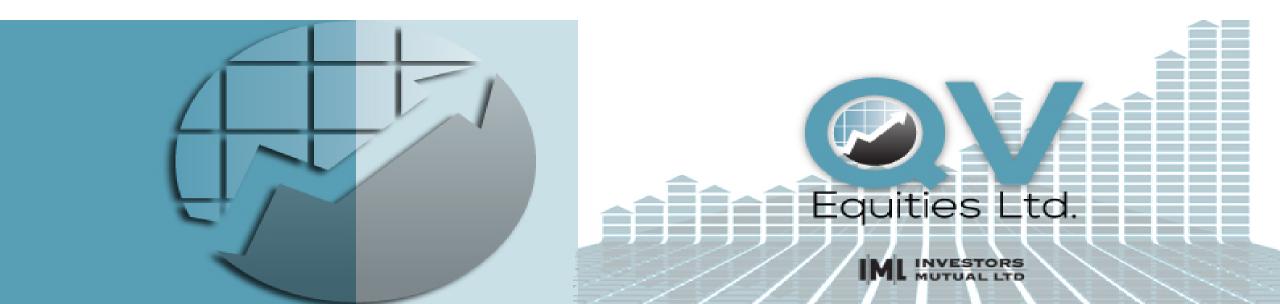
# Investing for Income in the sharemarket:

# **QV** Equities Investor Update

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# **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



# Why hold QVE?

☐ Good quality ex 20 portfolio

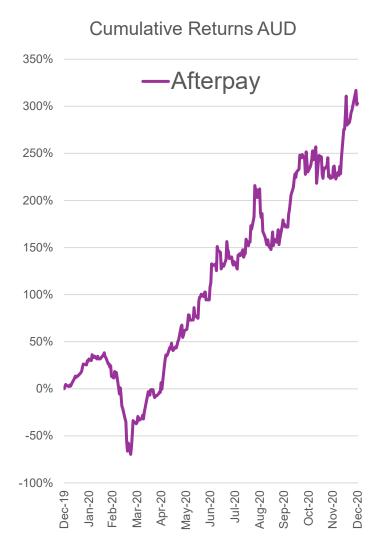
- ☐ A diversified set of well-established, good quality companies
- Often less researched opportunities

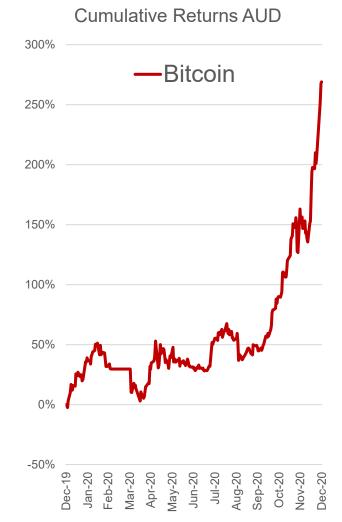
- Offers very attractive dividends
- ☐ IML has a long track record of significant value add in this segment



# Are assets being priced rationally?











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

We seek to buy and own:

Companies with a competitive advantage,

with recurring earnings,

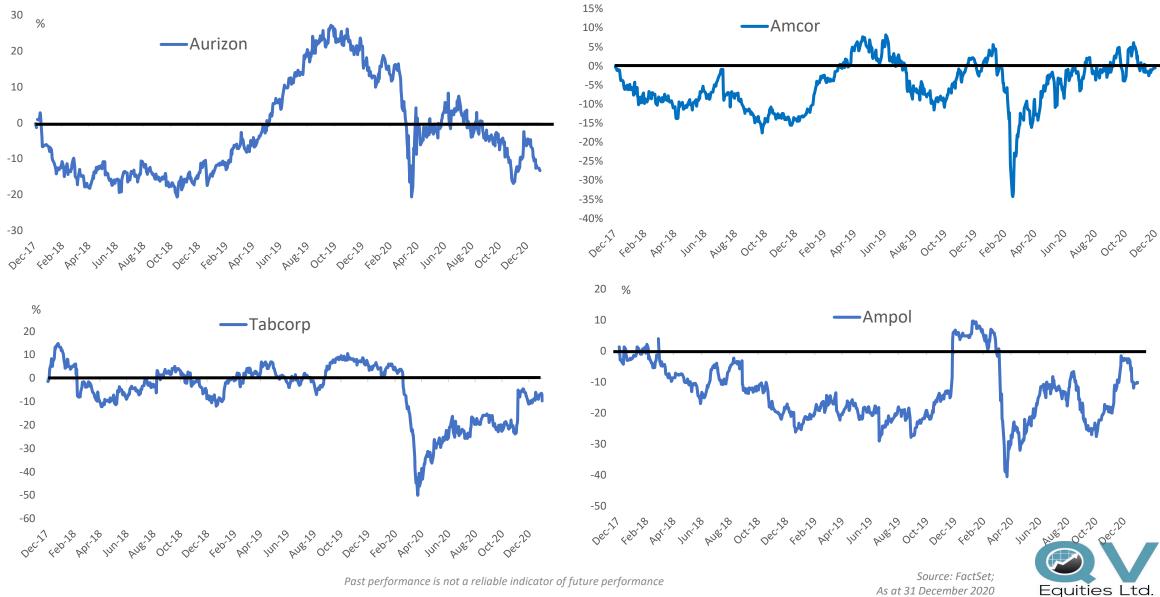
run by capable management,

that can grow,

.....at a reasonable price.



# Good quality companies left behind amidst the mania



# Top 10 stocks

Top 10 holdings		
Amcor	5.4%	
Pact	5.0%	
Tabcorp	4.9%	
Crown Resorts	4.8%	
Aurizon	4.5%	
AusNet	4.4%	
Orica	3.8%	
Sonic Healthcare	3.7%	
Ampol	3.6%	
Virgin Money UK	3.3%	



### **Aurizon**



- ☐ Owns key QLD rail infrastructure & above rail business
- Excellent management team
- Earnings are recurring and highly predictable (60% regulated)
- ☐ Very strong free cash generator
- ☐ Diversifying away from coal into bulk transport





# Packaging companies held

Stocks held: Amcor, Pact, Pro-Pac and Orora



- Attractions of the sector:
- Very recurring earnings streams
- Often underpinned by long term contracts
- ☐ Highly cash generative
- Scale is a major advantage





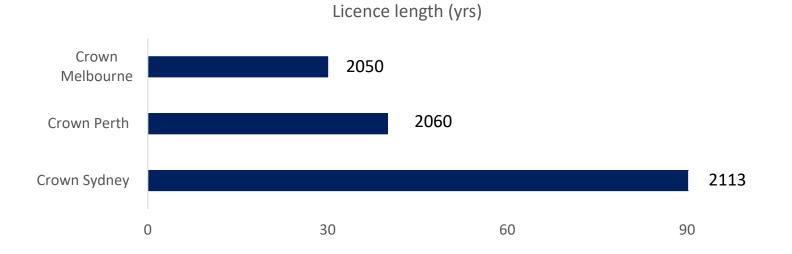




### **Crown Resorts**



- Leading integrated casino and resorts operator in Australia
- Strong balance sheet
- ☐ Unique set of assets in 3 of Australia's capital cities
- ☐ New Sydney casino delayed opening



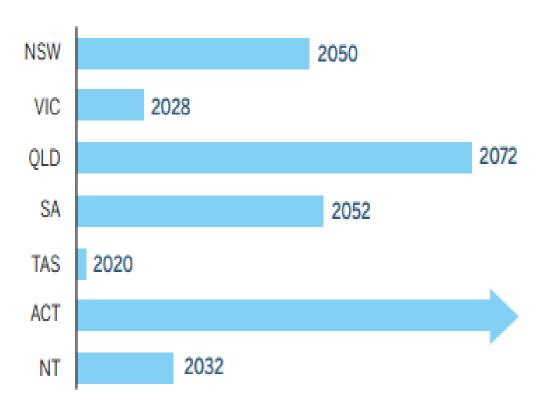




# Tabcorp: underpinned by long term licences



### Lotteries licences/approvals()



- ☐ Average licence term is 29 years
- Lotteries is now >50% of EBITDA and >70% of value of the company.
- Wagering division underperforming



### **Sonic Healthcare**



- No. 1 pathology business in: Australia, Germany, Switzerland & UK (no. 3 in US)
- Excellent management team
- Long track record of accretive acquisitions



- The balance sheet is in 'the best shape for 20 years'
- Expecting further very accretive acquisitions in the next 12 months

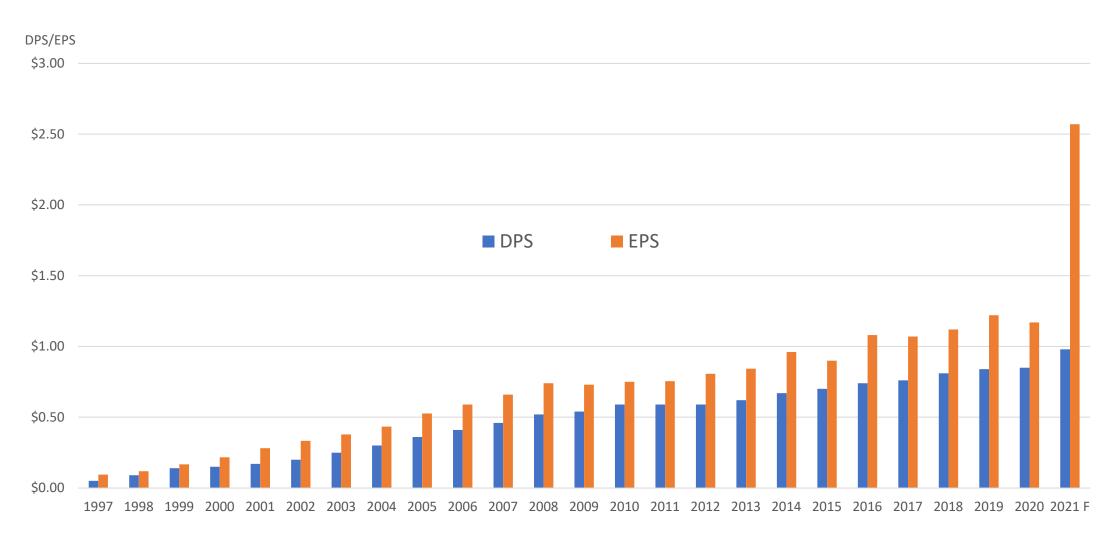






### **Sonic Healthcare**





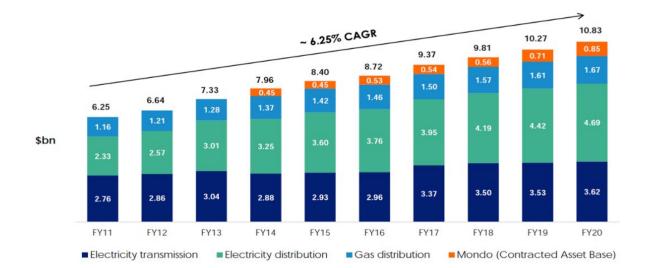
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### **AusNet**



- Regulated, essential infrastructure assets across electricity distribution, transmission and gas distribution in Victoria.
- Victoria Renewable Energy Target (VRET)
  - 50% by 2030 (currently 25%)
- Committed and actionable projects ~\$4bn over next 10 15 yrs
  - FY11-FY20 asset base growth of ~6.25% p.a. CAGR





Source: IML & AusNet FY 2020 Results presentation; As at 23 November 2020



### Metcash: a diversified national retailer / wholesaler

### Food







### Liquor













### Hardware











### Metcash

Exposed to relatively defensive sectors

☐ Investing \$300m for future growth

Attractively priced on around 14 x

# Underlying EBIT(%) • Food • Liquor • Hardware



# QVE positioning - focusing on company specifics

Company specific initiatives – growth through the cycle		
Cost-outs →	Pro-Pac Packaging	
Acquisitions ->	Amcor, Sonic Healthcare	
Contracted growth→	AusNet, Home Co. Daily Needs	
Market share gains <del>&gt;</del>	Integral Diagnostics	
Restructuring ->	Ampol, Orora	



# Best performers over last 12 months

- Pact
- Pro-Pac Packaging
- Nine Entertainment

Tabcorp











# **Disappointing performers**

- Orica
- Ampol
- Aurizon
- Z Energy











# **Recent purchases**

- United Malt
- Bega Cheese
- Metcash
- ☐ Home Co. Daily Needs



### **QVE** portfolio characteristics

QVE portfolio underpinned by good quality industrial companies

Sustainable earnings from a diverse range of sectors

☐ Looking for solid and consistent dividends

Cash ready to take advantage of a pull back



# Why hold QVE?

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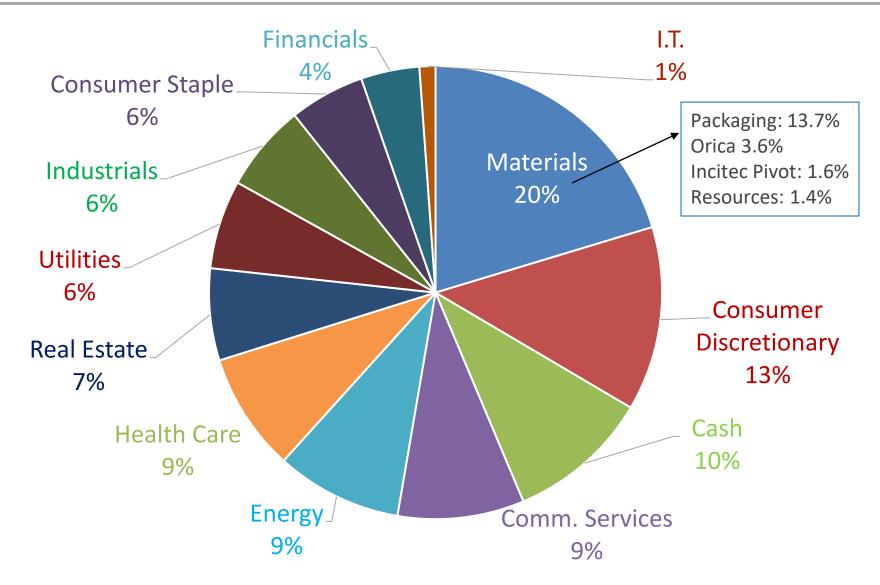
☐ Diversified set of well-established companies

Less researched opportunities

- Some very good yields on offer
- ☐ IML has a long record of significant value add in this segment



# QVE Portfolio as at 28 February 2021





### Performance & NTA – as at 28 February 2021

NET TANGIBLE ASSETS (NTA)*	QVE-ASX
NTA before tax	\$ 1.01
NTA after tax	\$ 1.03

<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/losses 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/losses that might arise on such a theoretical disposal, after utilisation of brought forward losses. All figures are unaudited and approximate.

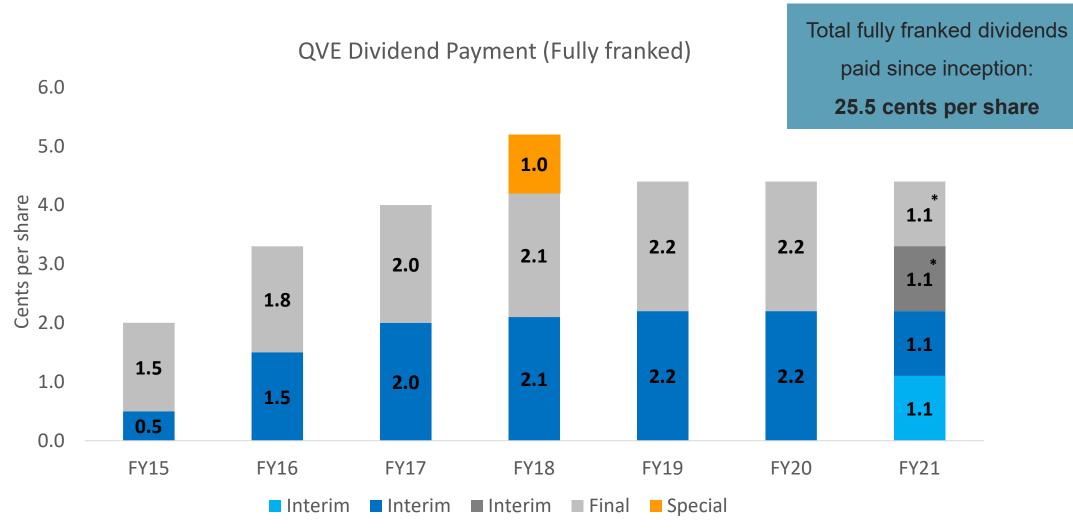
PERFORMANCE*	QVE's NTA (pre tax)	QVE's NTA (after tax)	BENCHMARK
1 Month	+2.3%	+1.8%	+0.1%
3 Months	+0.1%	+0.2%	-1.1%
1 Year	+2.9%	+3.1%	+7.4%
3 Years	-0.2%	+0.7%	+6.6%
Since Inception Total Return p.a	+5.0%	+4.5%	+9.3%

The above returns are after fees and assumes all declared dividends are reinvested and excludes tax paid for pre-tax NTA. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.



Source: QVE NTA as at 28 February 2021

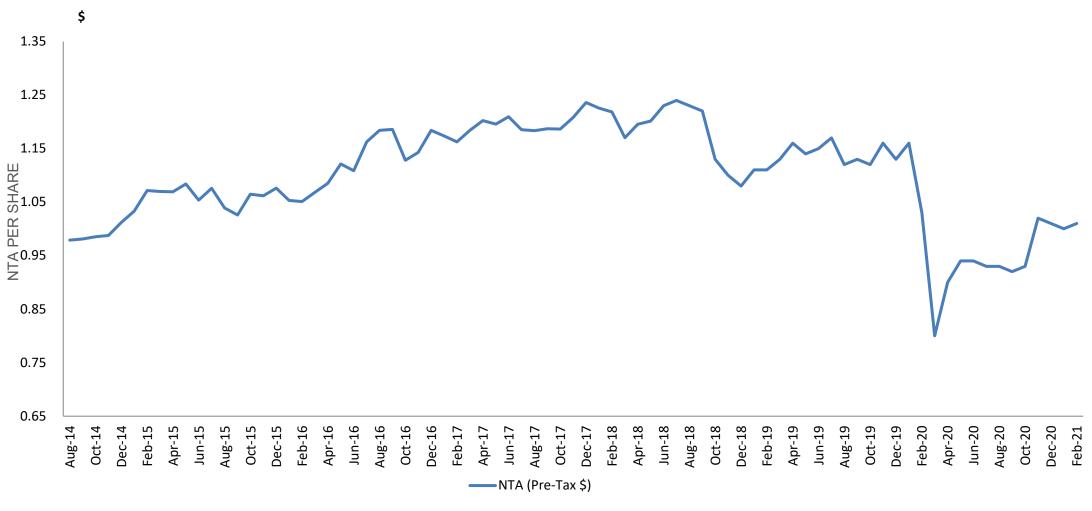
### **Historical Dividends to QVE Shareholders**



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### **Historical NTA**





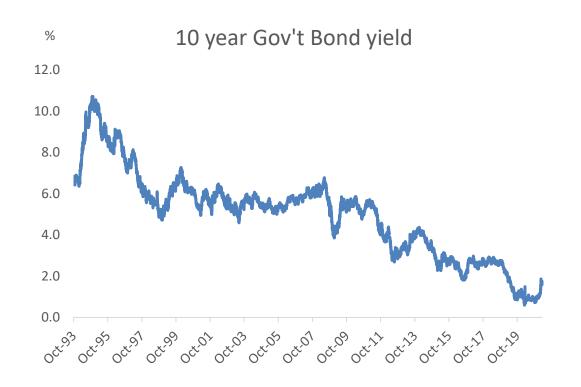


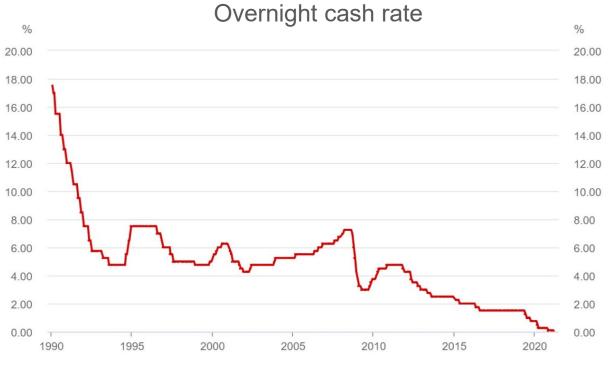
# **Dividend Announcement & Capital Management**

- ☐ The Board has announced its intention to maintain dividend payments to shareholders
  - for the full year 2021 at the same level as were paid in FY 2020 at 4.4 cents per share \*
- ☐ Now paid in quarterly dividends of 1.1 cents per share fully franked
- ☐ Since the announcement of a 10% on market buy-back on 22 August 2019, 33 million
  - shares have been bought back with capacity to buy another 13 million shares.



### Rates have fallen a long way!!







### It's not an easy time to earn income on one's investments

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☐ Rent cuts on some properties

☐ Some sectors have rebased their dividends

but the good news is that .....

☐ Many good quality companies are offering excellent and sustainable yields



# Some very attractive dividends on offer from some excellent companies....

Company	Yield FY21	Yield FY22
Aurizon	6.7%	6.8%
AusNet	5.6%	5.9%
Amcor	4.3%	4.4%
Metcash	4.1%	4.2%
Charter Hall Retail	6.5%	6.7%
Spark Infrastructure	5.8%	6.0%

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# Factors impacting QVE's portfolio

'Momentum' based market

☐ Significant gains in momentum/concept stocks

☐ The market always reverts to reality and fundamentals

☐ The time for value managers is arriving!



### **QVE's strategy**

- Only holding well-established, good quality stocks
- Cash being used very selectively
- Options writing on certain stocks
- Cash being used to buy back shares at the current discount to NTA
- ☐ Always on the look out for new opportunities



# Q&A

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