# NB GLOBAL CORPORATE INCOME TRUST (ASX: NBI)

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## MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – AS OF 31 MAY 2019

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE & STRATEGY**

- Aims to provide a consistent and stable monthly income stream
- Invests in high yield bonds issued by large, liquid global companies
- Strong emphasis on capital preservation by focusing on credit quality

#### Market Review and Outlook

Global capital markets took investors on a volatile ride in May. The declines reflected investor worries about the effect of a prolonged trade war between the U.S. and China. Against this backdrop, risk assets such as equities experienced a sharp sell-off, with the S&P 500 (AUD Hedged) falling approximately 6.5%. The global corporate high yield bond markets exhibited lesser drawdown compared to equities, with the ICE BofAML Global High Yield Index (AUD Hedged) falling approximately 1.1% in May.

We remain constructive on the fundamentals of high yield credit, which continues to exhibit reasonable leverage levels and strong interest coverage resulting in a benign default outlook for 2019. Operating performance of underlying issuers has been stable; revenue and EBITDA growth remain in positive territory; leverage continues to decline; and, refinancing activity has significantly reduced the amount of bonds maturing in the near term.

#### **NBI Review**

NBI holds a diversified portfolio of corporate high yield bonds issued by large, liquid global companies. In this environment, the portfolio has been positioned in higher quality bonds with a small opportunistic allocation to select CCC securities where we see attractive relative value. We believe the portfolio is well-positioned to provide downside protection if market volatility increases.

For May, NBI returned -1.2% and announced a monthly distribution of 0.875 cents per Unit, which keeps it firmly on track to achieving its Target Distribution<sup>1</sup> of 5.25% per annum (net of fees and expenses).

## NTA PER UNIT / ASX UNIT PRICE PERFORMANCE 22



## PERFORMANCE (NET)<sup>2</sup>

| 31 May 2019                   | 1 Month | 3 Months | 6 Months | 1 Year | Since Inception <sup>3</sup> |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|--------|------------------------------|
| Total Return (%) <sup>4</sup> | -1.20   | 1.36     | 6.31     | _      | 4.19                         |
| Distribution (%) *            | 0.44    | 1.32     | 2.64     | -      | 3.08                         |

Distribution return calculated based on payment date of distribution. (May distribution announced on 27 May 2019, and distributed in June 2019.)

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### TRUST FACTS

**Listing Date** 26 September 2018

Market Cap

\$420.35 million

**Net Tangible Assets** 

\$418.35 million

(NTA)

\$2.03

NTA per Unit

**ASX Unit Price** 

\$2.02 (cum)

Distributions

Monthly

Management costs

0.85% p.a.

Responsible Entity

**Equity Trustees** Limited

Manager

Neuberger Berman

Australia Pty Limited

#### ABOUT NEUBERGER BERMAN

- · Founded in 1939; a private, independent, employee-owned investment manager
- US\$323 billion in AUM as of March 31,
- Located in 35 cities with 18 portfolio management centers across 22 countries
- The firm has considered ESG in investment processes as far back as the 1940s. For more information, please visit www.nb.com/esq

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION AND ENQUIRIES**

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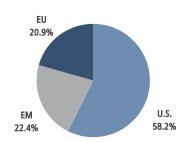
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#### SECTOR ALLOCATION

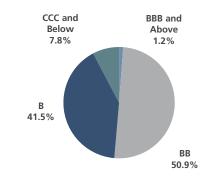


- Media, 12.8%
- ■Basic Industry, 12,7%
- Healthcare, 8.5%
- ■Telecommunications, 7.5%
- Utility, 6.1%
- Services, 5.9%
- ■Capital Goods, 5.5%
- ■Leisure, 5.2%
- ■Real Estate, 4.3%
- ■Banking, 4.0%
- ■Financial Services, 3.7%
- ■Technology & Electronics, 3.3% ■ Retail, 2.9%
- ■Consumer Goods, 2.9%
- ■Automotive, 1.8%
- ■Insurance, 0.6%
- ■Transportation, 0.5%





#### **CREDIT QUALITY**<sup>5</sup>



#### TOTAL RETURNS (NET) 2, 4

| Month | Jul 18 | Aug 18 | Sep 18 | Oct 18 <sup>6</sup> | Nov 18 | Dec 18 | Jan 19 | Feb 19 | Mar 19 | Apr 19 | May 19 | Jun 19 | Since<br>Inception <sup>3</sup> |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------------------|
| (%)   | _      | _      | _      | -1.14               | -0.87  | -1.74  | 4.71   | 1.94   | 1.09   | 1.48   | -1.20  | _      | 4.19                            |

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#### **DISTRIBUTIONS**<sup>7</sup>

| Month    | Jul 18 | Aug 18 | Sep 18 | Oct 18 | Nov 18 | Dec 18 | Jan 19 | Feb 19 | Mar 19 | Apr 19 | May 19 | Jun 19 | Since<br>Inception <sup>3</sup> |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------------------|
| (¢/unit) | -      | -      | -      | 0.875  | 0.875  | 0.875  | 0.875  | 0.875  | 0.875  | 0.875  | 0.875  | -      | 7.00                            |
| (%)      | -      | -      | _      | 0.44   | 0.44   | 0.44   | 0.44   | 0.44   | 0.44   | 0.44   | 0.44   | _      | 3.52                            |

#### **TOP 10 ISSUERS** % Sector 2.41 Petrobras Energy Cablevision Systems Corporation Media 1.92 **Bausch Health Companies** Healthcare 1.87 Numericable Group Media 1.64 **Charter Communications** 1.36 Media Virgin Media Inc Media 1.35 Iron Mountain Inc Services 1.15 Tenet Healthcare Healthcare 1.14 Telecommunications 1.13 Sprint Corp Hertz Corp 1 13 Services

#### **BOND PORTFOLIO SUMMARY**

| Number of Holdings                | 463  |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Number of Issuers                 | 308  |
| Yield to Worst (%)8               | 6.07 |
| Weighted Average Duration (years) | 4.32 |
| Average Credit Quality            | BB-  |

- The Target Distribution is only a target and may not be achieved. Actual distributions will be monitored against the Target Distribution. The Target Distribution will be formally reviewed at least annually (as at the end of each financial year) and any reduction in Target Distribution will be notified by way of ASX announcement as required. Investors should review the "Risk Factors" set out in Section 8 of the PDS.
- Performance is calculated net of management costs, which includes the Responsible Entity fee, the Management fee, the Administration fee, along with custodian, audit and legal fees and other transactional and operational costs. Investors should review NBI's Product Disclosure Statement ("PDS") for full details of NBI, including, in particular, the "Fees and Other Costs" section of the PDS.
- Listing Date: 26 September 2018. Performance less than 1 year is not annualized.
- Total Return is calculated based on the pre-distribution month end NTA and assumes all distributions are reinvested.
- Credit quality ratings are based on the Bank of America ("BofA") Merrill Lynch Master High Yield Index composite ratings. The BofA Merrill Lynch composite ratings are updated once a month on the last calendar day of the month based on information available up to and including the third business day prior to the last business day of the month. The BofA Merrill Lynch composite rating algorithm is based on an average of the ratings of three agencies (to the extent rated). Generally the composite is based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch. For holdings that are unrated by the BofA Merrill Lynch Index composite, credit quality ratings are based on S&P's rating. Holdings that are unrated by S&P may be assigned an equivalent rating by the investment manager. No NRSO has been involved with the calculation of credit quality and the ratings of underlying portfolio holdings should not be viewed as a rating of the portfolio itself. Portfolio holdings, underlying ratings of holdings and credit quality composition may change materially over time.
- Calculated from the listing date of 26 September 2018 to 31 October 2018.
- The initial target distribution amount per Unit, which will be paid monthly by the Trust, is 5.25% per annum (net of fees and expenses) on the Subscription Price. The most recent distribution is announced. but not vet paid.
- Yield to Worst The lowest potential annualised total return that can be received on a bond without the issuer defaulting. This can be different from the yield to maturity because it assumes that the issuer will exercise any option it has to "call" the security at the earliest opportunity (to redeem and repay the principal value to an investor early).

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