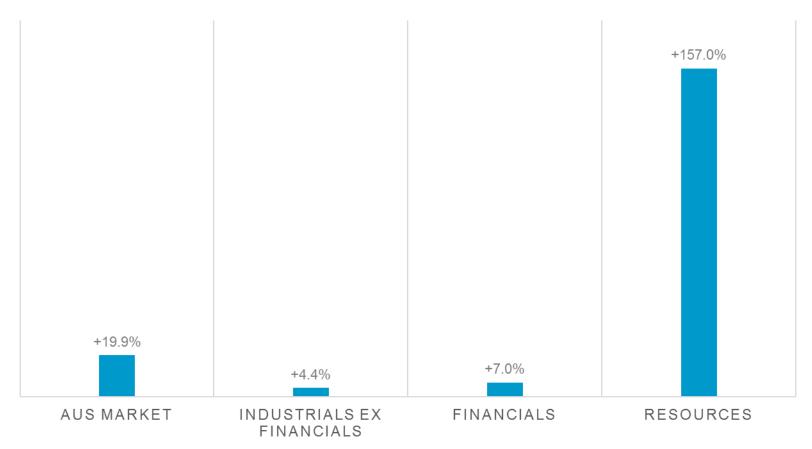
Stock selection remains key

Opportunities exist in the Ex 20



### **Australian company earnings FY17**

#### **EPS GROWTH FY17E**

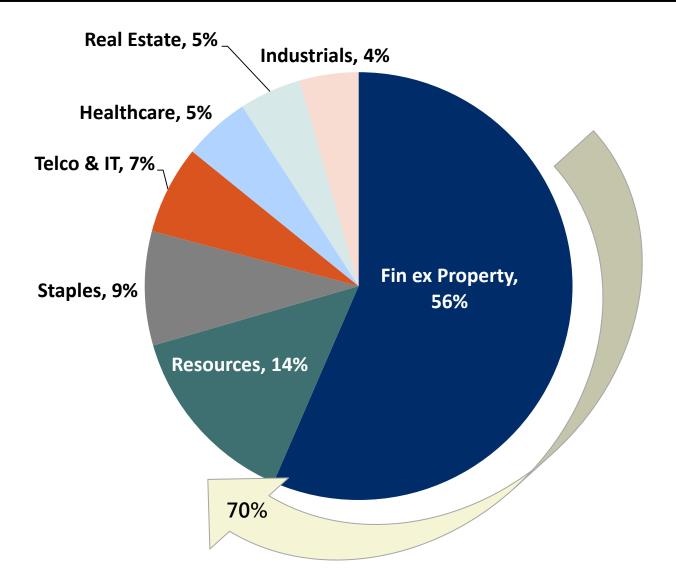




### Why focus on an Ex 20 managed portfolio?

- More diverse in terms of industry sectors
- Less researched opportunities
- Investors typically underweight in this segment
- Solid yields on offer
- IML has a long record of significant value add in this segment







### **Investment Philosophy: focus on quality**

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### **Investor Implications**

We would be cautious of Banks and Resource shares

Earnings growth is patchy

Attractive opportunities outside the top 20

→ Selective companies delivering EPS growth and yield



### **QVE Portfolio Strategy**

Quality industrial stocks

Companies that can grow over time

Companies with income certainty



## Earnings growth that is 'self' generated

Cost-outs & restructuring→	Cabcharge, Fletcher Building
Acquisitions →	Pact Group
Contracted growth →	Ausnet Spark Infrastructure
Market share gains →	Ansell



## Key stocks –

KEY EQUITY INVESTMENTS	ASX Code	Weight
Steadfast	SDF	3.7%
Bank of Queensland	BOQ	3.7%
Sonic Healthcare	SHL	3.3%
Ansell	ANN	3.3%
Spark Infrastructure	SKI	3.1%
Pact	PGH	3.1%
Amcor	AMC	3.0%
Orica	ORI	3.0%
Tox Free	TOX	2.8%
Fletcher Building	FBU	2.8%



### **QVE Portfolio- 12 month contributors to performance**

- Fletcher Building
- GWA
- Steadfast
- Pinnacle Investments
- Pact Group













### **QVE Portfolio- disappointing performers past 12months**

- Bank of Queensland
- Integral Diagnostics
- Ruralco
- Flight Centre
- Event Hospitality















## **QVE** portfolio activity- Recent buys:

Recent buys
Ansell
Amcor
Sky City
Spark Infrastructure
Tox Free Solutions
Southern Cross Media
Clydesdale Bank



## **QVE** portfolio activity- Part profits taken on:

Part profits taken on:	Sold out of:
Fletcher Building	Orora
AGL Energy	Generation Healthcare
Pinnacle Investments	Viva Energy
GWA	Fantastic Furniture
Steadfast	Asciano
Orica	
Mayne Pharma*	



### Sonic Healthcare (ASX: SHL)



- Largest pathology player in Australia, Germany & Switzerland and no. 3 in the US.
- Defensive growing earnings and solid yield
- Scale advantage provides opportunities for accretive acquisitions
- Very strong and capable management team
- □ Currently trading on FY18 PE of 17.2x & yield of 3.6%

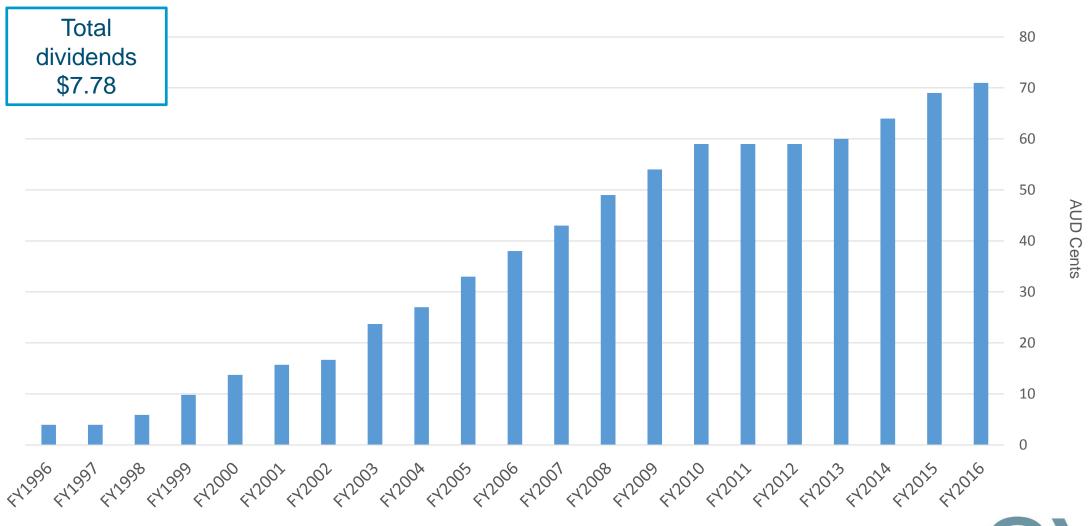






### Sonic Healthcare- dividend history





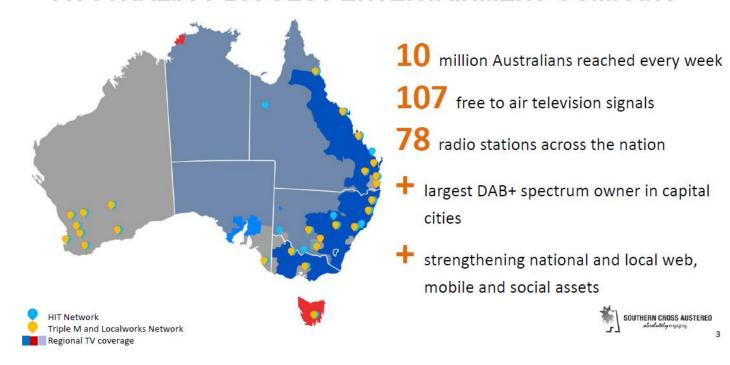
dividends

### **Southern Cross Media Group**



- Austereo Radio- leading radio metro network
- Southern Cross- regional radio & TV
- Renewed Management & Board
- Improved Balance Sheet
- PE: 11x Yield: 6.0%

#### **AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY**

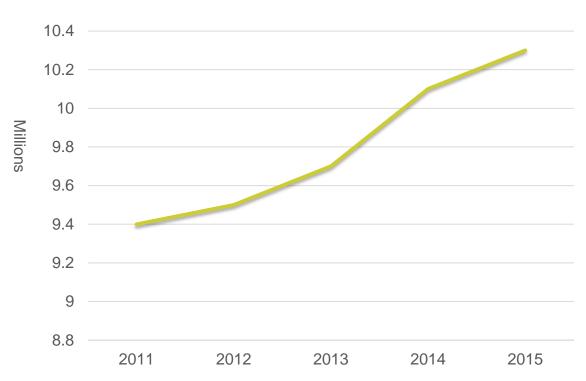




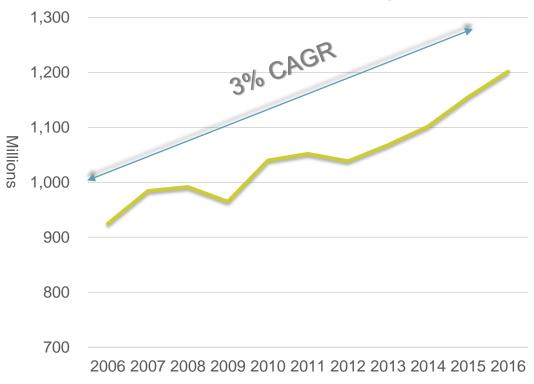
### **Southern Cross Media Group**



#### **Radio Audience**



### Radio advertising





### **Event Hospitality & Entertainment**





- □ Cinema operator with over 1,200 screens in Australia, New Zealand & Germany
- □ A leading Australian hotel owner and manager- QT, Rydges & Atura
- Operates Thredbo ski resort
- □ Significant property portfolio with market value of c\$2bn and minimal debt







Source: Event Hospitality investor presentation IML Estimates



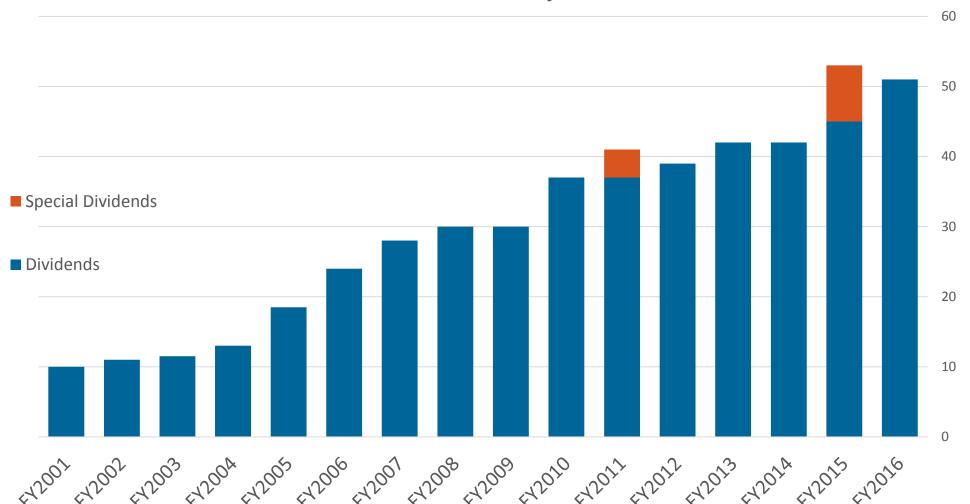
### **Event Hospitality & Entertainment**



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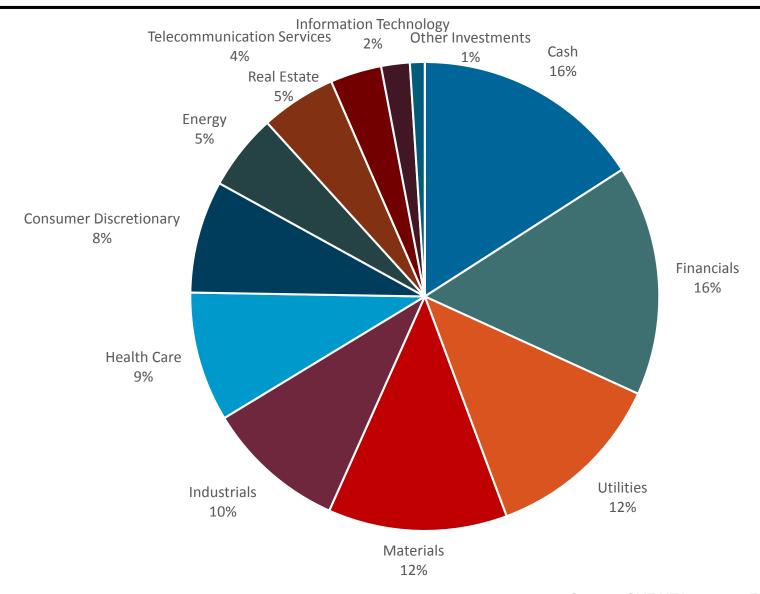
**AUD Cents** 







### QVE Portfolio Weights — as at February 2017





Source: QVE NTA as at 28 February 2017

### Focus on income certainty

Income is going to represent an important part of investors' return

Focus on companies which can sustain/grow their dividends

Good opportunities exist in selective Industrials, Utilities and REITs



### The relevance of QVE in client's portfolios

- More diverse investment opportunity set
- Investors typically underweight in the ex 20 segment
- Less researched opportunities
- Good yields on offer
- IML has a long record of significant value add in this segment....



#### **Market Outlook**

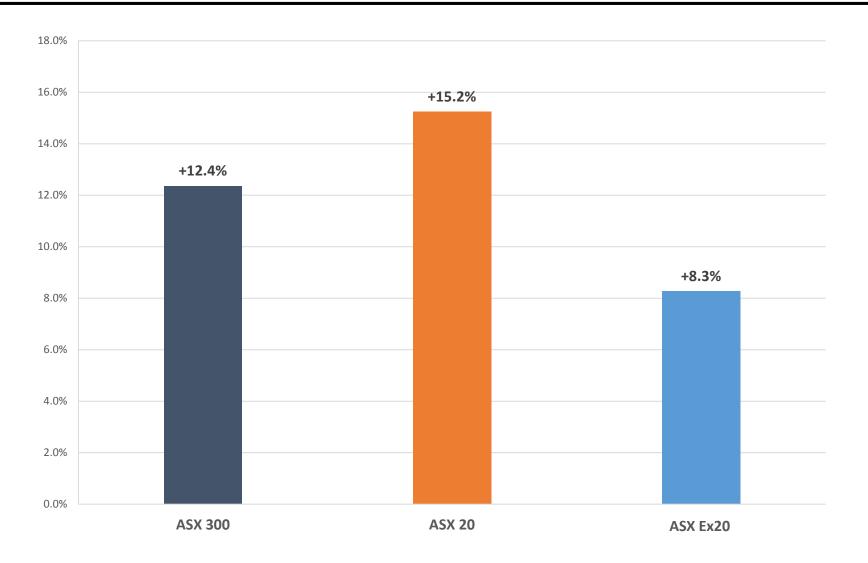
- Volatility expected some time this year
- Major banks look fully valued

Outlook for the Resource sector remains unpredictable

- Plenty of good quality stocks in the ex 20 sector
- Selective value now appearing in ex 20 Industrials



#### Market returns since Trump election 2016: ASX Ex20 lagging top 20 names





## **QVE Capital Raising: Summary**

QV Equites Limited	
ASX Code	ASX: QVE
Placement	Successful placement to professional and sophisticated clients  Placement issue price: \$1.22 per share  Placement raised \$35m  Significantly oversubscribed
Share Purchase Plan	Share Purchase Plan (SPP) to eligible shareholders at the record date  □ Each Shareholder may subscribe for up to: \$15,000 of fully paid ordinary shares  □ SPP issue price: \$1.22 per share  □ SPP to raise up to \$35m (capped)



## **QVE Share Purchase Plan: Key Dates**

Key Dates	Activity
1 March	Record Date for SPP
7 March	SPP Open Date and SPP Booklets despatched
24 March	SPP Close Date
7 April	Issue of SPP shares
10 April	Commencement of trading of SPP shares



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