# NB GLOBAL CORPORATE INCOME TRUST (ASX: NBI)

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# **MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – AS OF 31 AUGUST 2021**

#### **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

Fixed income markets were mixed over August with the high yield corporate bond market delivering a positive total return. Earnings continued to come in well above expectations, a very strong U.S. payroll report (+943K in July), and moderate COVID case growth in the U.S. improved the sentiment over the month.

In the U.S., following the Senate's bipartisan approval of a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill in early August, the legislation now sits with the House for a final vote before it can head to President Joe Biden's desk. Economic data was mixed over the month with the August employment report fell shy of expectations, average hourly earnings improving, and the jobless rate are falling. While July inflation data came in line with expectations

The minutes from the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) July meeting corroborated investor expectations of a taper in bond purchases in the near term, with "most" Committee members favoring tapering in 2021 and "several" members preferring to wait until 2022. Chairman Powell's speech in late August at the Jackson Hole economic policy symposium reiterated that tapering could begin as early as this year, but emphasized that the timing of any potential interest rate liftoff was a separate and unrelated decision.

Elsewhere, the ECB looks to begin its own debate over the timing and pace of tapering asset purchases during their early September meeting. In the U.K., the BOE left monetary policy unchanged, but cautioned for a more pronounced period of above-target inflation in the coming months.

We continue to expect strong economic growth in 2021 and 2022 and a below trend default environment for the next few years. The economic recovery continues as evidenced by recent data and we would expect the trajectory of growth and pricing power to be supportive of issuer fundamentals. While new COVID variants and concerns over inflation could result in pockets of short-term volatility, we believe our bottom-up, fundamental credit research focused on individual credit selection while seeking to avoid credit deterioration and putting only our "best ideas" into portfolios, position us well to take advantage of any volatility.

#### **NBI** Review

As of end of August, NBI returned 0.60% and announced a monthly distribution of 0.804 cents per Unit, which represents an annualised distribution of 4.75% (net of fees and expenses).

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

31 AUGUST 2021	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	2 Year	Since Inception <sup>3</sup>
Total Return (%) 4	0.60	1.36	3.05	9.49	5.76	6.20

Past Performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Periods less than one year are not annualized.

#### NTA PER UNIT / ASX UNIT PRICE PERFORMANCE



TRUST FACTS	
Listing Date	26 September 2018
Market Cap	\$856.81 million
Net Tangible Assets (NTA)	\$905.78 million
ASX Unit Price	\$1.92
NTA per Unit	\$2.03 (cum)
Target Distribution <sup>1</sup>	4.75% (net)
Distributions	Monthly
Management costs	0.85% p.a.
Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited
Manager	Neuberger Berman Australia Limited

#### **ABOUT NEUBERGER BERMAN**

- Founded in 1939; a private, independent, employee-owned investment manager
- US\$433 billion in AUM as of June 30, 2021
- Located in 36 cities with 19 portfolio management centers across 25 countries
- The firm has considered ESG in investment processes as far back as the 1940s. For more information, please visit www.nb.com/esq

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#### **PLATFORMS**

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IOOF	Macquarie Wrap	MLC Wrap	<b>MLC Navigator</b>	Netwealth

#### SECTOR ALLOCATION

#### ■ Leisure, 10.4% ■ Services, 7.9%

- Healthcare, 7.5%
- Telecommunications, 7.2%
- Media, 6.6%
- Gas-Distribution, 6.0%
- Real Estate, 5.8%
- Capital Goods, 5.2% ■ Retail, 5.2%
- Technology & Electronics, 4.2%

  Energy Exploration & Production, 4.1%

  Energy Others, 3.3%
- Transportation, 3.2%
- Banking, 3.1%
- Financial Services 3.0%
- Utility, 2.7%
- Automotive, 2.5%Consumer Goods, 2.5% ■ Metals/Mining Excluding Steel, 2.4%
- Chemicals, 2.1%
- Insurance, 2.0%
- Others. 3.2%

## **TOP 10 COUNTRY ALLOCATION**



- United States, 54.9%
- United Kingdom, 4.6%
- France, 3.5%
- Germany, 2.9%
- China. 2.2%
- India, 1.6%
- Netherlands, 1.6% ■ Mexico, 1.5%
- Others, 17.9%



CREDIT QUALITY<sup>5</sup>

■BB Rated, 24,7% ■B Rated, 45.7% ■CCC and below, 29.1%

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

	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	-0.15	-2.05	-16.81	5.58	6.17	1.80	-4.22
FY2021	4.27	1.61	-0.96	0.52	4.80	1.55	-0.15	0.43	0.29	0.88	0.49	0.96	15.54
FY2022	-0.20	0.60											

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## DISTRIBUTIONS(¢/unit)7

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total	Annualised Distribution Rate <sup>8</sup>
FY2019	-	-	-	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	2.469	9.47	6.24%
FY2020	0.899	0.899	0.899	0.899	0.899	0.899	0.899	0.899	0.899	0.899	0.899	0.971	10.86	5.28%
FY2021	0.696	0.696	0.696	0.696	0.696	0.696	0.696	0.696	0.696	0.696	0.696	1.985	9.64	5.20%
FY2022	0.804	0.804												4.75%

TOP 10 ISSUERS	SECTOR	%
Numericable Group	Telecommunications	1.94
Carnival Corp	Leisure	1.58
Calpine Corp	Utility	1.44
Carvana Co	Retail	1.35
CSC Holdings LLC	Media	1.33
Blackstone CQP Holdco LP	Gas-Distribution	1.20
Commscope Holding Co Inc	Technology & Electronics	1.17
Assuredpartners Inc	Insurance	1.09
MultiPlan Inc	Healthcare	1.03
Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd	Healthcare	1.02

BOND PORTFOLIO SUMMARY	
Number of Holdings	500
Number of Issuers	345
Yield to Maturity (%)9	5.33
Yield to Worst (%)10	4.79
Weighted Average Duration (years)	3.40
Average Credit Quality	В

- For FY2022, NBI has set the target distribution amount per Unit, which is paid monthly by NBI, at 4.75% p.a. (net of fees and expenses) on the NTA per Unit as at 1 July 2021 ("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 change 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 21 January 2020 ("2020 PDS"). Section 3.3.1 of the 2020 PDS sets out the Manager's views in relation the interest rate environment and impact on target distributions.
- 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.
- FY2019 based on the Initial Public Offer Subscription Price of \$2.00; FY2020 based on the NTA per Unit as at 1 July 2019; FY2021 based on the NTA per Unit as at 1 July 2020; FY2022 based on the NTA per Unit as at 1 July 2021;
- 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 10. 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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