# NB GLOBAL CORPORATE INCOME TRUST (ASX: NBI)

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# MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – AS OF 30 April 2023

#### **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

The global high yield bond market finished the month of April with positive returns as banking sector stress eased and high yield issuer earnings were coming in better than expected. U.S. 10-Year Treasury yields ended the month at 3.44%, declining 4 basis points since the end of March and up 55 basis points from a year ago. However, yields on 10-year U.K. Gilts and German Bunds rose slightly over the month, most likely as a result of differing inflation and interest rate expectation in the region. Although default rates have moved up slightly, they remain relatively low and are still below the long-term averages. Looking forward, our latest bottom-up U.S. high yield default estimates for 2023 (2.3% - 3.0%) and 2024 (2.8% - 3.8%) resemble more of an average default year than the spikes experienced during prior recessions. EM and European default rates also remain relatively contained outside of the more distressed China property and Eastern European region. Broadly, global high yield issuer fundamentals of free cash flow, interest coverage and leverage have remained in favorable ranges with most global high yield issuers well-positioned to navigate the current environment.

While default rates have risen off the lows reached earlier last year, we expect defaults in 2023 and 2024 to remain in a range that are below or around the long-term averages. This outlook is based on our bottom-up assessment of issuers, and driven by the higher-quality ratings mix in global high yield (56.5% of issuers with credit ratings of BB), less aggressive new issuance, fewer near-term maturities, as well as an energy sector that is far healthier than in the past few cycles. As for EM high yield corporates, the overall default rate ended last year and started this year in the midteens due to non-payment by Russian and Ukrainian issuers, and due to the elevated defaults in the China property sector. Excluding those specific areas, we expect the EM high yield corporate default rate to be relatively benign at around 3.3% in 2023, as EM corporates have entered this period with reasonable liquidity on average.

In our view, global high yield valuations and yields are compensating investors for the relatively benign default outlook. While the tightening of financial conditions caused real GDP growth to slow, it has remained positive. Relatively healthy consumer and business balance sheets and growing nominal GDP should continue to remain supportive for issuer fundamentals, in our view. While the incoming macroeconomic data and overall credit cycle dynamics can move global high yield markets day-to-day, we remain very focused on industry-specific trends and idiosyncratic risks to individual issuers.

# PERFORMANCE BASED ON NTA (NET)<sup>2</sup>

30 April 2023	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	Since Inception <sup>3</sup>
Total Return (%) 4	0.49	-0.80	4.87	-1.92	-4.32	4.07	1.53

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	\$591.16 million						
Net Tangible Assets (NTA)	\$710.86 million						
ASX Unit Price	\$1.37						
NTA per Unit	\$1.65 (cum)						
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\$436.4 billion in AUM as of Mar 31, 2023
- Located in 39 cities with 20 portfolio management centers across 26 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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Macquarie Wrap	MLC Wrap	MLC Navigator	Netwealth	

#### SECTOR ALLOCATION

- Services, 8.1% ■ Telecommunications, 7.5%
- Capital Goods, 7.3%
- Leisure, 6.5%
- Healthcare, 5.2%
- Gas-Distribution, 6.0%
- Technology & Electronics, 4.7%
- Energy Exploration & Production, 4.8%
- Automotive, 4.9%
- Financial Services, 3.3%
- Retail 4 2%
- Utility, 4.7%
- Chemicals, 4.0%
- Transportation, 4.0% ■ Real Estate, 3.6%
- Media, 3,2%
- Metals/Mining Excluding Steel, 2.9%
- Insurance, 2.7%
- Energy Others, 2.9% Banking, 1.8%
- Other, 7.9%

## **TOP 10 COUNTRY ALLOCATION**



- United States, 57.6%
- United Kingdom, 5.1%
- Germany, 4.6%
- France, 3.3% Luxembourg, 2.8%
- Canada, 2.8%
- Brazil. 2.5%
- Mexico, 2.1% ■ Spain, 1.9%
- Italy, 1.7%
- Others, 15.7%



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

- ■BB Rated, 44.0%
- ■B Rated, 39.2%
- ■CCC and below, 14.7%

## TOTAL RETURNS BASED ON NTA (NET) (%) 2, 4

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
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	-0.73	-0.55	-1.16	1.91	-2.37	-2.02	-0.13	-3.53	-0.71	-7.33	-15.34
FY2023	5.46	-1.33	-4.82	2.63	2.48	-0.87	4.05	-1.46	0.18	0.49			

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### DISTRIBUTIONS (¢/unit)6

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
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
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
FY2022	0.805	0.805	0.805	0.805	0.805	0.805	0.805	0.805	0.805	0.805	0.805	1.012	9.87
FY2023	0.711	0.711	0.711	0.711	0.711	0.711	0.711	0.711	1.218	1.218			

TOP 10 ISSUERS	SECTOR	%
Ford Motor Co	Automotive	1.67%
American Airlines Group	Transportation	1.62%
AssuredPartners Inc	Insurance	1.20%
First Quantum Minerals Ltd.	Basic Industry	1.17%
TransDigm Inc	Capital Goods	1.16%
APX Group/Vivint	Services	1.15%
Altice France	Telecommunications	1.14%
Prime Security Services	Services	1.10%
Petroleos Mexicanos	Energy	1.08%
Calpine Corp	Utility	1.00%

### BOND PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

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	Number of Holdings	596
	Number of Issuers	387
	Yield to Maturity (%) <sup>7</sup>	8.75
	Yield to Worst (%)8	8.81
	Weighted Average Duration (years)	3.97
	Average Credit Quality	B+
	Current Yield (%)	6.54

- 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 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.
- The most recent distribution amount has been announced, and will be paid in the following month. For summary purposes monthly distribution figures have been rounded to 3 decimal places and total financial year distribution figures have been rounded to 2 decimal places. Actual distribution figures can be found on the ASX website.
- 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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