

# **ASX: PCX**

Unparalleled Access to Diversified Global Private Credit Portfolio. Opportunity for Quarterly Liquidity at NAV<sup>1</sup>.

March 2025

# PENGANA GLOBAL PRIVATE CREDIT TRUST



**Mercer** 

\$2.00

NAV PER UNIT<sup>2</sup> 7%

MINIMUM TARGET DISTRIBUTION YIELD (P.A.)3

#### **Fund Information**

Responsible Entity: Pengana Investment

Management Limited

Investment Manager: Pengana Credit Pty Ltd

**Investment Consultant:** Mercer Consulting

(Australia) Pty Ltd

**Investment Objective:** To generate strong risk adjusted returns with a high degree of capital protection and

adjusted returns with a high degree of capital protection and stable and consistent income over a rolling 3-year period.

Investment Strategy: globally diversified exposure to 20+

specialist private credit funds

# PCX Snapshot

as at 31 March 2025

ASX Code: PCX

IPO Date: 21 June 2024

Issue Price: \$2.00

ASX Price: \$2.01

NAV / Unit: \$2.00

Market Cap: \$166.42m

Distributions: Monthly

NAV Pricing: Monthly

#### Research House Ratings

Lonsec SQM

#### Platform availability:

✓ AMP North ✓ BT Panorama ✓ CFS Edge and Firstwrap ✓ Hub24

✓ Macquarie 
✓ Mason Stevens 
✓ Netwealth 
✓ Praemium

#### **Investment Highlights:**

- Global private credit has a long track record of strong performance through significant geopolitical events
- Majority of exposure is to the senior secured debt of healthy companies with low leverage and good coverage ratios
- Limited exposure of underlying funds to manufacturing and other sectors impacted by tariffs
- Credit Opportunities strategies set to benefit from dislocation created in some sectors

#### **Credit Portfolios Built for Uncertainty**

Dear Investor,

Since our last update, the launch of Donald Trump's "Liberation Day" measures, tariffs and potential trade war concerns have taken centre stage, leading to market volatility and conjecture regarding trading patterns, economic growth and geopolitical relationships. As we discussed last month, the future trajectory of markets will depend on the escalation or resolution of the ensuing trade disputes and the broader economic implications of current policies.

While negative headlines, market uncertainty and volatility have been unsettling, global private credit is a particularly attractive alternative for two reasons. Should there be a global recession, downside risk is mitigated by priority in the capital structure, low volatility, contractual protections, active management, diversification and, for Direct Lending strategies, primary focus on contractual income. Further, should these tariffs result in inflation and interest rate risk, the floating rate nature of global private credit loans serve to protect the real value of cash income. Pengana Credit's credit portfolios have been constructed to provide resilience in adverse market conditions, achieved through our steadfast commitment to our core tenets of manager selection, diversification and flexible portfolio construction.

The current market disruption is not rooted in over-leveraged institutions or systemic financial stress. It is an income statement crisis, where businesses may see revenues decline as consumer and corporate sentiment soften. In these situations, high-quality credit management, which is a key diversifier of top-rated private credit managers, demonstrates its value.

Last month we discussed capital protection as a core design principle within the PCX portfolio. There are other elements that we believe will particularly help to protect the portfolio in the current environment:

- Lending to high quality, non-cyclical businesses, with stable revenue and cash flows;
- Majority of exposure is to the senior secured debt of healthy businesses with covenant protection, good coverage ratios, low leverage and substantial equity cushions;
- Focus on defensive sectors and limited exposure of underlying funds to manufacturing and other sectors impacted by tariffs;
- Underlying funds are well diversified with appropriate risk controls and limits given the funds' investment strategies;
- Experienced investment management teams that have track records managing risk through significant events such as the recent regional bank failures, Covid, Brexit, tariffs introduced by the first Trump administration and the Global Financial Crisis, with demonstrated ability to deliver stable income and resilient capital performance through these dynamic market events: and
- Our underlying funds have experienced and dedicated workout teams with expertise in assisting companies to manage through challenging situations, critical to capital preservation.

Given the focus on managing downside risk when underwriting and managing credit portfolios, our underlying managers have taken actions well in advance of the recent announcements. For example, prior to the US election, leveraging their experience from the previous Trump administration, our managers conducted full reviews of supply chains and tariff exposures across their borrower bases as well as in assessment of new lending opportunities; and actively engaged with portfolio company management teams to ensure they considered these risks and put in place proactive plans to mitigate adverse events. As a result, our portfolios remain operationally resilient and credit fundamentals remain sound, a strong position to be in when entering a very uncertain market environment.

While our core objectives remain capital preservation and income generation, our portfolios also retain the flexibility to invest into dislocation. Quality businesses may be adversely impacted by market closures or refinancing needs that result from market volatility and uncertainty. Our opportunistic managers can provide capital solutions within this environment, carefully and with a risk mitigation focus, and so enhance return potential over time.

In summary, we cannot predict how global trade policy or geopolitical risk will evolve, and we don't pretend there is certainty ahead. We are not immune to these broader market conditions. But we are confident that our funds are structured to navigate this volatility. Our approach remains grounded in:

- **Diversification**, across geographies, strategies, managers and thousands of loans;
- Defensiveness, through conservative underwriting, sector selection and emphasis on recurrent income and capital preservation; and
- **Discipline** in our manager selection and oversight, and capital deployment.

We believe PCX remains an attractive way to build resilience into diversified portfolios through participation in the full spectrum of the global private credit asset class given its superior diversification and liquidity profile relative to other offerings.

We thank you for your continued trust and support.

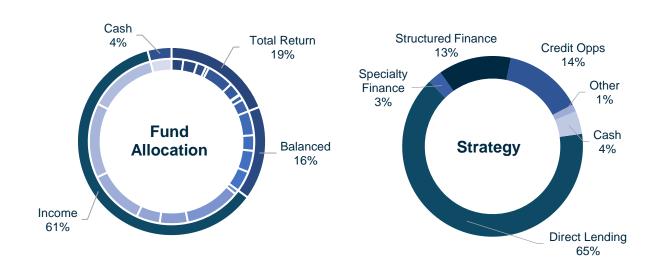
### **PORTFOLIO UPDATE**

The Trust's underlying funds continue to perform at or above their return targets.

During March, we received the majority of the outstanding Q4 '24 fund valuations from our underlying managers. On a weighted average basis, returns for the December quarter were strong, particularly for some of the Total Return funds that pursue special situation or dislocation strategies.

In late March, we committed to a new European-based Total Return fund that focuses on purchases of discounted senior debt in asset-heavy businesses. The fund has shown strong performance to date and we believe this commitment will add to our portfolio diversification and will benefit from current market dislocation.

## PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION<sup>4</sup>



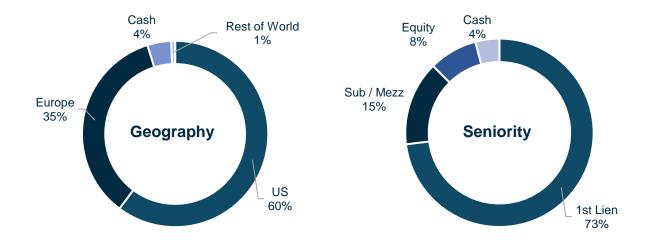
# At 31 March, the Trust has maintained its target allocation mix, with the following allocations to fund types:

• Income: \$105.9m invested across 7 managers

• Balanced: \$28.2m invested across 4 managers

Total Return: \$29.6m invested across 9 managers

The Trust is well diversified and within stated seniority, geography, and strategy guidelines.



As always, we thank you for your support of PCX.



- 1. The Responsible Entity will make an off-market buy-back offer each calendar quarter to buy-back up to 5% of the PCX issued capital each calendar quarter. The Responsible Entity will only be able to continue to buy-back 5% of the capital each calendar quarter where it would exceed the 10/12 Limit (10% of the smallest number of units that are on issue at any time during the previous 12 months) if the Responsible Entity has obtained approval by ordinary resolution of unitholders prior to effecting the buy-back. It is the Responsible Entity's intention to seek unitholder approval when required so that it can continue to buy-back 5% of the issued capital each quarter. If the Responsible Entity receives acceptances for more units than 5% of the issued capital of PCX for any quarterly buy-back offer, the number of each acceptor's units will be subject to a proportional scale-back.
- 2. The NAV is unaudited. The NAV is net of distributions paid since inception on 21 June 2024 to the date of this announcement.
- 3. The minimum target distribution yield is an objective target only and may not be achieved. Any shortfall in net income generated may result in a distribution payment made from capital invested. Future returns are not guaranteed, and a loss of principal may occur. Investors should review the Risks summary set out in Section 8 of the PDS. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance.
- 4. Portfolio Information charts show the Trust's percentage ownership in the investments based on the latest available data provided by the underlying funds.

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