

## **ASX Announcement**

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## **Macquarie Australia Conference presentation**

Enclosed is the Vicinity Centres presentation for the Macquarie Australia Conference to be held today.

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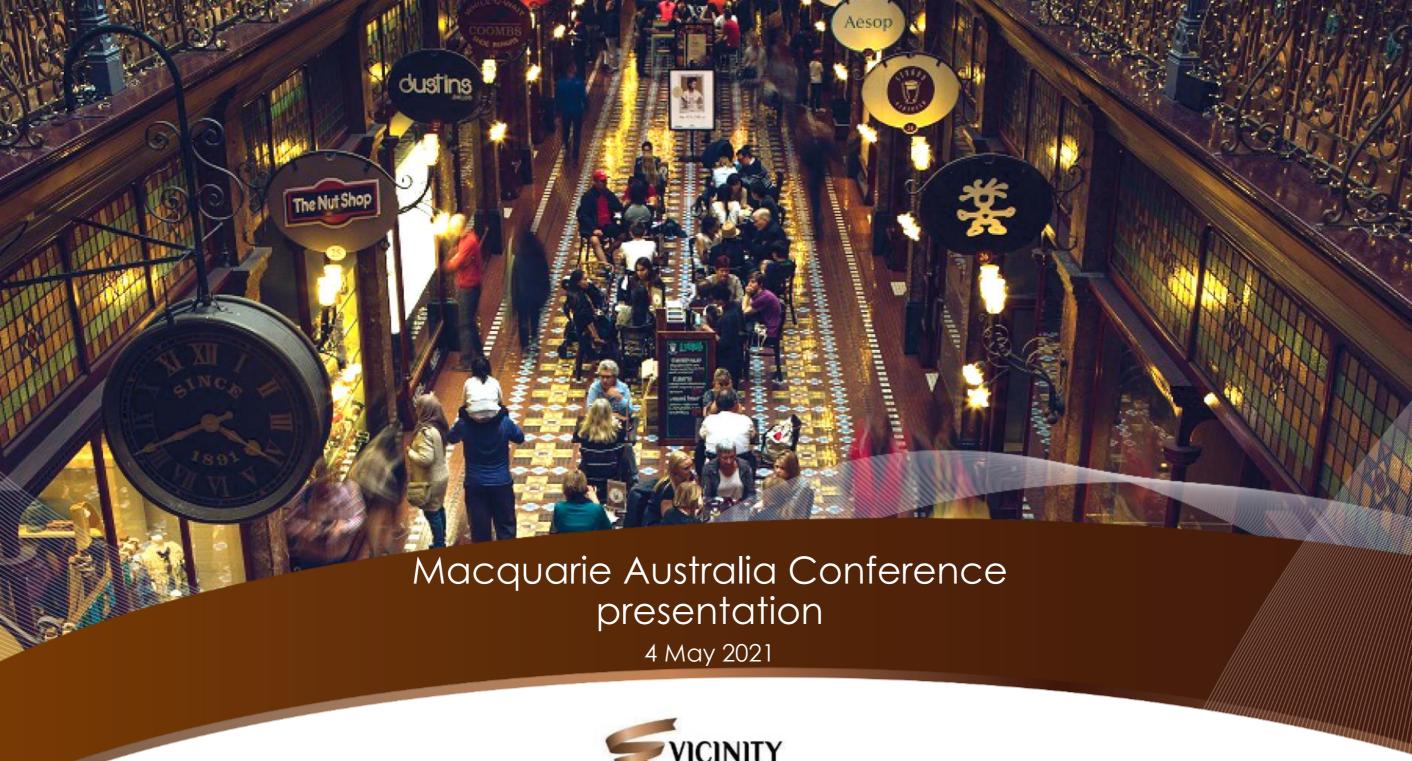
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Vicinity Centres (Vicinity) is one of Australia's leading retail property groups. With a fully integrated asset management platform and \$23 billion in retail assets under management across 62 shopping centres, it is the second largest listed manager of Australian retail property. Vicinity has a Direct Portfolio with interests in 60 shopping centres (including the DFO Brisbane business) and manages 30 assets on behalf of Strategic Partners, 28 of which are co-owned by Vicinity. Vicinity is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) under the code 'VCX' and has over 29,000 securityholders. Vicinity also has European medium term notes listed on the ASX under the code 'VCD'. For more information visit vicinity.com.au, or use your smartphone to scan this QR code.





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# Economic environment

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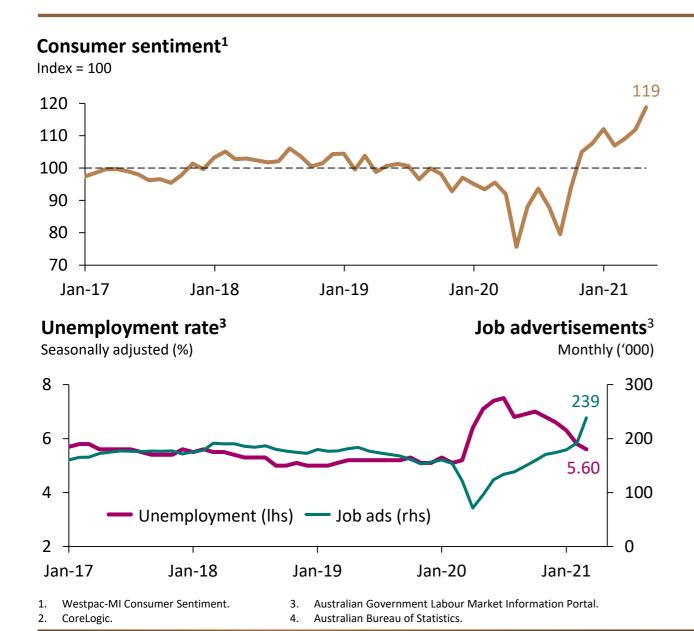


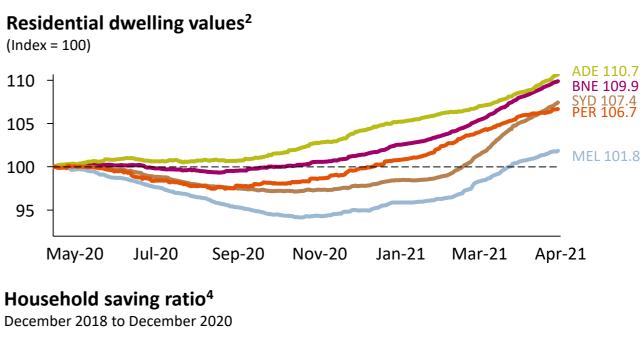


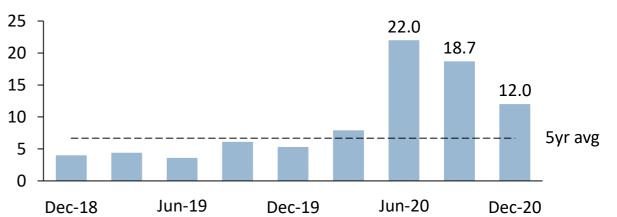
#### **Economic environment**

Despite market uncertainty, several positive macroeconomic indicators









COVID-19: our insights

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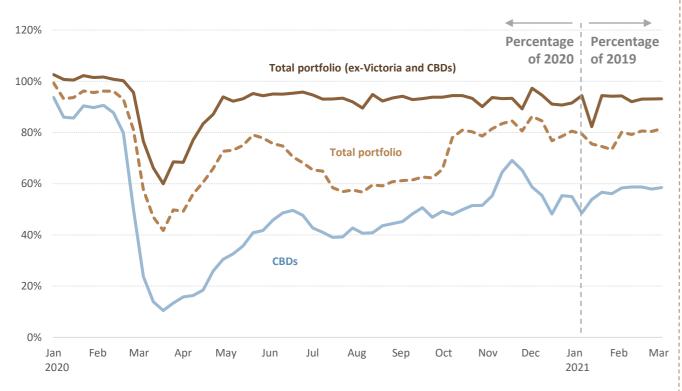
#### **CBD** assets



CBD assets most impacted during COVID-19
Sophisticated retailers taking the opportunity to ensure a CBD presence Extended recovery profile

## Weekly centre visitation compared to same week pre-COVID¹

Weekly data to 28 March 2021











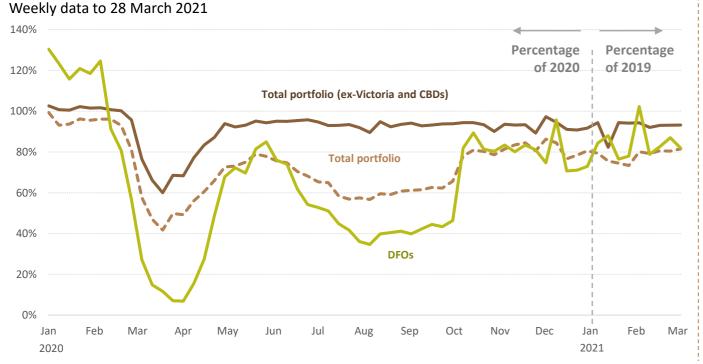
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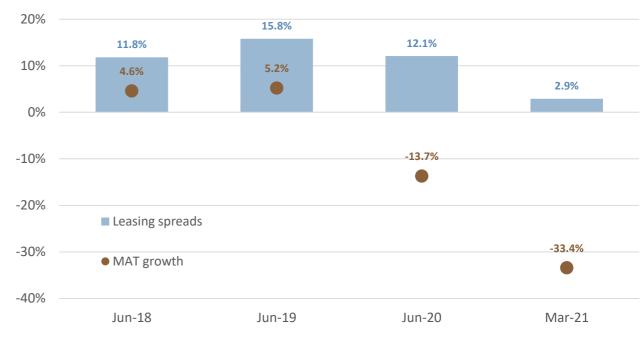
DFOs: temporary significant impacts to visitation and sales during periods of 'essential-only' shopping

DFOs are key to retailers achieving an optimal channel mix
Positive leasing spreads maintained from July 2020 to March 2021, at 2.9%
Continued demand by value-conscious shoppers

## Weekly centre visitation compared to same week pre-COVID<sup>1</sup>



#### DFO MAT retail sales vs leasing spreads<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>2.</sup> March 2021 leasing spread for the nine months to 31 March 2021.

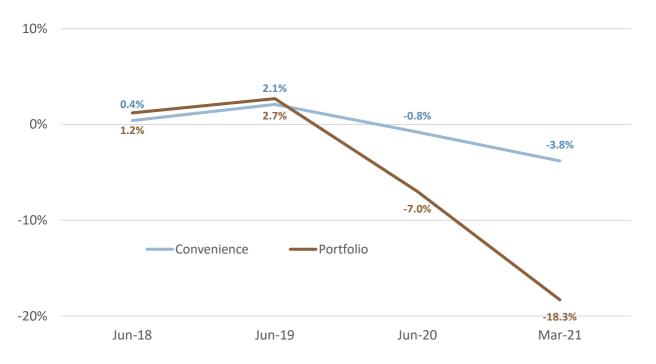
## Convenience-based centres¹ showed resilience during COVID-19



Convenience-based centre MAT retail sales have outperformed total portfolio

Total portfolio benefits from asset diversification Weak SME leasing spreads

# Convenience sales growth versus total portfolio retail sales MAT for the period ended



Nepean Village, NSW

<sup>1.</sup> Convenience-based centres comprises centres where at least 50% of retailers are considered essential.





COVID-19 may have increased flexible working and the attractiveness of office locations outside the CBD Vicinity has accelerated the planning of a number of projects during COVID-19

Mixed-use additions strengthen the performance of retail assets







No changes to lease structure: Vicinity invests in attractive destinations in return for fixed rents with annual increases

Vicinity and the industry met the challenge of COVID-19; supporting retailers with short-term adjustments to rent

Speculation on shift to turnover-based rents

No fundamental change in lease deal structures of fixed rent with annual increases



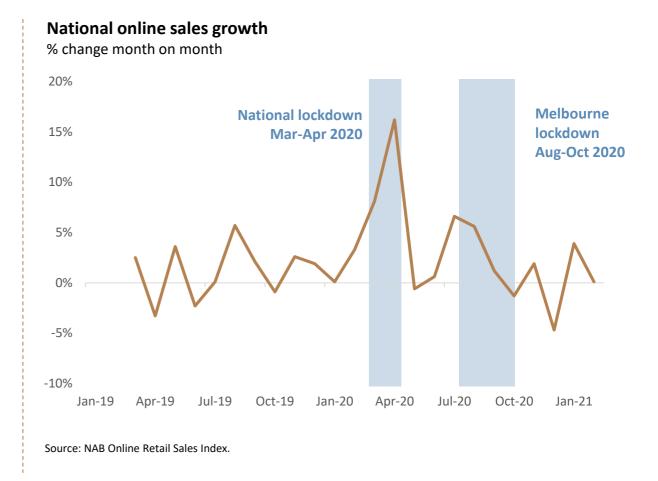


Mandated store closures accelerated the adoption of omni-channel retailing which Vicinity continues to support

Retailers accelerated investment in omni-channel in 2020

Online sales growth spiked in periods of COVID-19 lockdowns; consumers returned to centres when allowed

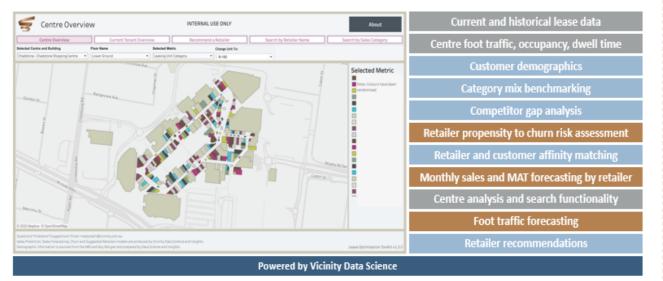
Physical stores remain key to retailer success by driving sales and enabling product advice, efficient online returns, showrooming and creating brand presence



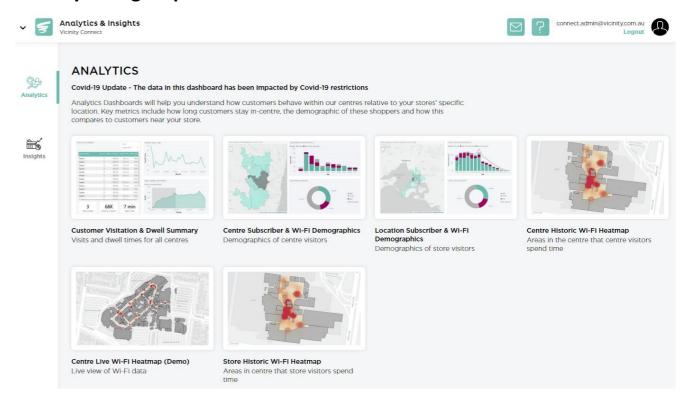




#### Vicinity's proprietary inhouse leasing optimisation tool – current trial



#### Vicinity's insights platform – for retailers



COVID-19 has required adaptive leadership



#### Leadership

COVID-19 necessitated leaders to lead in an environment of ambiguity, complexity and volatility

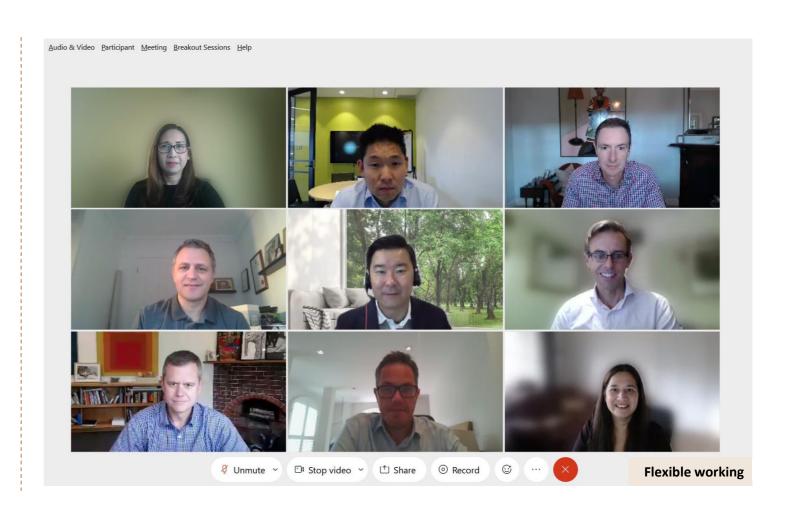
## **Diversity**

Diverse working groups formed to uncover abstract ideas in complex situations without precedent

## Change

To adapt, change was embraced

Agility in mindsets and discovery of new ways of thinking



## COVID-19: our insights – capital structure





Fortified balance sheet with equity raising and additional bank facilities

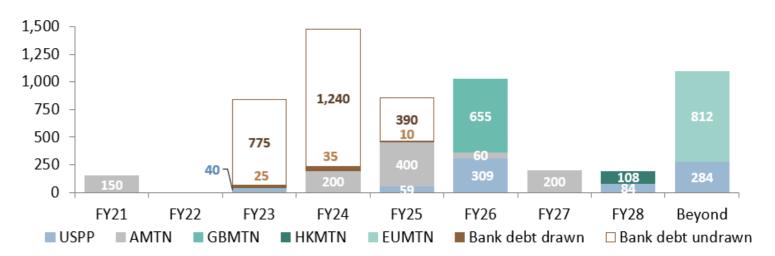
Investment grade credit ratings<sup>1</sup> maintained

Reduced and/or deferred non-essential expenditure

Restructured interest rate swaps reduced interest costs for nine months to Dec-20

 Weighted average cost of debt for 1HFY21 was 2.9%<sup>2</sup> (or 4.3% excluding swap reset)<sup>3</sup>

#### Debt maturity profile (\$m)<sup>3,4</sup> - no material debt maturity until FY23



Liquidity<sup>3</sup> \$2.4 billion

Gearing<sup>3</sup> **24.5%** 

<sup>1.</sup> A/stable (Standard and Poor's) and A2/negative (Moody's Investment Services).

<sup>2.</sup> The average over the six months ending 31 December 2020 and inclusive of margin, drawn line fees and drawn establishment fees.

<sup>3.</sup> As reported in Vicinity's FY21 interim results on 17 February 2021.

Based on facility limits.

## Summary: our insights



COVID-19 presented significant challenges

Aspects of the macroeconomic environment are favourable but uncertainty and risks remain

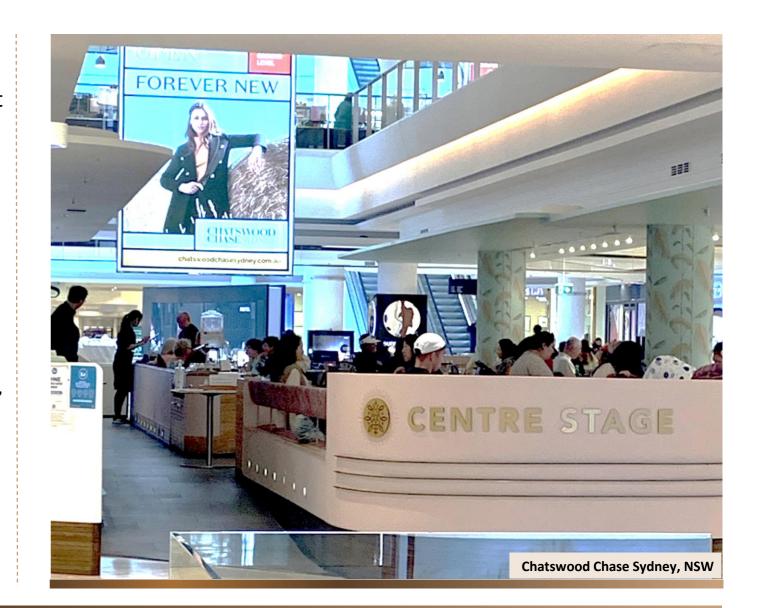
CBD and DFO assets were significantly impacted

Mixed-use strategy increasingly compelling

Leveraging data and technology platform to drive insights and create value for Vicinity and our retail partners

The impact on our people has been profound, but we are focused on developing skills to deal with ambiguity, complexity, volatility and uncertainty

Vicinity supported by a robust capital structure



Based on internal Management views.



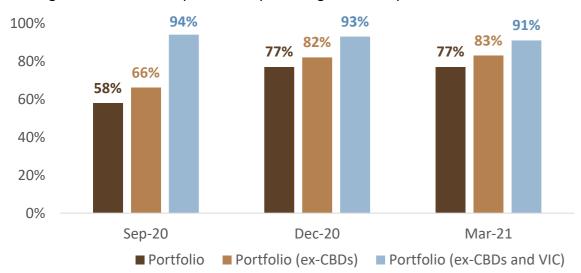
## 3QFY21 quarterly update

#### Customer visitation and cash collection



#### Centre visitation compared to pre-COVID levels<sup>1</sup>

Average visitation for the quarter as a percentage of same quarter in 2019



#### Average visitation broadly in line with prior quarter

Total portfolio visitation improved to 82% for the week ending 2 May 2021 (87% ex-CBDs)

#### Outlook for overall centre visitation is cautiously optimistic

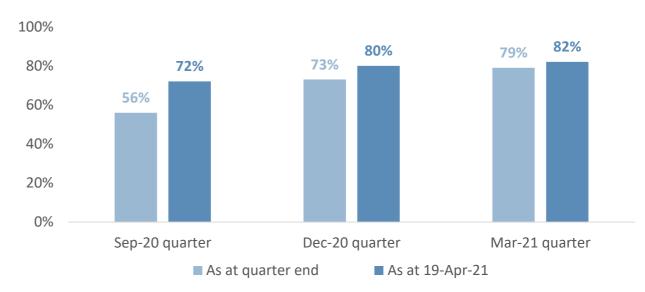
Easing of social restrictions, fewer COVID-19 outbreaks and high consumer confidence

Cautionary outlook due to ongoing risks of snap lockdowns and uncertainty around state and international borders as well as timing of office workers returning to CBD locations

#### CBD recovery occurring but expected to be prolonged

Governments and businesses encouraging return to CBD offices, resumption of cultural activities, music, sport and theatre, greater domestic tourism and travel bubble with New Zealand from 19 April 2021

## Proportion of gross rental billings collected (%)



#### Cash collection rate improved during the March 2021 quarter

To date, cash collections net of waivers were 94% for 2Q21 and 85% for 3Q21

#### Cash collection rates likely to improve but COVID-19 risks remain

Positives: retail sales remain subdued but moving in favourable direction, SME code has ended and landlords can follow normal debt collection processes for debt incurred post end of SME code

Negatives: Confidence of some SME retailers remains fragile, government support measures have been removed; potential for future snap lockdowns

<sup>1.</sup> Excludes divestments and development-impacted centres in accordance with SCCA guidelines. Average visitation for the period, compared to the corresponding period pre-COVID (2019).

## 3QFY21 quarterly update

## Portfolio retail sales performance



#### March 2021 quarterly sales¹ showing favourable momentum

Mar-21 quarter sales growth of -7.0%, up from Dec-20: -12.3% and Sep-20: -32.0%

## March 2021 month sales<sup>1</sup> declined 2.3% compared to March 2019 Spend per visit up 23%

#### Comparable sales reporting impacted

Mar-20: COVID-19 shutdowns commenced nationally

Mar-21 quarter: snap lockdowns in Brisbane (Jan, Mar), Perth (Jan, Feb) and Victoria (Feb), and social restrictions in Sydney (Jan)

#### Portfolio sales<sup>2</sup> growth by store type and state

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	Mar-21 v Mar-19	Mar-21 v Mar-20		Mar-21 v Mar-19	Mar-21 v Mar-20	Dec-20 v Dec-19	Mar-21 v Mar-20	Dec-20 v Dec-19
	(%)	(%)		(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Specialty stores	(5.5)	32.1		(10.4)	(1.0)	(19.0)	(26.7)	(27.9)
Mini majors	12.2	29.1		8.2	8.7	(3.7)	(13.2)	(15.6)
Specialties and mini majors	(1.1)	31.3		(5.7)	1.6	(15.0)	(23.2)	(24.8)
Supermarkets	1.3	(16.8)		1.5	(7.5)	2.0	(0.1)	3.9
Discount department stores	27.5	20.4		11.7	9.9	8.5	5.4	4.1
Other retail <sup>3</sup>	(42.5)	(0.4)		(50.0)	(39.8)	(52.6)	(57.8)	(51.6)
Department stores	(13.9)	39.4		(22.4)	(8.2)	(36.4)	(40.9)	(41.4)
Total portfolio	(2.3)	12.7		(7.0)	(3.6)	(12.3)	(18.3)	(18.0)
Total portfolio (ex-CBDs)	(0.4)	12.5		(5.0)	(2.3)	(10.0)	(16.1)	(16.0)
Total portfolio (ex-VIC and CBDs)	4.5	7.0		0.2	(0.4)	0.7	(2.8)	(2.6)
Victoria	(6.5)	20.0		(12.0)	(5.4)	(22.7)	(32.1)	(31.9)
New South Wales	(9.6)	6.1		(14.6)	(9.8)	(15.2)	(20.4)	(18.0)
- NSW (ex-CBDs)	(0.2)	4.3		(5.9)	(3.8)	(4.8)	(8.8)	(7.2)
Queensland	2.2	7.6		(1.5)	(1.6)	0.5	(4.2)	(3.9)
Western Australia	4.8	7.2		0.4	(0.7)	2.2	(1.7)	(1.6)
South Australia	11.1	10.1		7.9	5.2	3.0	2.1	1.2
Tasmania	10.0	5.8		7.2	3.5	6.7	3.9	3.6

<sup>1.</sup> With COVID-19 outbreaks in Australia in March 2020, sales for March 2021 month and quarter are compared to 2019.

<sup>2.</sup> Excludes divestments and development-impacted centres in accordance with SCCA guidelines.

<sup>3.</sup> Other retail includes cinemas, travel agents, auto accessories, lotteries and other entertainment.

## Leadership in sustainability





## Strong 2020 sustainability survey results

One of only two Australian property companies in CDP's<sup>1</sup> Climate A-list Ranked #3 Australian retail company by GRESB<sup>2</sup>
Ranked #7 real estate company globally in DJSI<sup>3</sup> survey

## **Addressing Modern Slavery**

Published Vicinity's first Modern Slavery Statement
Created and working through Responsible Procurement Action Plan
Active engagement with Vicinity's suppliers

Portfolio NABERS Energy Rating of 4.6 Stars Dec-19: 3.9 stars

Progressing against Net Zero Carbon Emissions 2030 target<sup>4</sup>

Solar installations now completed at 20 centres

**COVIDSafe plans in place across all assets** 

- Formerly Carbon Disclosure Project.
- 2. Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark which includes listed and unlisted funds.
- 3. Dow Jones Sustainability Index.
- 4. For our wholly-owned retail assets. Consistent with global carbon measurement standards, this applies to common mall areas.

# **NABERS Energy rating**

increased to 4.6 Stars

(Dec-19: 3.9 Stars)





#3
Australian retail



company

Net Zero

carbon target by 2030<sup>4</sup>

real estate

company globally

Dow Jones
Sustainability Indices
In Collaboration with RobecoSAM

Australia's largest

shopping centre solar program

respecting Human Rights
and
addressing Modern Slavery

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