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Dear Sir/Madam

### Plato Income Maximiser Limited (ASX: PL8) - Monthly Investment Update

Please find attached a copy of the investment update for the month ending 31 March 2025.

For further information, please contact 1300 010 311.

Authorised by:

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**Company Secretary** 



# Plato Income Maximiser Limited (ASX: PL8) INVESTMENT UPDATE AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

### PERFORMANCE AND COMPANY UPDATE

As at 31 March 2025, the Company's investments delivered a total return of 9.4% p.a. (after fees) and distributed a yield of 7.6% p.a. (incl. franking) since inception compared to the S&P/ASX 200 Franking Credit Adjusted Daily Total Return Index (Tax-Exempt) ('Benchmark') return of 9.3% p.a. and a yield of 5.3% p.a.

<sup>1</sup> Including franking credits. <sup>2</sup> Inception date 28 April 2017.

#### **MONTHLY DIVIDENDS**

During the month of April, the Board of Plato Income Maximiser Limited (ASX: PL8) resolved to pay three fully-franked dividends of \$0.0055 per share payable in April, May and June 2025, which is a continuation of the level of dividends paid during the March 2025 quarter.

PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE <sup>1</sup>	
Total return <sup>2</sup> since inception <sup>3</sup> :	9.4% p.a.
1 Month - March 2025:	-2.3%
Income <sup>2</sup> since inception <sup>3</sup> :	7.6% p.a.
1 Month - March 2025:	0.6%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Performance is quoted in AUD net of portfolio related fees, costs and taxes. All p.a returns are annualised.

COMPANY SNAPSHOT	
Share Price (PL8):	\$1.285
Market Capitalisation:	\$962m
Inception date:	28-Apr-17
Listing date:	05-May-17
Management fee:	0.80% p.a. <sup>1</sup>
Pre-tax NTA <sup>2</sup> :	\$1.073

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>0.82% p.a. inclusive of the net impact of GST and RITC.

#### **MARKET OVERVIEW**

The Australian market fell 3.2% in March (including franking credits), less than the 5.6% fall in the S&P 500 as investors grow increasingly worried about the impact of Trump's tariffs. In particular, consumer inflation expectations rose in the U.S. whilst confidence fell, which is generally not a strong combination as the presence of inflation makes it difficult for the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates to support the fall in confidence. Stock price falls were largest in Technology stocks as companies associated with Artificial Intelligence suffered some PE derating and many strong outperformers of 2024 gave back some of their gains. Gold was the strongest performer in the midst of escalating geopolitical tensions. The defensive sectors of Utilities, Telecoms and Insurance also outperformed as investors sought places to hide.

Some of the largest positive contributors to the Company's performance during the month were overweight positions in QBE Insurance, Rio Tinto, Telstra and Northern Star as well as an underweight position in Macquarie. However, overweight positions in Helia and Pro Medicus as well as underweight positions in Transurban, Evolution and Newmont detracted from relative performance.

The Company remains actively positioned to seek superior income than the benchmark.  $\label{eq:company} % \begin{subarray}{l} \end{subarray} % \begin{subarray$ 

Companies mentioned are illustrative only and not a recommendation to buy or sell any particular security.

TOP 10 HOLDINGS <sup>1</sup>	TOP 10 YIELDING <sup>2</sup>	YIELD% P.A. <sup>3</sup>	
BHP Group	Yancoal	14.7	
Commonwealth Bank	Helia Group	11.1	
CSL	Woodside Energy	8.0	
Macquarie Group	Origin Energy	7.8	
NAB	Super Retail Group	7.6	
Origin Energy	Suncorp Group	7.4	
QBE Insurance Group	ANZ	7.4	
Rio Tinto	NAB	7.1	
Telstra Corporation	AP Eagers	7.1	
Westpac	Westpac	6.8	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>In alphabetical order.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Total return including franking credits. Distributed income including franking credits.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Inception date 28 April 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Pre-tax NTA includes tax on realised gains or losses and other earnings, but excludes any provision for tax on unrealised gains or losses

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Stock listed are the largest 10 yielding stocks in our portfolio with a greater than 0.5% portfolio weight.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Yield is calculated as the dividends (including specials and franking credits) paid over the last 12 mths divided by the price as at the report date.

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PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE <sup>1</sup>	1 MTH %	3 MTH %	1 YR % P.A.	3 YRS % P.A.	5 YRS % P.A.	INCEPTION % P.A.
Total return <sup>2</sup>	-2.3	-1.5	4.6	7.5	14.9	9.4
Income <sup>3</sup>	0.6	1.9	7.7	7.9	7.4	7.6
Bench. total return <sup>2</sup>	-3.2	-2.4	4.0	7.0	14.7	9.3
Excess total return <sup>2</sup>	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.1
Excess Income <sup>3</sup>	-0.3	0.4	3.1	2.6	2.4	2.3
Excess franking <sup>3</sup>	0.0	0.2	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.9

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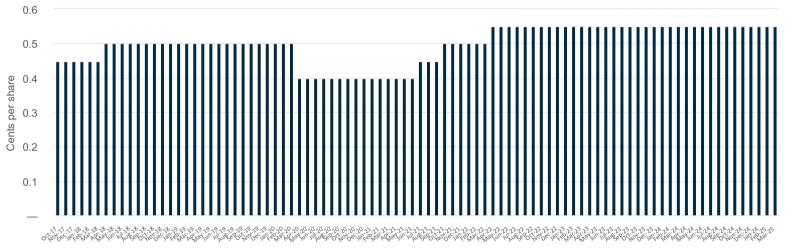
<sup>2</sup>Total return including franking credits. Benchmark refers to S&P/ASX 200 Franking Credit Adjusted Daily Total Return Index (Tax-Exempt).

NET TANGIBLE ASSETS <sup>1</sup>	
Pre-tax NTA <sup>2</sup>	\$1.073
Post-tax NTA <sup>3</sup>	\$1.088
Distributed Dividends since inception	\$0.484
Distributed Dividends (incl. franking)	\$0.691

<sup>1</sup>NTA calculations exclude Deferred Tax Assets relating to capitalised cost deductions and carried forward tax losses of \$0.002. The Franking Account Balance (not reflected in NTA) is \$0.016 per share.

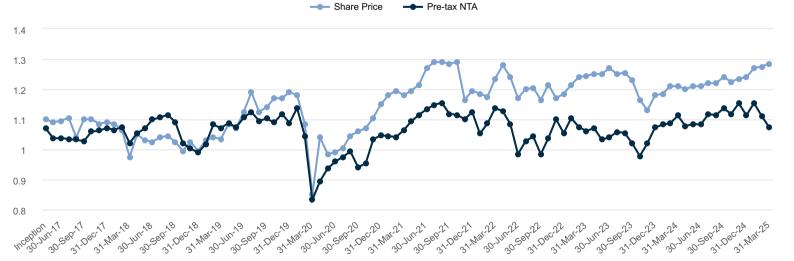
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#### **PL8 MONTHLY DIVIDENDS**



Source: Plato. While monthly income has been consistent since October 2017, this may change in the future. The declaration of dividends by the company is at the full discretion of the board (unlike trusts where income must be fully distributed each financial year).





Source: Iress, Plato Investment Management

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Distributed income including franking credits.

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