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Dear Sir/Madam,

#### Shareholder webinar reminder and presentation

The Board invites you to the upcoming Shareholder webinar on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 10:30am (Sydney time AEDT). The webinar will provide an update on the Company's financials and investments from Company Director and Plato Investment Management Managing Director, Dr Don Hamson.

Shareholders are invited to register at the following link:

https://pinnacleinvestment.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_msv90jYRQSiqsk1Th\_lYrg

The presentation slides are available below.

Authorised by:

Calvin Kwok
Company Secretary

COMPANY FY2020 RESULTS PLATO INCOME MAXIMISER LIMITED ASX: PL8 Plato INCOME MAXIMISER

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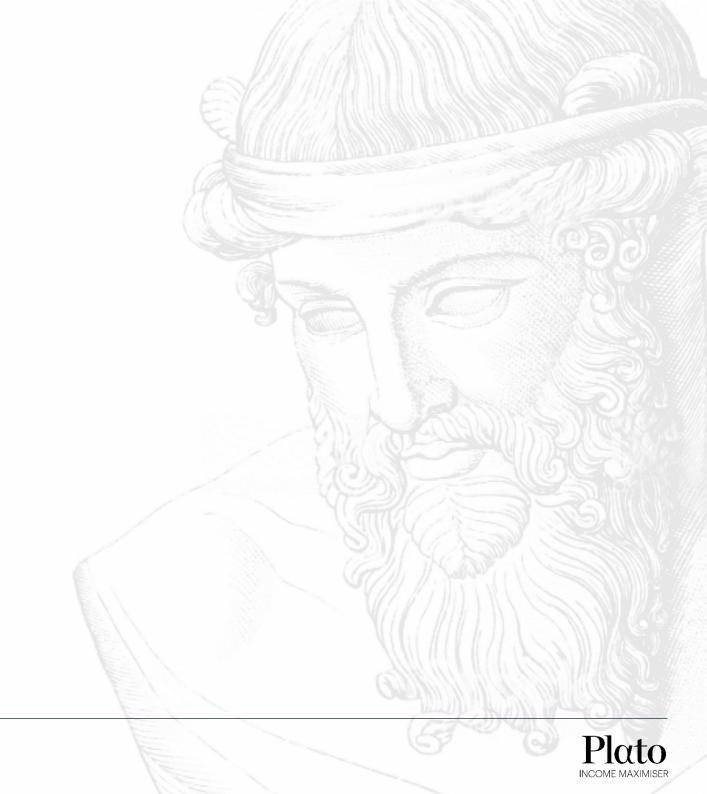


# Agenda

O1 PL8 investment strategy and performance

O2 Market update

O3 Questions





## FY 2020 Negatively Impacted by COVID-19

#### COMPARED TO FY2019'S DIVIDEND BONANZA

- Investment income fell by 33% to \$25.8m, reflecting lower market dividends
  - FY19 dividends boosted by large buy-backs (BHP, RIO, Woolworths, Caltex) and extraordinary special dividends sparked by franking credit policy fears. FY20 dividends negatively impacted by COVID-19
- Net profit fell by 38% to \$21.5m
- Earnings per share fell by 55% to 5.3c per share, given increased shares on issue following Sept Quarter capital raise
- Ordinary dividends per share fell by 5% to 5.7c, with no special dividend paid (FY19 3c)
- Monthly ordinary dividends per share reduced by 20% to 0.4c from April 2020, reflecting Directors cautious approach to the impact of COVID-19.



## PL8 investment portfolio performance

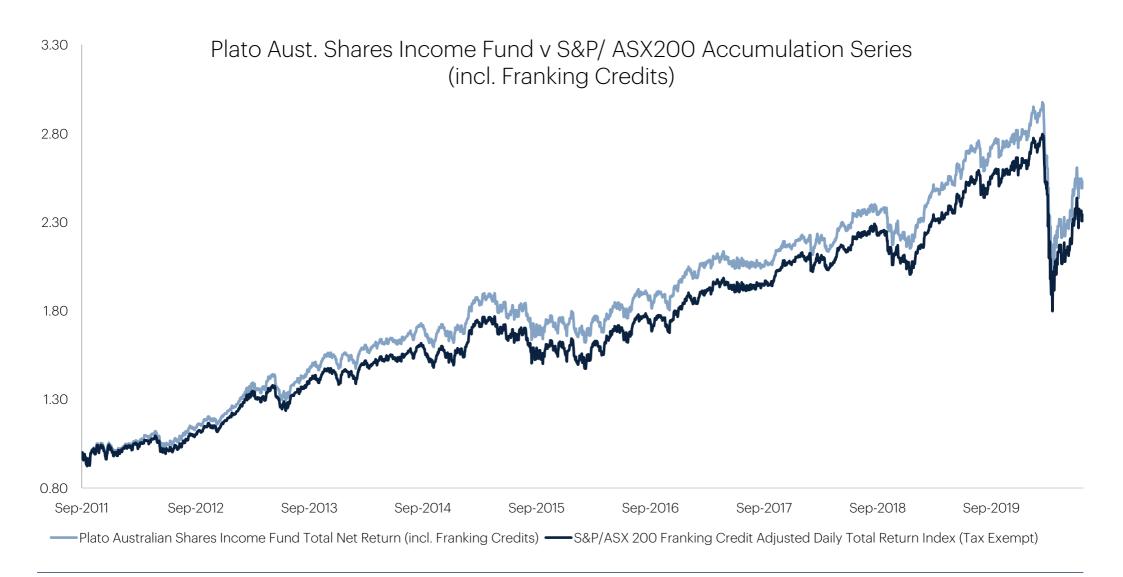
PERFORMANCE TO 30 JUNE 2020 AFTER FEES AND COSTS\*

Including Franking	Half-Year	12 Months	Since Inception p.a.** (28/4/2017)
Portfolio	8.5%	-5.8%	5.8%
S&P/ASX200 Tax Exempt	-10.0%	-6.6%	5.5%
Active	+1.5%	+0.8%	+0.3%



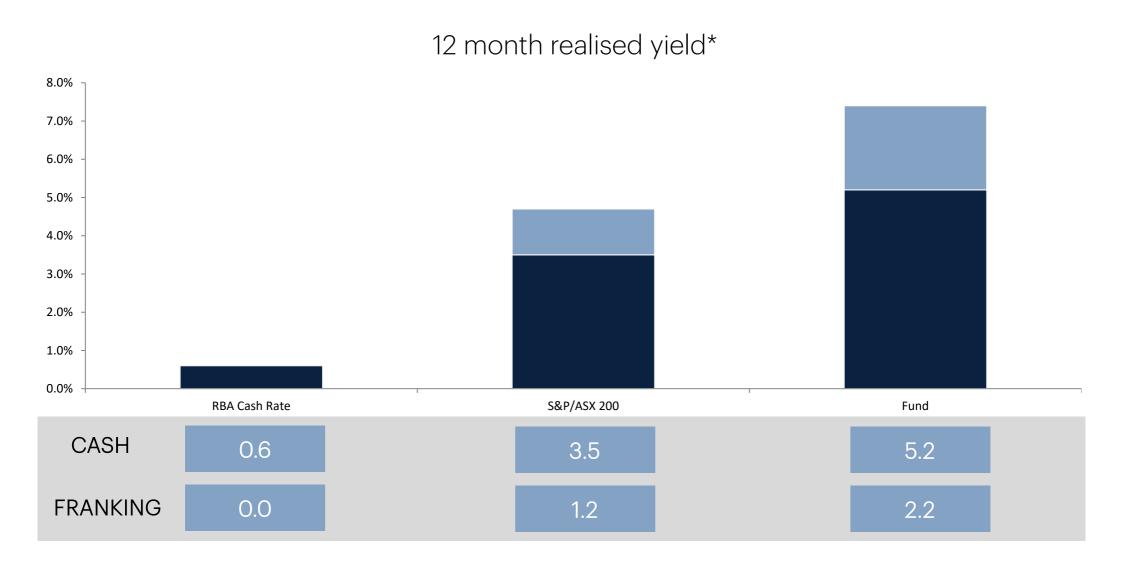
## Longer term performance

#### PLATO AUSTRALIAN SHARES INCOME FUND PERFORMANCE TO 30 JUNE 2020 AFTER FEES





## PL8 delivering high income



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## Delivering consistent monthly income

PLUS 3 CENT SPECIAL DIVIDEND PAID MAY 2019



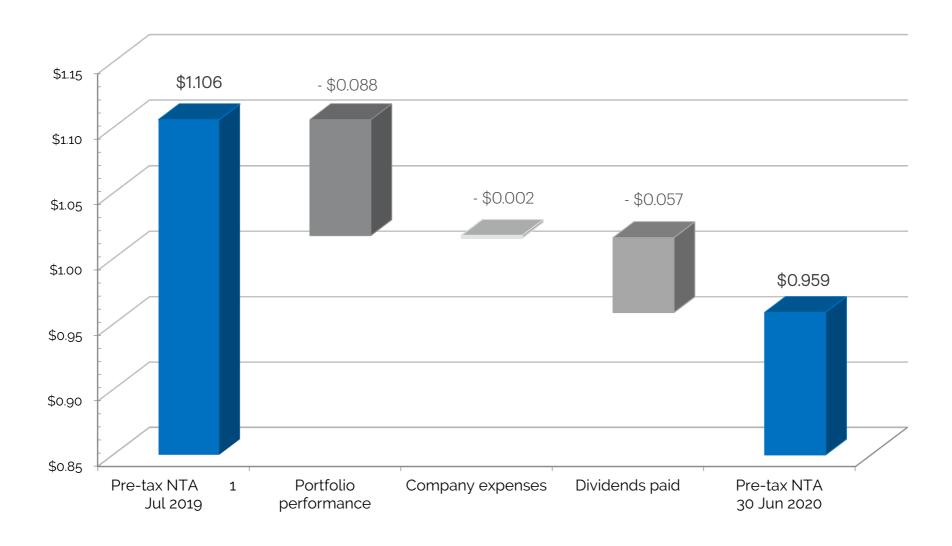


Only Australian LIC paying monthly fully franked dividends



## PL8 NTA performance breakdown for FY2020

### PRE-TAX NTA PER PL8 SHARE\*



## Price has closely tracked NTA

### PL8 PRICE VERSUS NTA SINCE LISTING

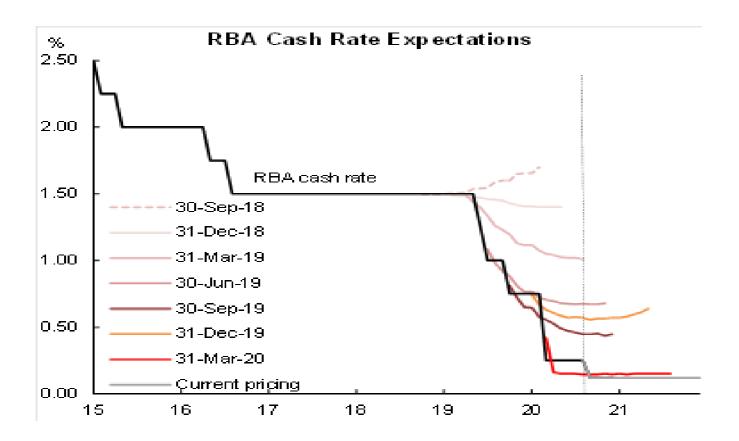


# Market Update



## RBA cut rates by 25bp on 19 March

OFFICIAL RBA CASH RATE EXPECTATIONS – EVEN LOWER FOR LONGER



"It is reasonable to expect that an extended period of low interest rates will be required in Australia ..."

Philip Lowe, RBA Governor: Monetary Policy Decision 3 September 2019.

Source: Macquarie Macro Strategy Auguust 2020



## Safe assets lose you money

#### NEGATIVE REAL RATES OF RETURN



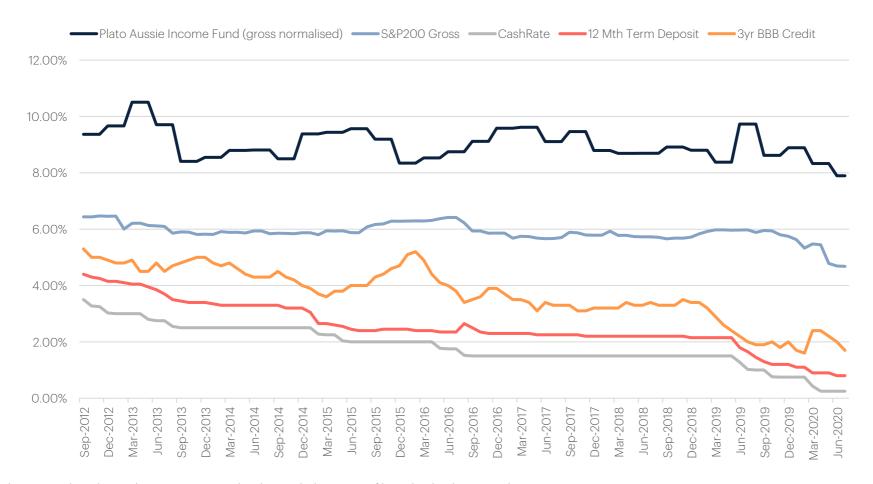
Safe options = going backwards! \*

\*depending on your risk profile

Source: Plato, RBA updated to 30/4/2020



## Yields on all asset classes are falling



Source: Plato, RBA, Bloomberg Plato income normalized to exclude impact of large buybacks in 2018/19



## Tax effective buy-backs are very advantageous

QANTAS BUYBACK – WORTH 12% AFTER TAX FOR ZERO TAX INVESTORS

- A\$443M OFF MARKET BUYBACK 5.1% OF SHARES ON ISSUE
- WORTH 12% FOR PENSIONERS, 85% SCALE BACK, 5.2BPS AFTER TAX AT PORTFOLIO LEVEL

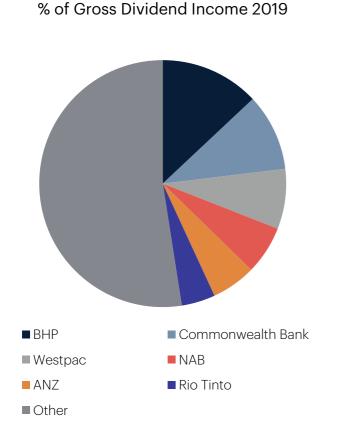


### Highlights value of franking credits



## Big Aussie income stocks doing it tough!

### 6 STOCKS ACCOUNT FOR NEARLY HALF OF ALL DIVIDENDS







Source: Plato, Iress S&P200

### "...Australia is poorly diversified""



## Largest Contributors to Income

YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2020

Top 10	come		Investment Reasoning						
Stock	Excess Income (%)	Return (%)	Capital (%)	Income (%)	Yield	Run up	Value	Momentum	Reasoning
NAB	0.24	-25.8	-31.8	6.0	✓	✓	✓		Bank Rotation
Commonwealth	0.23	-8.7	-16.1	7.4	✓	✓	✓		Bank Rotation
Rio Tinto	0.19	3.5	-5.6	9.1	✓	✓	✓	✓	Increased yield, good total return, benefiting from high iron ore prices
ВНР	0.18	-5.6	-13.0	7.4	✓	✓	✓		Increased yield, good total return, benefiting from high iron ore prices
Fortescue Metals	0.17	69.4	53.6	15.8	✓	✓	✓	✓	Increased yield, good total return, benefiting from high iron ore prices
Westpac	0.14	-32.7	-36.7	4.0	✓	✓	✓		Bank Rotation
ANZ	0.12	-30.2	-33.9	3.7	✓	✓	✓		Bank Rotation
Macquarie	0.10	-1.4	-5.4	4.0	✓	✓	✓	✓	Paid good stable yield, benefiting from diversified financial business
Woolworths	0.09	16.6	12.2	4.4	✓	✓		✓	Paid good stable yield, increased sales offset by increased costs
Wesfarmers	0.08	30.0	24.0	6.0	✓	✓		✓	Paid good stable yield, benefiting from increased sales from home improvement
Off-mkt Buybacks (McMillan Shakespeare/Qantas)	0.44				✓				Extra Income and Total Return



## Largest Contributors to Active Performance

YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2020

Top 10 Contributors To Active Performance (Last 12mths)					Investment Reasoning					
Stock	Active Performance (%)	Return (%)	Capital (%)	Income (%)	Yield	Run up	Value	Momentum	Reasoning	
Fortescue Metals	0.35	69.4	53.6	15.8	✓	✓	✓	✓	Good business momentum and price sentiment at reasonable price, benefiting from increase in iron ore prices.	
Wesfarmers	0.35	30.0	24.0	6.0	✓	✓		<b>√</b>	Good business momentum and price sentiment at reasonable price, benefiting from increased sales from home improvement.	
Macquarie	0.34	-1.4	-5.4	4.0	✓	✓	✓	✓	Good business momentum and price sentiment at reasonable price, benefiting from diversified financial business.	
Scentre	0.33	-37.6	-43.5	5.9	×	×		×	<b>Underweight</b> , suffering after shopping centres were shut down.	
Woolworths	0.29	16.6	12.2	4.4	✓	✓		✓	Good business momentum and price sentiment at reasonable price, benefiting from increased sales from social distancing measures.	
ResMed.	0.28	61.3	60.4	0.9		✓		✓	Good business momentum and price sentiment at reasonable price, benefiting from respirator sales during COVID period.	
JB Hi-Fi	0.26	74.7	66.4	8.3	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	Good business momentum and price sentiment at reasonable price, benefiting from strong sales in COVID period.	
Magellan Financial	0.26	19.0	13.7	5.3	✓	✓		✓	Good business momentum and fund performance. Benefiting from strong inflows.	
Aurizon	0.24	-2.6	-8.9	6.3	✓	✓	✓	✓	Good business momentum at reasonable price.	
Oil Search	0.23	-53.2	-55.1	1.9		×	×	×	<b>Underweight</b> , suffering after oil price drop and political pressures in Papua New Guinea.	

## **Dividend Traps**

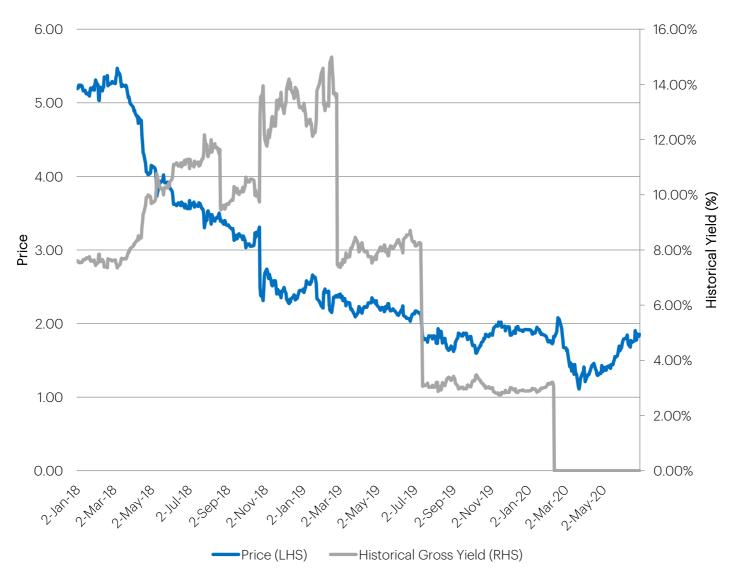
### YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2020

		Investment Reasoning						
Stock	Date of Divd	Div'd Cut (%)	Return (%)	Yield	Runup	Value	Momentum	Reasoning
AMP	Aug-19	-100%	-20.7		×		×	Poor business momentum, suffering after royal commission troubles.
Blackmores	27-Aug-19	-55%	-25.4		×	×	×	Poor business momentum, suffering from poor sales into Asian market.
Adelaide Brighton	Sep-19	-100%	-27.9	<b>√</b>	×	x	×	Poor business momentum, suffering from weakening housing market.
Alumina	28-Feb-20	-72%	-13.0	✓	×		×	Poor business momentum, suffering from reduction in Aluminium price.
Blackmores	Mar-20	-100%	-15.7		×	×	×	Poor business momentum, suffering from poor sales into Asian market.
South32	5-Mar-20	-66%	-15.1		×		×	Poor business momentum, suffering reduction in commodity prices and shut down of South African mines.
Sims Group	9-Mar-20	-74%	-25.1		×	x	×	Poor business momentum, suffering from reduction in scrap steel prices and turmoil in Turkey.
Flight Centre	Mar-20	-100%	-77.6	✓	×		×	Poor business momentum, suffering from COVID related travel weakness.



## Winning by not losing - avoiding dividend traps

AMP UP TO 15% GROSS DIVIDEND YIELD



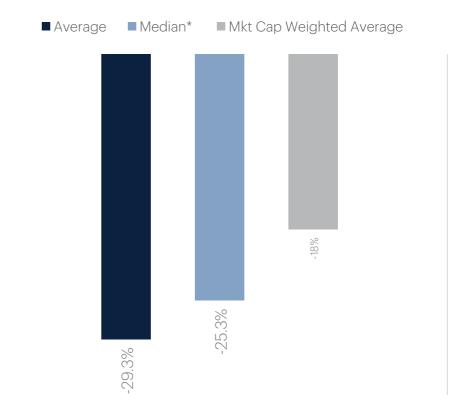


## Update on results season August 2020 - Dividends

#### COVID = DIVIDENDS CUT BUT... STRONG INCOME IF YOU KNOW WHERE TO LOOK

- Strong dividend increases:
  - JB Hi Fi, Wesfarmers in retail
  - Evolution and Northern Star in gold
  - Fortescue and Mineral Resources in iron ore
  - Aurizon and NRW Holdings in industrials
  - Magellan and Steadfast Group in financials
- Solid CBA result, dividend cut to maximum payout ratio allowed.
- 34 companies in ASX200 omit dividends
- 22% of companies increased dividends, 11% had flat dividend and 67% reduced dividends

#### CHANGE IN DIVIDENDS PCP



Source: Plato, Iress, S&P200



### **Dividend Outcome**

LARGEST 20 DIVIDEND PAYERS

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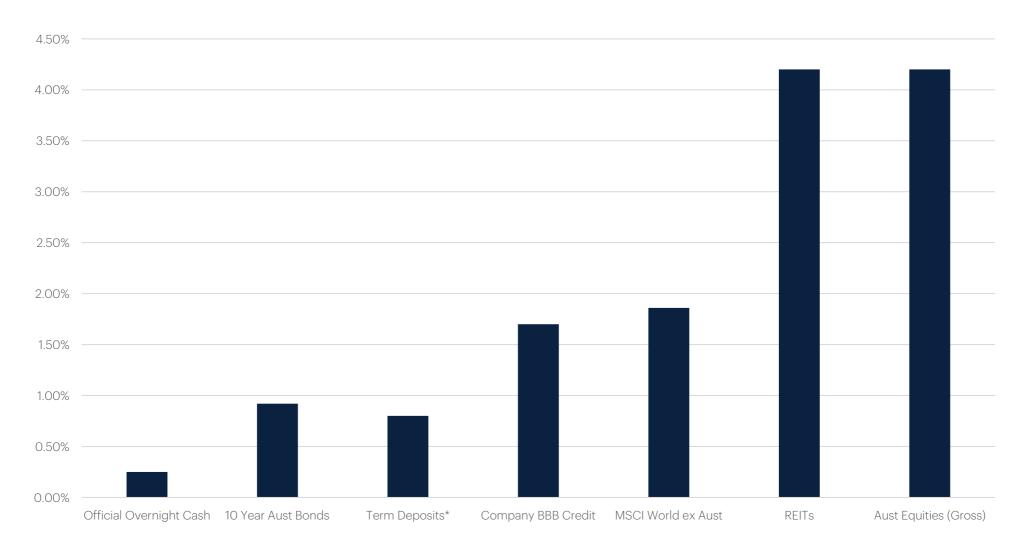






### **Asset Class Outlook for Income**

### FORECAST 12 MONTH INCOME AS AT 28/8/2020



Source: Plato, Bloomberg, \*RBA



### **Outlook**

- Interest rates to be even lower for longer
  - All asset classes will deliver lower income
  - Equity income actually looks relatively more attractive
- Plenty of income if you know where to look:
  - Our expectation is for 30% cut in dividends on average, but some stocks unaffected
  - Recovery to be slow rather that V-shaped
- Case for active fund management never been stronger
  - Avoiding dividends traps will be more important than ever



# Questions

THANK YOU

