

# NB GLOBAL CORPORATE INCOME TRUST (ASX: NBI)

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## MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – AS OF 31 DECEMBER 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

Risk sentiment continued to improve over December, as the market's optimism surrounding de-escalating geopolitical and global trade concerns persisted. Midmonth, the U.S. and China announced that they had reached a tentative "phase one" trade deal which calls for a repeal of some tariffs on Chinese goods and cancelled new levies that were scheduled to be enforced. In return, China agreed to increase purchases of select U.S. goods and agricultural products. President Trump announced that he would sign the deal on January 15th during a ceremony at the White House.

As widely expected, the FOMC kept the policy rate unchanged following their December meeting. The accompanying statement indicated that the Committee judges the current stance of monetary policy to be appropriate to support a continued U.S. expansion. The market anticipates a flat path of policy in 2020, with one hike each in 2021 and 2022; however, in his post-meeting press conference, Chairman Jerome Powell emphasized that "significant and persistent" inflation pressures would be needed before any increase in rates would be considered. The Fed next meets at the end of January, where they're widely expected to keep policy unchanged once again.

Outside of the U.S., Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his Conservative Party delivered a resounding victory winning a majority by 80 seats; the largest majority since 1987. The scale of victory strongly suggests that Britain will successfully leave the European Union by the current January 31st deadline. Elsewhere, the ECB and BOJ left monetary policy unchanged following their end-of-year meetings.

### NBI Review

NBI holds a diversified portfolio of corporate high yield bonds issued by large, liquid global companies. Over the month, the portfolio modestly increased its position in the Leisure and Capital Goods sector and reduced its positions in the Media and Healthcare sector. We believe the portfolio is well-positioned to provide downside protection if market volatility increases and take advantage of future opportunities within lower quality securities.

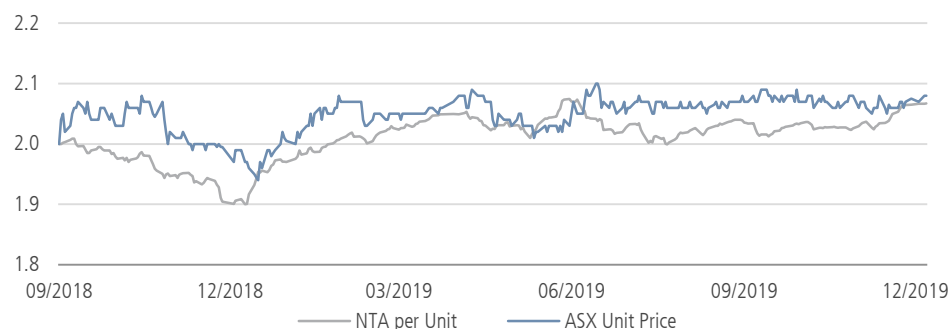
For December, NBI returned 1.94% and announced a monthly distribution of 0.899 cents per Unit, which represents an annualised distribution of 5.25% (net of fees and expenses) and is in line with NBI's Target Distribution<sup>1</sup>.

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

31 DECEMBER 2019	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	Since Inception <sup>3</sup>
<b>Total Return (%)<sup>4</sup></b>	1.94	2.98	3.17	15.05	8.43

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### NTA PER UNIT / ASX UNIT PRICE PERFORMANCE



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### TRUST FACTS

<b>Listing Date</b>	26 September 2018
<b>Market Cap</b>	\$926.46 million
<b>Net Tangible Assets (NTA)</b>	\$920.79 million
<b>ASX Unit Price</b>	\$2.08
<b>NTA per Unit</b>	\$2.07 (cum)
<b>Target Distribution<sup>1</sup></b>	5.25% (net)
<b>Distributions</b>	Monthly
<b>Management costs</b>	0.85% p.a.
<b>Responsible Entity</b>	Equity Trustees Limited
<b>Manager</b>	Neuberger Berman Australia Limited

### ABOUT NEUBERGER BERMAN

- Founded in 1939; a private, independent, employee-owned investment manager
- US\$355 billion in AUM as of December 31, 2019
- Located in 35 cities with 19 portfolio management centers across 23 countries
- The firm has considered ESG in investment processes as far back as the 1940s. For more information, please visit [www.nb.com/esg](http://www.nb.com/esg)

### FURTHER INFORMATION AND ENQUIRIES

#### General

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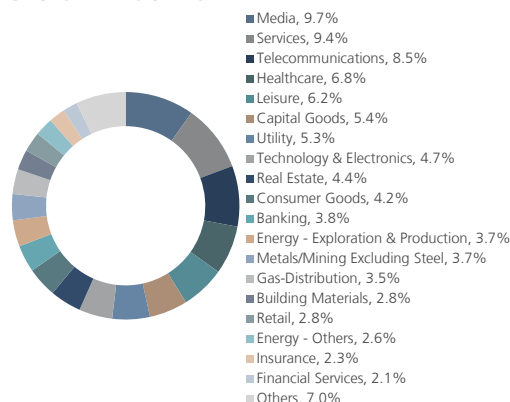
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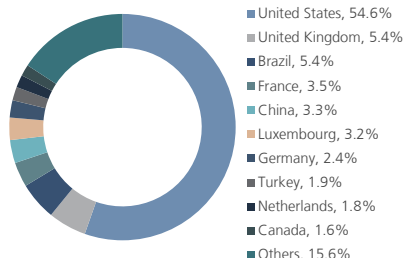
### PLATFORMS

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CFS First Wrap	MLC Navigator
Hub 24	Netwealth

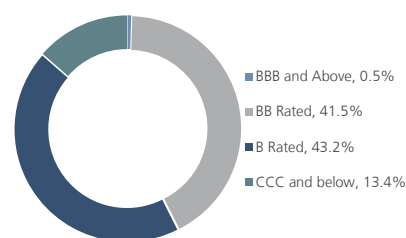
## SECTOR ALLOCATION



## TOP 10 COUNTRY ALLOCATION



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



## TOTAL RETURNS (NET) (%) <sup>2, 4</sup>

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
FY2019	—	—	—	-1.14 <sup>6</sup>	-0.87	-1.74	4.71	1.94	1.09	1.48	-1.20	3.07	7.38
FY2020	-0.70	0.04	0.85	0.33	0.69	1.94	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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## DISTRIBUTIONS(€/unit)<sup>7</sup>

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total	Annualised Distribution Rate
FY2019	—	—	—	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	2.47	9.47	6.24% <sup>8</sup>
FY2020	0.899	0.899	0.899	0.899	0.899	0.899	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.25% <sup>9</sup>

## TOP 10 ISSUERS

	SECTOR	%
Numericable Group	Telecommunications	1.89
Iron Mountain Inc	Services	1.67
TransDigm Inc	Capital Goods	1.43
Sirius XM Radio Inc	Media	1.37
Energizer Holdings Inc.	Consumer Goods	1.33
Netflix Inc.	Media	1.28
CSC Holdings LLC	Media	1.24
Petrobras	Energy - Others	1.21
Hub International Ltd	Insurance	1.09
Hertz Corp	Services	1.07

## BOND PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

Number of Holdings	448
Number of Issuers	308
Yield to Maturity (%) <sup>10</sup>	5.49
Yield to Worst (%) <sup>11</sup>	4.95
Weighted Average Duration (years)	3.51
Average Credit Quality	B+

- For FY2020, NBI has set the target distribution amount per Unit, which is paid monthly by NBI, at 5.25% p.a. (net of fees and expenses) on the NTA per Unit as at 1 July 2019 ("Target Distribution"). 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 NBI's product disclosure statement dated 14 May 2019 ("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 the PDS for full details of NBI, including, in particular, the "Fees and Other Costs" section of the PDS.
- Annualised Performance since 26 September 2018 to latest month end.
- 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 most recent distribution amount has been announced, and will be paid in the following month.
- Based on the Initial Public Offer Subscription Price of \$2.00
- Based on the NTA per Unit as at 1 July 2019.
- Yield to Maturity — The total annualised return anticipated on a bond if it is held until the end of its lifetime. Yield to maturity is considered a long-term bond yield, but is expressed as an annual rate.
- 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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