

#### **ASX Announcement**

**Qualitas Limited (ASX: QAL)** 

27 October 2022

#### **Qualitas Limited – 27 October 2022 Investor Day Presentation**

Qualitas Limited (ASX: QAL) (**Qualitas** or **Company**) is today holding an Investor Day in Melbourne, Australia commencing at 12.00pm (AEDT). Enclosed are the presentation materials.

#### **FY23 Guidance**

Qualitas reaffirms its FY23 forecasts as follows:

- Net Profit Before Tax<sup>1</sup> is estimated between A\$30 million and A\$33 million
- Earnings per Security is expected to be between 7.1 cps and 7.9 cps<sup>1</sup>

This announcement is authorised for release by the Group Managing Director of the Company.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excludes mark to market adjustment for Qualitas' co-investment in QRI and QRI capital raising costs (if any)

#### **About Qualitas**

Qualitas Limited ACN 655 057 588 (**Qualitas**) is an ASX-listed Australian alternative real estate investment manager with approximately A\$5.33 billion of committed funds under management.

Qualitas matches global capital with access to attractive risk adjusted investments in real estate private credit and real estate private equity through a range of investment solutions for institutional and retail clients. Qualitas offers flexible capital solutions for its partners, and creating long-term value for shareholders, and the communities in which it operates.

For 14 years Qualitas has been investing through market cycles to finance assets with a combined value of over A\$17bn across all real estate sectors. Qualitas focuses on real estate private credit, opportunistic real estate private equity, income producing commercial real estate and build-to-rent residential. The broad platform, complementary debt and equity investing skillset, deep industry knowledge, long-term partnerships, and diverse and inclusive team of more than 70 professionals provides a unique offering in the market to accelerate business growth and drive performance for shareholders.

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## Investor Day Presentation

27 October 2022





## Agenda



12:00pm	12:35pm	12:40pm	1:25pm		1:50pm		2:10pm	2:25pm	
Registration and Lunch	Welcome Remarks	Investing in the Future of Australia's Real Estate Driving Growth in a Volatile Environment	Building a Sustainable Future		Global Capital Flows – Momentum Across Alternative Investment Opportunities		Break	From Niche to Mainstream - Real Estate Private Credit	
	Ivan Katz – Head of Private Capital	Andrew Schwartz – Group Managing Director and Co-Founder Mark Fischer – Global Head of Real Estate and Co-Founder	Tim Johansen – C Investment and F Jason Rackley – Head of Transact Anna Wagner – Head of People &	Funds Risk cion Risk	Dean Winterton - Global Head of Ca			Mark Power - Ad Income Credit Fu Build-to-Rent Fu Samantha Khalid Estate, Execution	unds & Head of nd – Director, Real
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2:55pm		3:25pm	3:45pm	3:55pm		4:25pm		4:55pm	5:00pm
Flexible Final Solutions for Construction		3:25pm  Capturing the Full Spectrum of Opportunities for CRE Debt Financing	3:45pm Break	3:55pm Ripe for Grov Australia's Bu Build-To-Rer	urgeoning	4:25pm  Seeking Oppore Returns in Properties Real Estate		4:55pm Closing Remarks	5:00pm Drinks Reception

# Investing in the Future of Australia's Real Estate Market

**Andrew Schwartz** – Group Managing Director and Co-Founder

## Five key takeaways from today

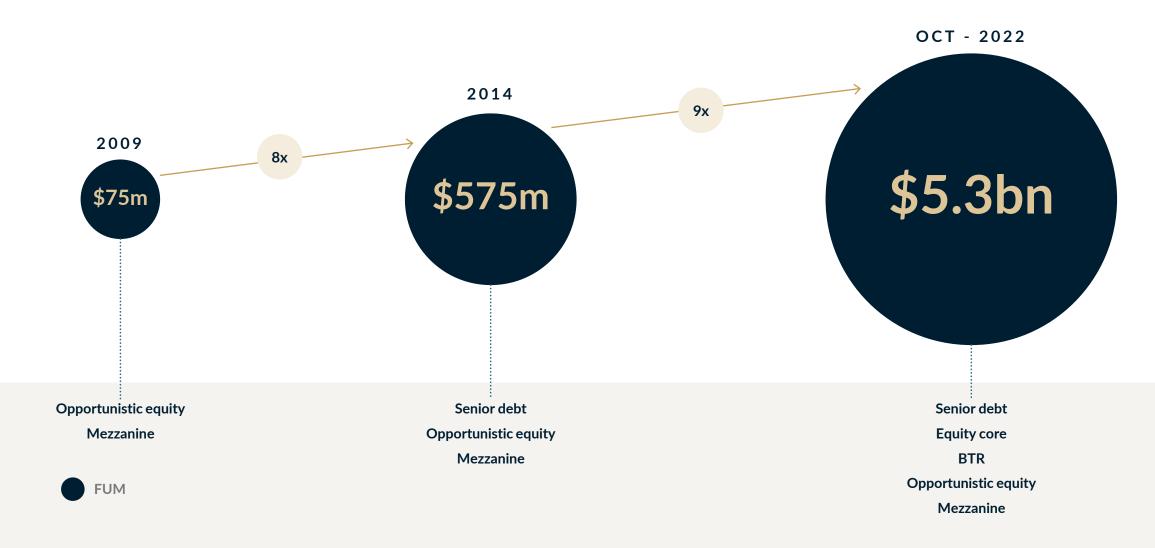


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3	Fund growth opportunities	Private credit, build-to-rent (BTR) and opportunistic equity are growing rapidly within the commercial real estate (CRE) alternatives market
4	Our key success factors	Highly capital efficient model, robust asset management platform, superior track record and deep bench of CRE specialists
5	Our objectives	Continued execution of our growth objective in line with our defined values

## An amazing 14-year journey



Significant growth powered by a track record of performance and unique proposition as the pioneer of CRE alternative asset management in Australia



## Right place, right time, right talent

Inflection point for Qualitas underpinned by an evolving industry and macroeconomic environment

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Strong secular tailwinds



Significant credit exposure



Significant addressable market with limited competition



Fast growing – YTD FY23 deployment of \$1.03bn<sup>1</sup>



Predominantly discretionary capital model



Well capitalised balance sheet



Sticky investor base



Scalable platform - strong margin



Deep bench of specialised CRE talent



Low capex and working capital requirement

## Key economic indicators in Australia



2.60%

Cash rate target

3.6%
Economic growth

7.3%
Inflation

3.5%
Unemployment rate

## Elevated volatility and uncertainty in the market



Increased supply in the labour market is required to break the inflation and interest rate cycle



## Increasing pressure on residential supply and affordability

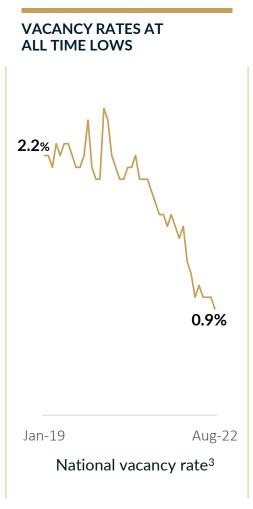


### POPULATION GROWTH SET TO RISE FAST

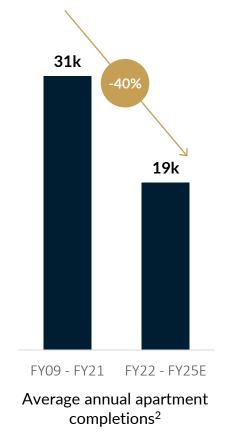


#### 195K P.A. MIGRATION CAP<sup>1</sup>

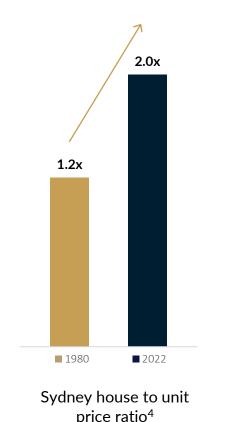
Population growth in Melbourne,
Sydney and Brisbane expected to reach pre-COVID levels by
FY24<sup>2</sup> as the migration cap increases



#### APARTMENT COMPLETIONS AT 10-YEAR LOWS



#### PRICE GAP BETWEEN HOUSES AND UNITS AT RECORD HIGH



### BANKS' LENDING CAPACITY TO DECREASE

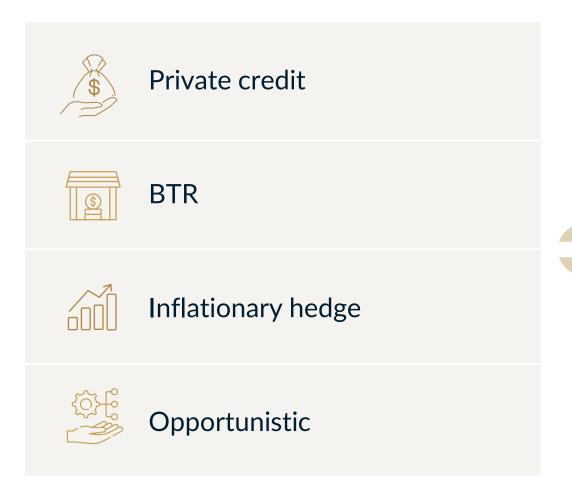


From 2023 APRA increases ADI capital requirements<sup>5</sup> making it less attractive for banks to lend in the same sector as Qualitas

## How does the current dynamic feed into key investment thematics?

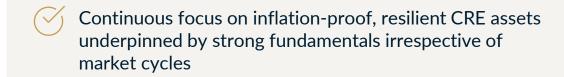


Qualitas is well-positioned in the current economic cycle







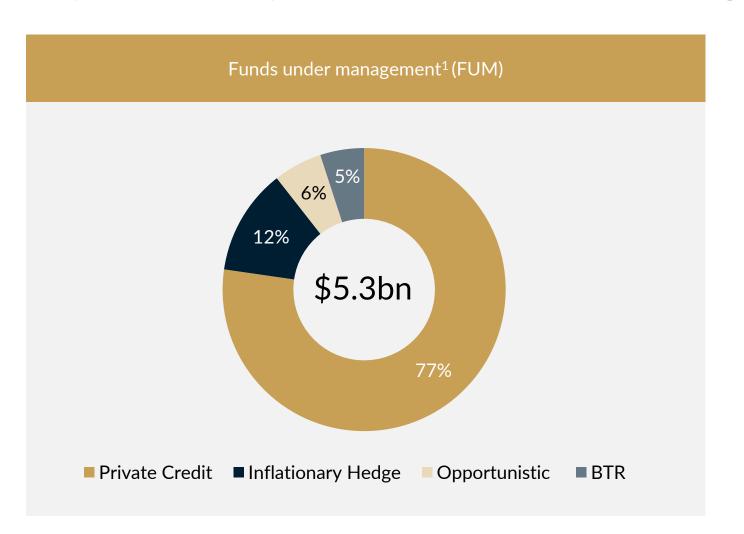


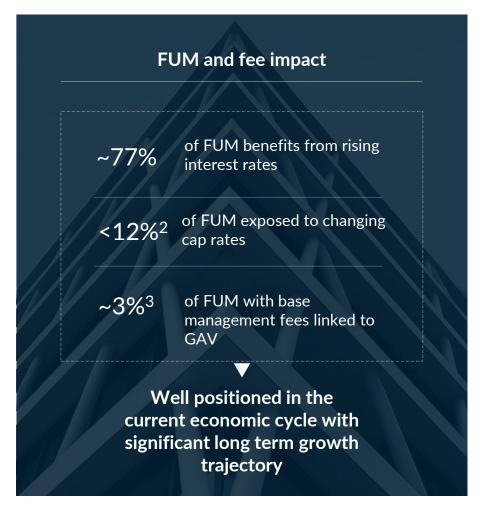
Attractive opportunities emerge during market dislocation – well positioned balance sheet ready to execute

## How does our FUM weather changing dynamics in the market?



Our portfolios are well positioned in the current environment of high inflation and rising interest rates





## Deep CRE market with significant opportunity to grow



Each of our strategies has significant runways to grow

## How do we grow from here? Economies of scale Operational efficiencies Larger Larger through technology deployment institutional and systems sizes mandates Recruit and retain industry's best talent

#### North Sydney - larger deployment

- c.\$600m, one of the largest alternative financing credit investments in Australia
- Long-term structural shift in CRE financing
  - Evolution in borrower and asset profile
  - Significantly exceeds FY22
     average transaction size of \$51m

#### QDCI - larger mandate

- \$700m from Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) with options for additional \$1bn mandate<sup>1</sup>
- Equity options in Qualitas demonstrate high conviction from a leading global institutional investor<sup>1</sup>
  - Testament to Qualitas' asset and risk management platform

## Outlook and guidance



#### FY23 outlook

- Whilst we have experienced a strong first quarter of new FUM and capital deployment, we are heading into a more cautionary environment with a further 8 months to go in the financial year
- We have a solid basis for our funds management fee revenue forecast (pre performance fees) and we retain a neutral outlook in relation to our performance fees in the FY23 guidance
- We reaffirm our FY23 guidance

#### FY23 guidance

Estimated range

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# Driving Growth in a Volatile Environment

Mark Fischer – Global Head of Real Estate and Co-Founder

## Growth and value in cautionary times



1	What we do	Our through-the-cycle investment process and approach
2	Growth drivers	Scalability through combining Qualitas' unique proposition with long-term investment thematics
3	Identifying value	Client led investment model with strong agility to respond to rapidly changing market conditions
4	Look beyond the headlines	High conviction in our strategies that consistently perform through-the-cycle with significant long term growth trajectory
5	Why Qualitas?	Dedicated and specialised skillset in experienced and aligned investment team

## Qualitas investment approach



#### Maintaining a consistent investment philosophy is the key to our success

#### **QUALITAS INVESTMENT APPROACH**



End occupier demand driven
- is this relevant to the end
customer?



Investments supported by longlasting thematic with strong underlying fundamentals



Identify opportunities to deploy in scale and fully capitalise on thematic tailwinds with limited competition – unique to the CRE sector



Access opportunities via credit or equity platform - benefit of providing financing throughout real estate life cycle The CRE sector is an **imperfect** asset market where **outsized returns** and **large-scale deployment** co-exist.

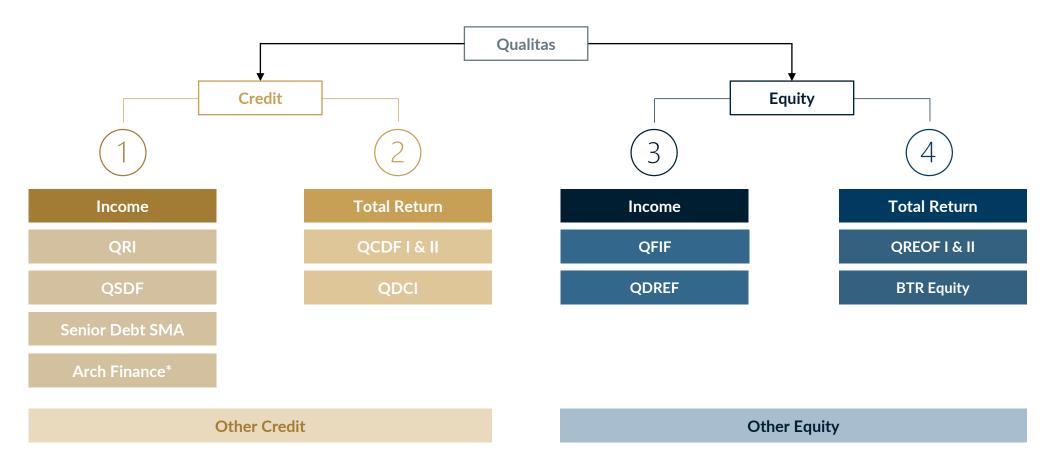
It requires a highly specialised team with deep experience and a robust asset management platform which stands the test of market cycles. Both are unique to Qualitas.

## Qualitas four key strategies



Currently 15 active funds across 4 key strategies

#### **KEY INVESTMENT STRATEGIES**



\* Wholly owned entity of Qualitas





## Where is the industry going and what are we focusing on?

- Larger individual investment sizes
- Lower intensity management of investments
- Duration of investment both thematic runway and immediate transaction

#### What are we successful at?

- Unparalleled origination network across credit and equity
- Traverse the capital stack through having credit and equity capability focus on best relative value
  - Cross pollinated data and insight across the platform
- ( Robust asset management

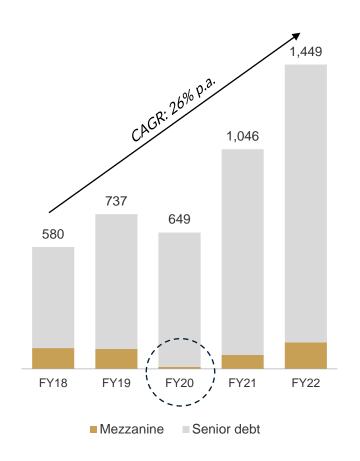
Defensive moat around capability, skillset and network to consolidate market position and increase scale

## Credit strategy in the current environment



#### **HOW HAVE WE GROWN?**

Deployment (A\$m)



#### STRUCTURAL GROWTH DRIVERS

- Institutionalisation of CRE private credit
- Rising interest rates and widening credit margins
- Defensive nature
- Banks and other less sophisticated investors retreat

#### **CONSIDERATIONS IN THE CURRENT MARKET**

- Liquidity withdrawal
- Effective risk mitigation via structuring
- Appropriate pricing for risks taken
- Differentiation in sub-asset classes

#### **HOW DO WE CONTINUE TO GROW?**

#### Income credit:

- Open-ended funds
- Larger investments in passive assets
- Comprehensive capital solution
- Track record and certainty of funding evolution in borrower and asset profile

#### **Total return credit:**

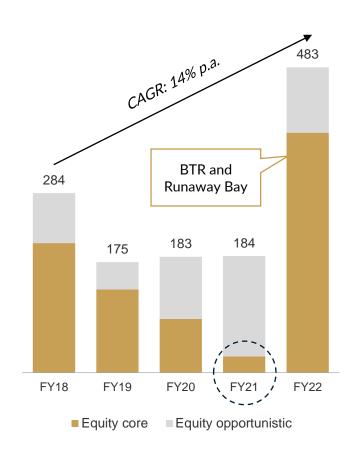
- Capitalise on reduced liquidity and competition
- Increase market penetration across Sydney and Brisbane (recently opened an office)

## Equity strategy in the current environment



#### **HOW HAVE WE GROWN?**

Deployment (A\$m)



#### STRUCTURAL GROWTH DRIVERS

- Ong term supply shortage BTR
- High demand for inflation-proof CRE assets
- Attractive opportunities emerge during market volatility

#### **CONSIDERATIONS IN THE CURRENT MARKET**

- Intrinsic value focus on what's not seen by the public
- Appropriate returns for risks taken
- Timing to execute bid/ask spread recalibration
- Conviction on outlook during market volatility

#### **HOW DO WE CONTINUE TO GROW?**

#### Income equity:

- Long duration BTR
- Sale and lease back
- Undervalued sectors/categories oversold by the market

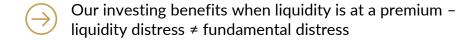
#### **Total return credit:**

- Strong pipeline and high margin with limited competition
- Leverage extensive on-the-ground network

## Look beyond the headlines



#### MARKET ENVIRONMENT CONDUCIVE TO OUR GROWTH



Short term recalibration of values is happening – 77% of FUM is in private credit

Our strategies perform through-the-cycle

#### MATERIAL VALUE DESTRUCTION WOULD REQUIRE

Oversupply

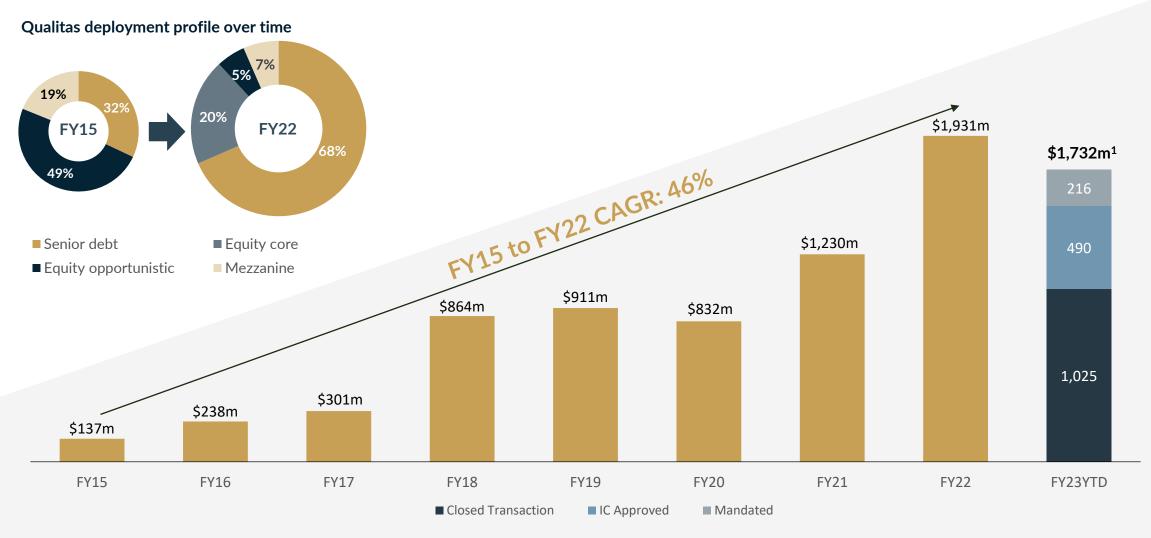
Neither of these are visible over the medium term



## Strong start to FY23



Significant deployment in CRE private credit in first quarter of FY23 and deep investment pipeline



Notes: 1. As at 14 October 2022.

## Key takeaways

### Why Qualitas?

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Proven investment approach with strong track record



Extensive local network and recognition combined with in-depth CRE expertise



Single asset class focus with undivided attention and agility to changing market trends



Dominant player in a maturing high growth sector with high barrier to entry and limited competition



#### Market opportunities for growth

#### Income credit

 Increase passive assets and recurring fees and reduce management intensity

#### Total return credit

Countercyclical investment approach, focused on increasing market penetration

#### Income equity

 Potential opportunities uncovered and understood by firms like Qualitas with skillset, experience and network

#### **Total return equity**

 Focus on market segments with limited competition, identifying outsized returns leveraging our reach

# Building a Sustainable Future

Jason Rackley – Head of Transaction Risk

Anna Wagner – Head of People & Culture

Moderated by Tim Johansen – Global Head of Investment and Funds Risk

## Our ESG beliefs and priorities





#### Long-term temperature goal

Qualitas strongly endorses strengthening the global response to climate change and is committed to reducing emissions as a firm



#### Adaptation

In order to adapt to a low-carbon future, we seek to increase the level of impact-style investments across all our funds



#### Diversity and inclusion

Qualitas is better equipped to face complex business challenges by harnessing a diverse team's unique talents and experiences



#### Mitigate climate change

Qualitas encourages borrowers to invest in real assets with a strong sustainability focus, as an equity investor or joint venture partner we are focused on ways we can exert more influence concerning sustainability outcomes



#### Governance

Qualitas believes that strong governance translates into long-term investor value

## Our core values underpin our success



Our success since establishment 14 years ago is a true reflection of our team, their levels of engagement and our **five core values** which they uphold



#### Respect

Treat all stakeholders fairly and enjoy the value of diversity



#### Collaboration

Build collaborative relationships as we can achieve more collectively than individually



#### Entrepreneurship

Encourage creativity and innovation to retain the entrepreneurial spirit that created the firm



#### Integrity

Honour commitments and be transparent in our dealings by conducting ourselves ethically



#### Excellence

Perform at our best and delight in excelling at our work and exceeding expectations

## Global Capital Flows – Momentum Across Alternative Investment Opportunities

**Dean Winterton** – Global Head of Capital

## Global capital flows: summary



Our current client base and its evolution over time

2 Qualitas – critical success factors and why Australia?

3 Unpacking the global investor opportunity set

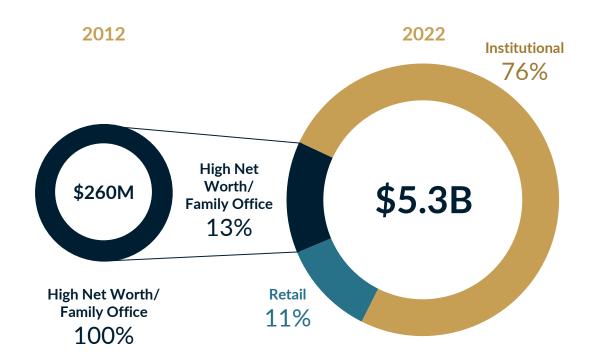
4. Key client channels and current initiatives





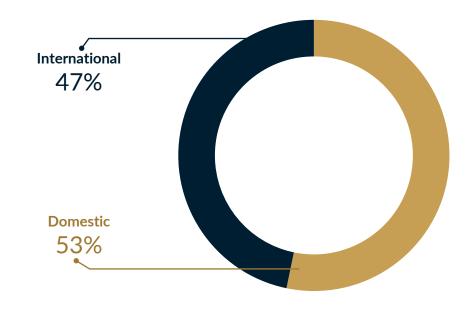
Ongoing support from institutional clients accelerated since IPO with clients both re-committing their investments and committing capital across multiple fund strategies

#### 2012 TO 2022 - CLIENT COMPOSITION BY FUM1



Top 10 clients represent 68% of Total FUM<sup>3</sup>

#### **FUM BY CLIENT GEOGRAPHY**<sup>2</sup>

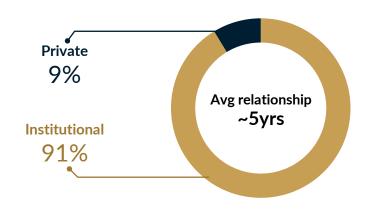


## Supported by long term clients



#### Qualitas has a base of loyal institutions with repeat investments

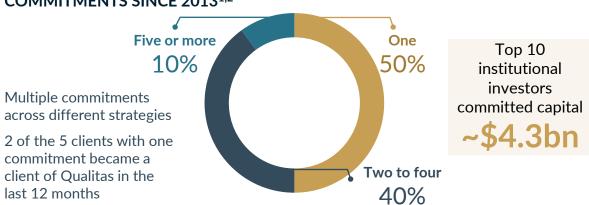
#### TOP 10 CLIENTS BY TOTAL COMMITMENT SINCE 2013<sup>1,2</sup>



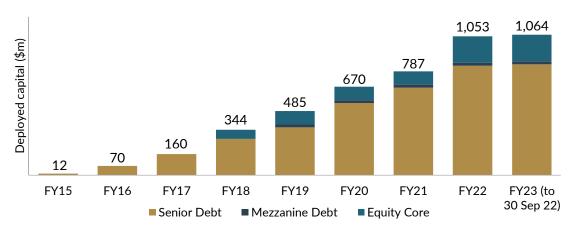
Top 10 investors committed capital ~\$4.7bn

#### CASE STUDY: GLOBAL INSTITUTIONAL CLIENT 1,550 Deployed capital (\$m) 855 566 346 150 36 FY18 FY19 FY20 FY21 FY23 (to 30 Sep FY22 ■ Senior Debt - Construction ■ Senior Debt

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#### CASE STUDY: AUSTRALIAN PRIVATE BANK



## Why Qualitas?



OUR CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

14 year
track record

Breadth and
capability

Positive view
by asset
consultants

Positive view
clients as
expertise

#### WHICH UNDERPIN KEY BARRIERS TO ENTRY

- Scale ability to meet the investment needs of large global institutional clients
- Resourced to manage sophisticated discretionary mandates/strategies
- Co-investment alignment via use of balance sheet
- Experience through multiple market cycles
- Existing incumbent relationships

# Investing in commercial real estate in Australia – client feedback

The opportunity that is Australia...



Good diversifier with low correlation to other developed markets



Many institutional investors already have real estate investments in Australia – credit is an extension



Macro environment making risk/return characteristics of debt more compelling vs. equity

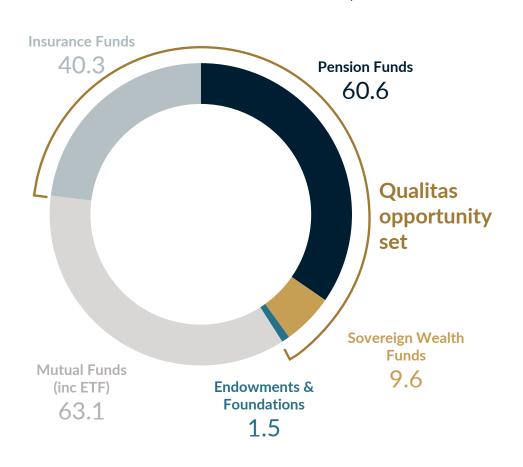


Compelling returns net of fees and taxes

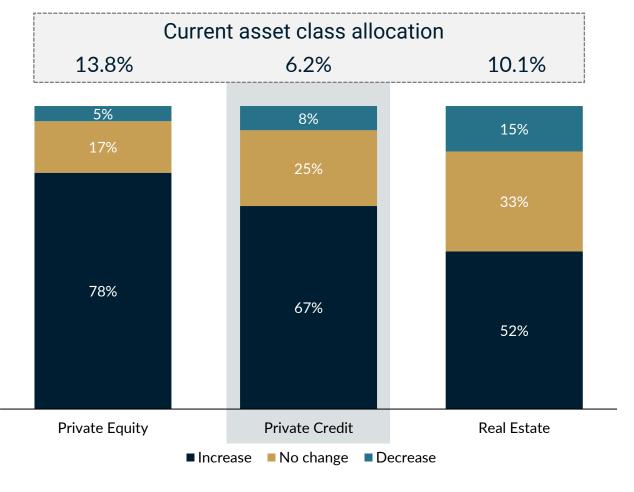
## The global opportunity set



#### ASSET OWNERS GLOBALLY CONTROL USD \$175 TRILLION<sup>1</sup>



## MORE THAN HALF OF INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS EXPECT TO INCREASE TARGET ALLOCATIONS BY 2025<sup>2</sup>

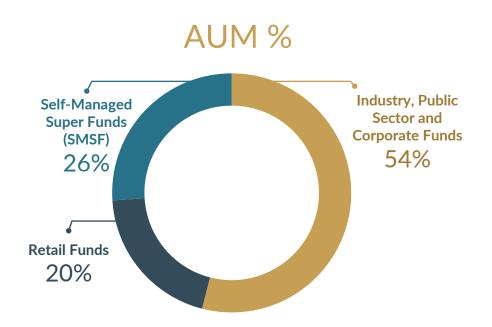


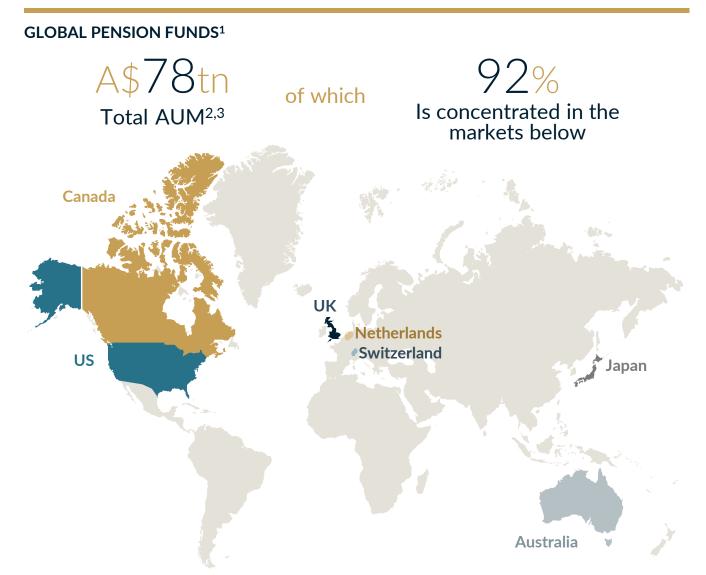
## The global opportunity set by market



#### **AUSTRALIAN SUPERANNUATION INDUSTRY (PENSION)**

A\$3.3tn
Total AUM<sup>1</sup>





## Qualitas client engagement



	Private capital	Advised distribution		Domestic institu	utional Offsh	ore institutional	
Decision makers	Word of mouth Private client advisers	Dealer groups (MLC)	Interprac	Oreana Group	Asset consultants, CIOs, internal Investment teams and investment committees		
		Platforms	Netwealth	Macquarie	Frontier	Willis Towers Watson	Albourne
		Ratings houses	Lonsec	Zenith	Jana		Mercer
Process	Extensive engagement	Access research agenda Approved product lists (APLs)		Raise awareness with institutional clients			
Timing	6 weeks	6 - 12 months		Access research agenda 12 – 36 months			



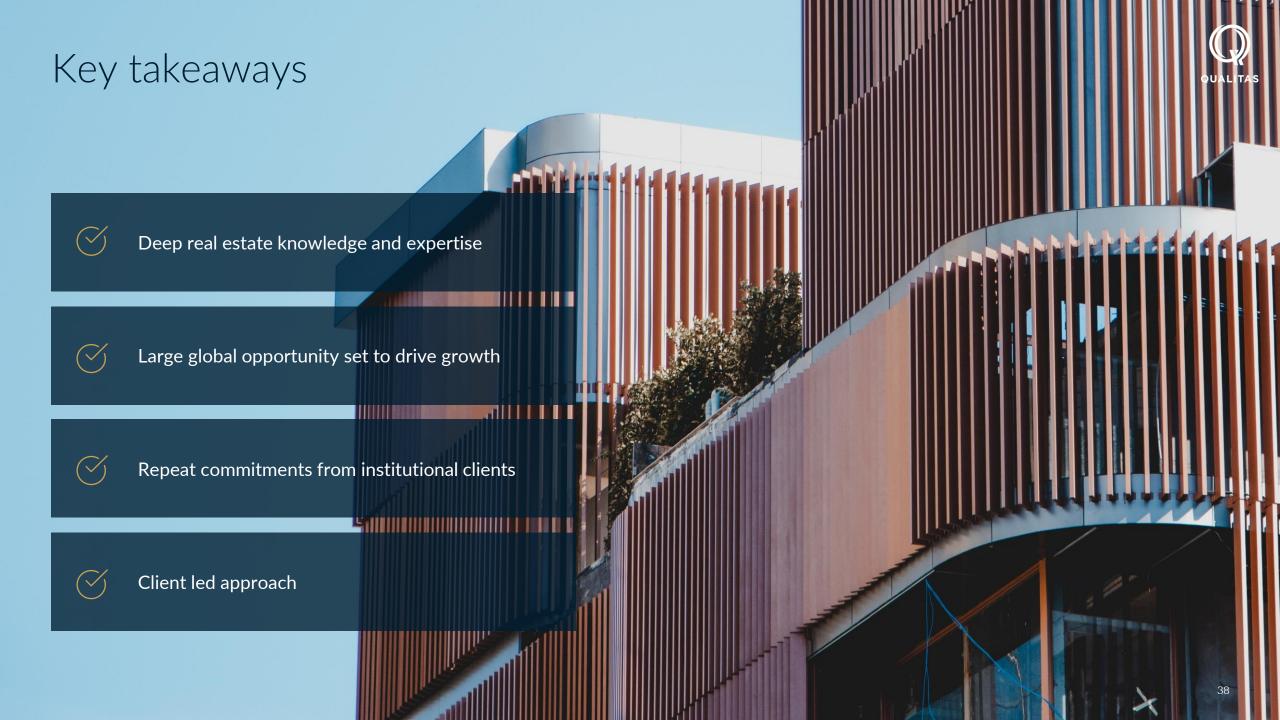
International roadshows



Engagement with asset consultants and researchers



Expansion of our distribution footprint in advised distribution



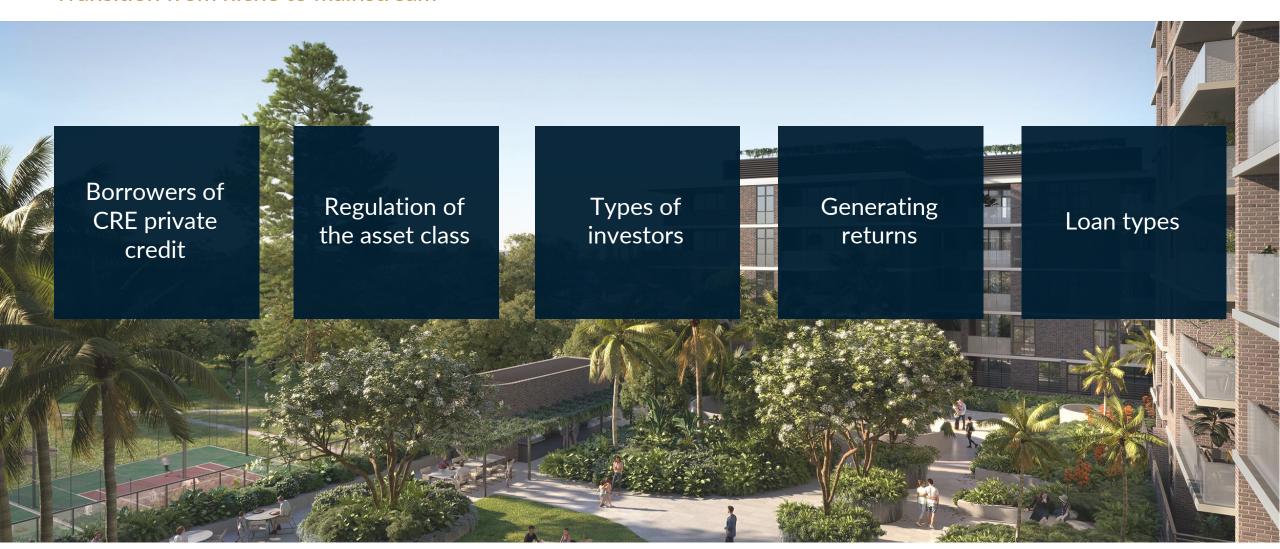
# From Niche to Mainstream – Real Estate Private Credit

Mark Power – Acting Head of Income Credit Funds & Head of Build-to-Rent Debt Fund Samantha Khalid – Director, Real Estate Execution and Analysis

## Commercial real estate (CRE) private credit



Transition from niche to mainstream

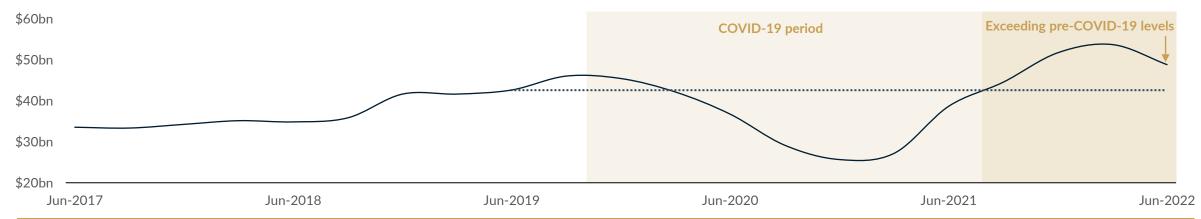


## Robust dynamics supports CRE debt market growth

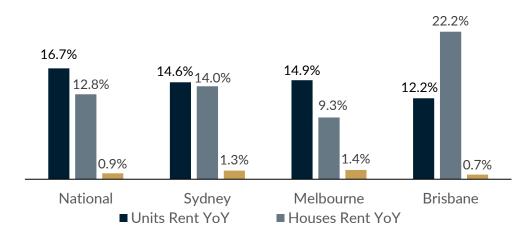


#### CRE transaction volume remained strong, despite rising interest rates

#### LAST TWELVE MONTH (LTM) AUSTRALIAN CRE TRANSACTION VOLUMES<sup>1</sup>



#### DRIVEN BY LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL SUPPLY SHORTAGE<sup>2,3</sup>



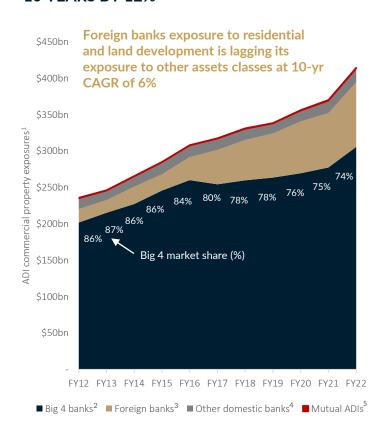
- National rental vacancy rate at its lowest point on record<sup>4</sup>
- Driven by absorption of current supply and lag time for new constructions given COVID-19
- Increasing demand will likely partly offset impact of rising interest rates on valuation

## CRE private credit at an inflection point



#### CRE credit was dominated by the big four banks 10 years ago, but they have been retreating

#### BIG FOUR BANKS REDUCED CRE MARKET SHARE AS % OF TOTAL ADI EXPOSURE IN LAST 10 YEARS BY 12%



## APRA ENFORCES STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS ON CRE LENDING

- Traditional funders required to reduce CRE lending exposure as a percentage of their gross loans and acceptances
- Additional capital requirements specifically placed upon CRE lending in accordance with Basel I and Basel II
- Recalibration of internal risk and capital allocation models
- Introduction of Basel III requirements from January 2023

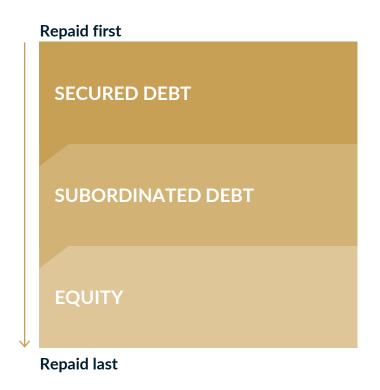
#### **QUALITAS' COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES**

- Access to primarily discretionary institutional capital
- Ability to structure on a flexible bespoke basis
- Fewer competitors at the larger end of the market
- Deep relationship model and connectivity to the market

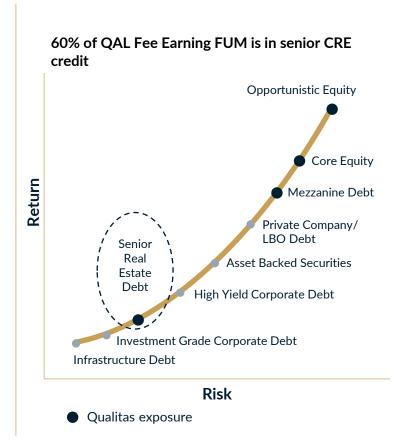
## Where does CRE credit sit on the risk and return spectrum?



## RANKS HIGHER THAN EQUITY IN THE CAPITAL STRUCTURE



## SENIOR CRE CREDIT ON THE RISK AND RETURN SPECTRUM\*



#### SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF QUALITAS' CRE CREDIT EXPOSURE AT LOWER END OF RISK SPECTRUM\*

## Size of bubble = scale of investment within fund business



<sup>\*</sup> For illustrative purposes.





Sophisticated risk grading model, deep CRE credit experience and separate risk and credit teams enables our strong track record of robust risk assessment

#### TRANSACTION SCREENING PROCESS

- All originated opportunities
- Initial evaluation
- Heads up paper to Investment Committee
- Detailed due diligence, including ESG assessment
- Formal Investment Committee
- Documentation
- Close

#### TRANSACTION SCREENING PROCESS

- Serviceability
- Asset valuation
- LVR
- Sensitivity on inflation impact
- Focus on Sponsor

## Case study: funding gap as traditional financiers retreat



Investment debt – commercial office

LVR < 30%

Covenants

ICR > 1.0x

Covenants

~\$70m

Inner city location, low leverage, repeat Sponsor, income generating asset

7.7%
Gross IRR
Forecast returns

1.12x
Multiple
Forecast returns

3 years
Investment duration

## Case study: senior debt residual stock



Residual stock facility – residential

~\$60m

Investment amount

3 year

Investment duration

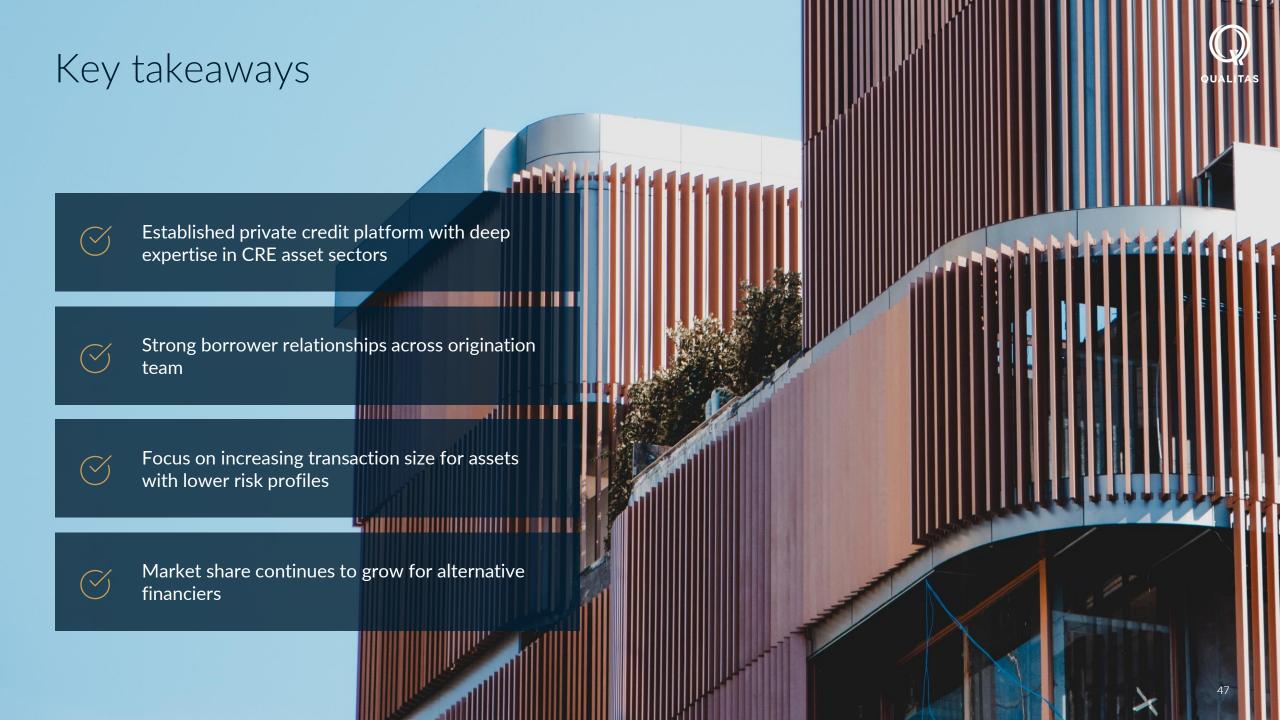
Inner city location, close to transport and amenity, repeat Sponsor, quality stock

LVR < 65%

Covenants

1.16x
Multiple
Forecast returns

8.2%
Gross IRR
Forecast returns



# Flexible Financing Solutions for Construction Debt

**Gil Norwood** – Head of Construction Debt Fund **Jeremy Fyfe** – Director, Real Estate

## Australian construction sector today



## CRUCIAL INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA'S ECONOMY

## Construction is Australia's

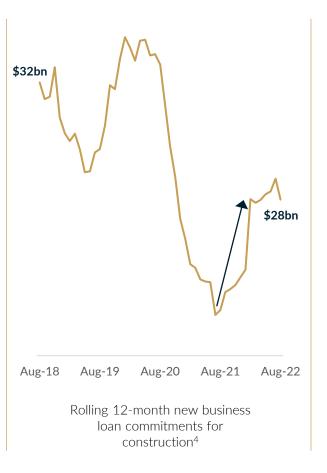
4th 🖰

largest employer

Accounts for 9% of people<sup>1</sup> employed in Australia and 7% of GDP<sup>2</sup>

Residential building output generates a 2.9x multiple on economic activity<sup>3</sup>

## LOAN MARKET RECOVERING FROM COVID-19 DOWNTURN



### STRONG GOVERNMENT SUPPORT



COVID-19 grants provided for construction businesses during lockdowns

\$2.1bn in payments made under HomeBuilder<sup>5</sup> supporting residential construction

First Home Owner / stamp duty concessions schemes

## KEY CHALLENGES THE INDUSTRY FACES

## Construction cost increases are at ALL TIME HIGHS<sup>6</sup>

Tight labour market increasing wages

Global supply chain disruptions increasing cost of materials

Recent builder insolvencies impacting confidence

Changing buyer behaviours

Capital intensive industry

## The life cycle of a typical project

#### **Planning**

**Financier** 

starts to

fund

- Identify/source sites
- Preliminary feasibility
- Product development planning permit

#### Completion

- Prepare buyers for settlement
- Lender repaid first

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#### **Marketing**

- Marketing and sales strategy
- Off-the-plan sales
- Initial construction costings

#### Site start/delivery

- Builder takes over the site and delivery risk
- Financier maintains active oversight

#### **Financing**

- Capital sources eg. equity and/or finance
- Contractor appointment
- Legal documentation and due diligence



## Qualitas undertakes extensive analysis and assessment



#### **SPONSOR**

- Experience
- Financial standing
- Contagion risks



#### **PROJECT**

- Geographic surrounds
- Feasibility
- Product



#### **BUILDER**

- Financial standing
- People
- Programme



## Risk managed through extensive due diligence and bespoke structuring



Project profit and equity

Cost overrun allowance

Additional top up security

Cost escalation allowance

Verification of sub-contractor payments

Builder profit - margins

Minimum 5% performance bond from builders

## It's not always about price



WHAT BORROWERS ARE SEEKING	WHAT TRADITIONAL LENDERS PROVIDE	WHAT QUALITAS PROVIDES
→ Low funding costs	Low funding costs	Oynamically priced returns
Efficient and reliable execution (minimum no. of counterparties)	Syndicated loans with multiple counterparties	Large single cheque loans
Strong relationship with lenders for future borrowing	Potential relationship and track record with borrower	Proven track record with repeat customers with increasing profile
Confidence in lenders involvement	Standardised product with general terms and policies	Bespoke lending tailored to individual borrowers offering optimal loan structuring
Solutions to problems throughout the loan process	Limited resources available to service individual borrower needs with decreasing team sizes	A growing specialist team with extensive industry experience
Flexibility to restructure	Solutions across debt financing only	Solutions across the complete capital structure

## Case study 1: funding gap as traditional financiers retreat



### 200 apartments

Nov

2020

**Jun** 2022

Financial close

Repayment

~\$80m

Facility limit

70%

Loan to value ratio

70%

Debt cover presales at underwrite

#### **Investment thesis**

- Sponsor track record
- Historically a client of a traditional financier
- Product acceptance



#### **Why Qualitas**

- Situational
- Bank dislocation and retreat
- Deep understanding of Sponsor's requirements



#### **Outcome**

- Repayment from pre-sales
- Completed within term despite challenging environment
- Now a repeat client

## Case study 2: restructure



### 350 apartments

Dec

Financial close

2020

Dec

2022

Forecast repayment

~\$130m

Facility limit

70%

Loan to value ratio

60%

Debt cover presales at underwrite

#### Investment thesis

- Sponsor track record and net worth
- Repeat client
- Product acceptance

#### Risk event

In late 2021 the builder went into voluntary administration

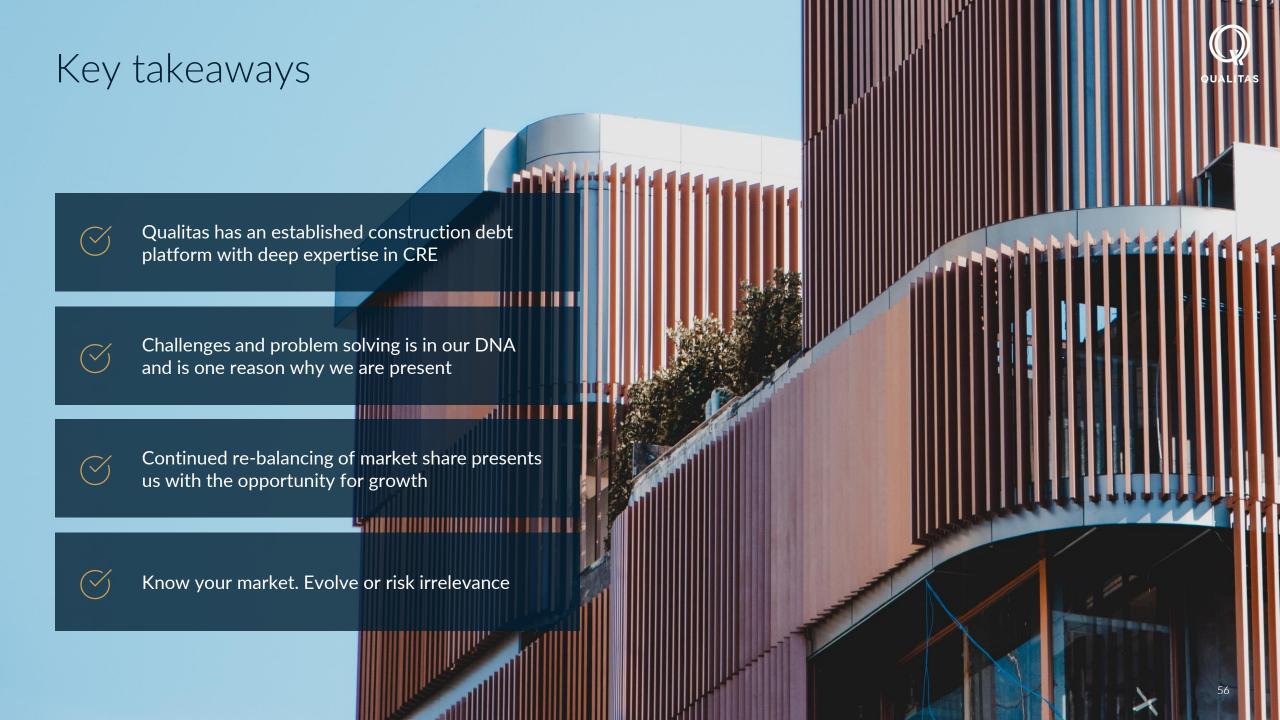
#### Qualitas response

- Immediate escalation to senior management
- Applied an equity lens to solve the problem
- Daily engagement with Sponsor, quantity surveyor, forensic consultant, new builder

#### Outcome

- New head contractor appointed and site open within 3 weeks
- Sponsor contributed all cost overrun funding (ie. facility limit unchanged)
- 6 month delay to original completion date





# Capturing the Full Spectrum of Opportunities for CRE Debt

**Russel Brennan** – Chief Executive Officer, Arch Finance

### Who is Arch Finance?



- Full-service lender for smaller first mortgage commercial property loans up to \$6m
- Manager of Peer Estate (Peer-to-Peer lender)
- Arch Finance (Arch) is funded through the Arch Finance Warehouse Trust (AFWT)
- Owned by Qualitas since 2009 and represents ~11% of QAL normalized EBITDA in FY22

# Similar wholesale and institutional sources of capital capital sources of capital sources Significant synergy between Qualitas and Arch to help propel the Arch brand





## How is Arch different from Qualitas?







- Average loan size of ~\$2 million (ability to lend up to \$6m)
- Volume focused business with
   70 80 loan closures each year



#### First mortgage loans

- AFWT strictly first mortgage investment loans
- Peer Estate predominantly first mortgage loans



#### **Net Interest Margin (NIM) business**

- AFWT is a 100% levered vehicle
- Non recourse, no capital guarantees from Qualitas despite balance sheet consolidation



#### **Independent operation**

- Arch has its own teams and premises
- Operates independently of Qualitas





## How does Arch compete?





Loan structure flexibility, responsiveness and certainty compared to traditional financiers



Small experienced team and flat structure



Competitive loan pricing typically within 1–2% of the traditional financiers



Established 20-year track record with deep industry networks and relationships





## Why a warehouse structure?





**100%** of capital structure can be funded using **debt notes** 



Scalable to large portfolios, can be further enhanced through securitisation



Arch as **residual income** noteholder receives **profits** 



## Responsible lending

through restrictive eligibility criteria and portfolio parameters

- Loan size \$6m
- Property location limited to capital cities and regional cities with 100k+ population
- Loans secured against completed, non-specialised properties
- First mortgage investment loans only





## Borrower profile



#### **Borrowing purpose**

- Investment
- Owner occupiers
- Future development

#### **Borrowers**

- Companies
- Trusts
- Individuals



#### **Drivers**

 Acquisition or refinance (flexible structure, increased leverage)

#### **Sponsor profiles**

Medium/high-net-worth individuals

#### **AFWT** portfolio

Trust size	\$400m+		
Number of loans	150+		
Loan sizes	Up to \$6m		
Geography	Australia only (capital city focus)		
Loan security	Income producing or owner-occupied property assets		



## What are we mindful of in the current environment?



#### **Borrower servicing**

 Risk mitigated by underwriting sensitivity of new loans and monitoring of existing loans

#### **Valuation declines**

 Risk mitigated through lower LVRs on new loans and heightened monitoring across the portfolio

#### Retaining and building team

 Focus on retention, build on role clarity and success measures





## Peer Estate



Peer-to-Peer lender of mainly first mortgage commercial loans with short tenure (<18 months)

Loans written directly and investors purchase participations in each loan

Complimentary to Arch with similar loan sizing and sourcing channels. Loan portfolio managed by Arch Finance

Brings tech to capital and loan sourcing with potentially global scale

Early stage and break-even however building track record and momentum - significant platform growth opportunity





## Growth opportunities



#### **AFWT**

- Continued AUM growth
- Broader scope (SMSF lending, longer term loans, low doc)

#### **Second Warehouse**

- Widen Arch's scope (larger single-cheque lending)
- Cheaper and more diverse funding
- Securitisation with AFWT to reduce exposure

#### **Peer Estate**

- Investor base growth
- Increase volume and size of loans
- New products with CRE ie portfolio investments
- Broaden scope of loans on platform





## Ripe for Growth – Australia's Burgeoning Build-to-Rent Sector

Mark Fischer – Global Head of Real Estate and Co-Founder

James Harpham – General Manager – Capital & Investments, GURNER<sup>TM</sup>

Moderated by Rohan Davis – Co-Head of Equity Strategies & Head of Origination

## GQ platform overview



Leading Australian BTR platform with existing scale, established in 2021 by Qualitas and GURNER<sup>TM</sup>

Grown to become

# A leading Australian BTR platform

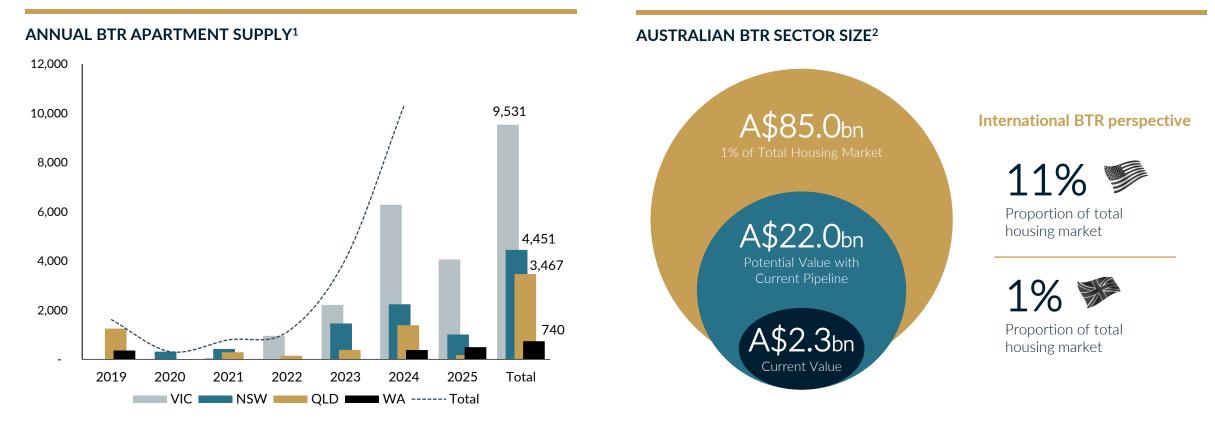
Strong pipeline under control of the platform



### Build-to-rent market



#### Burgeoning BTR sector has strong tailwinds and supply is accelerating



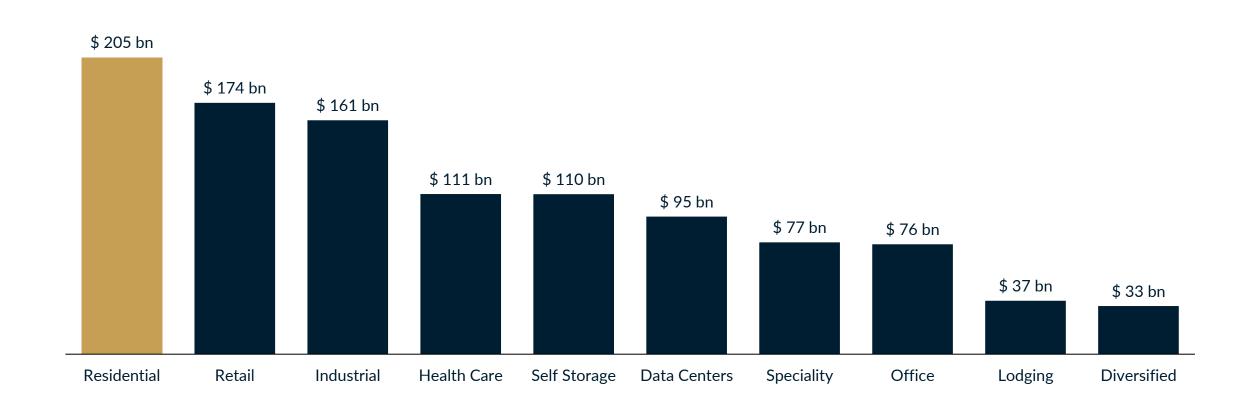
Similarities between the emergence of the BTR sector in Australia and more mature UK market are well documented:

- Policy makers showing support to the emergence of an operational residential sector
- Long-term housing supply shortage, rent rise and record low vacancy
- Investors look to more defensive and less cyclical asset classes

## US BTR / multifamily: the largest REIT sub-sector



#### FTSE Nareit equity REITS - market capitalisation by property sector (\$USD billion)<sup>1</sup>



## Portfolio overview



Beach House - 297 units

City Road – 394 units

Queens Parade – 339 units Hassall Street – 397 units







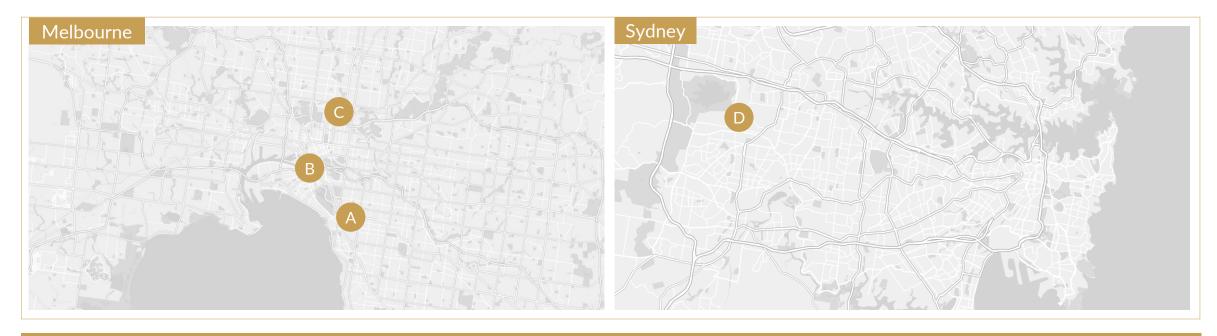


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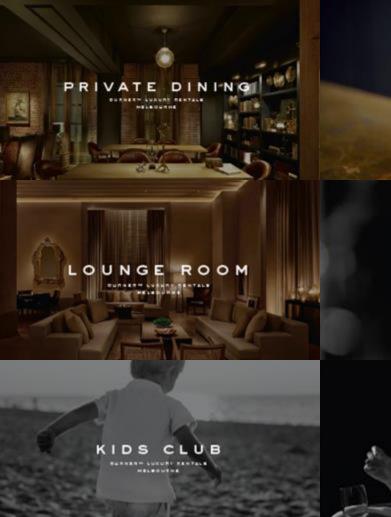
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# Portfolio overview (continued)





Project Name	A Beach House	B Grand Madison	C Queens Parade	D Hassall Street
Location	3-7 Wellington Street, St Kilda VIC	334-344 City Road, Southbank VIC	26-56 Queens Parade, Fitzroy North	12 Hassall Street, Parramatta NSW
Number of Units	297	394	339	397
Geography	VIC	VIC	VIC	NSW
Status	Under Construction	Under Construction	Pre-Construction	Planning
On Completion Value (\$m)	225	268	301	407



LOBBY BAR ----

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MOVE-IN MANAGER

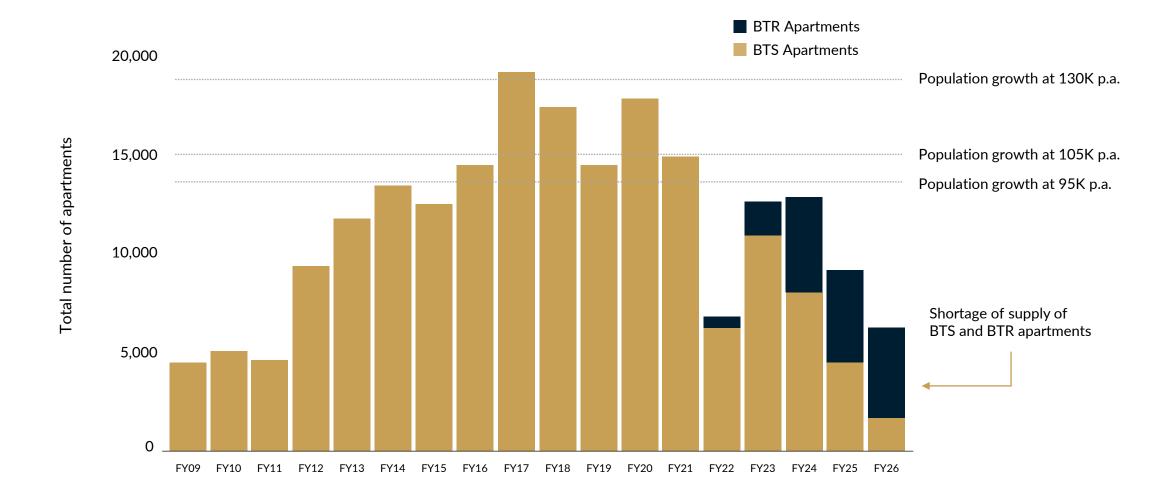
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ETABLE GARDEN

GAME ROOM



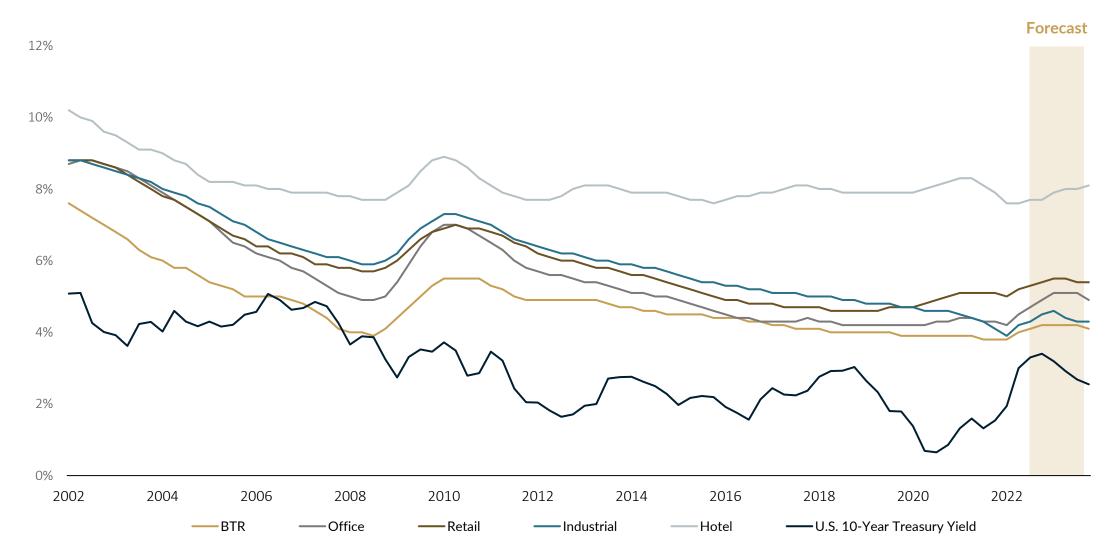




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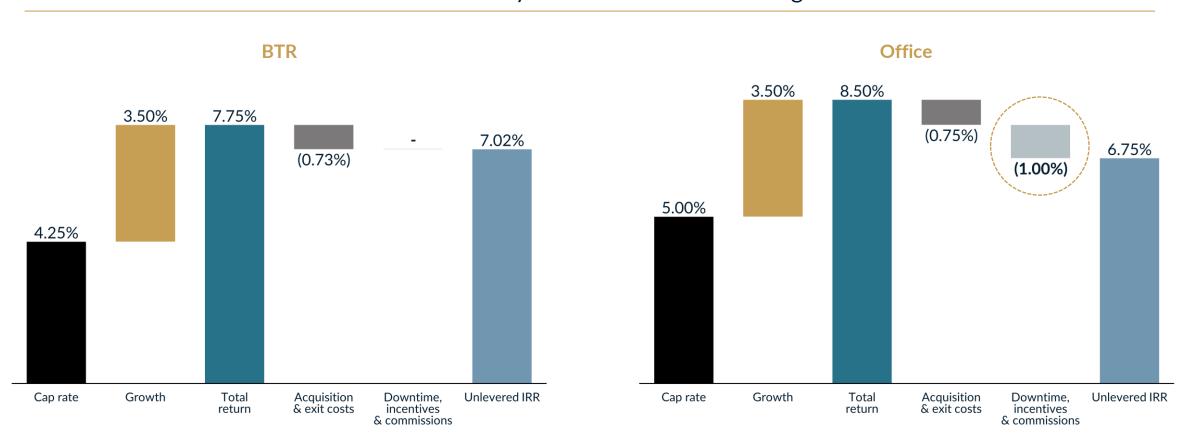
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# Unlevered return and cap rate metrics



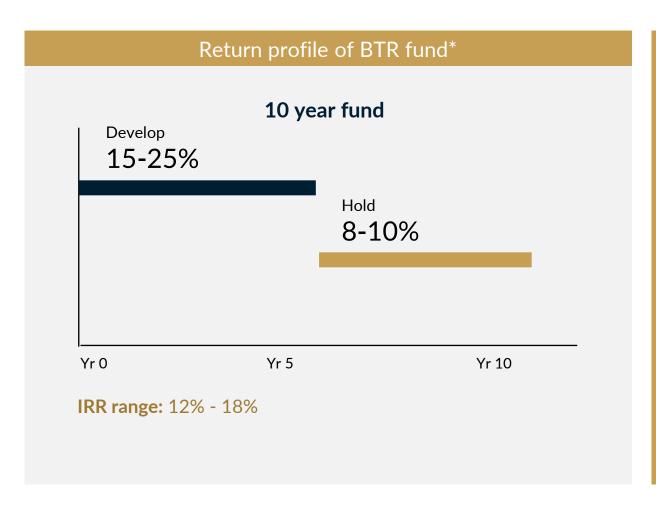
BTR vs. Office

#### Indicative 10-year unlevered return bridge









Hold period return is inherently lower risk and return than the develop period

Extending fund life spreads the development uplift (higher returns) over a longer period and reduces the overall fund return

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# Seeking Opportunistic Returns in Private Equity Real Estate

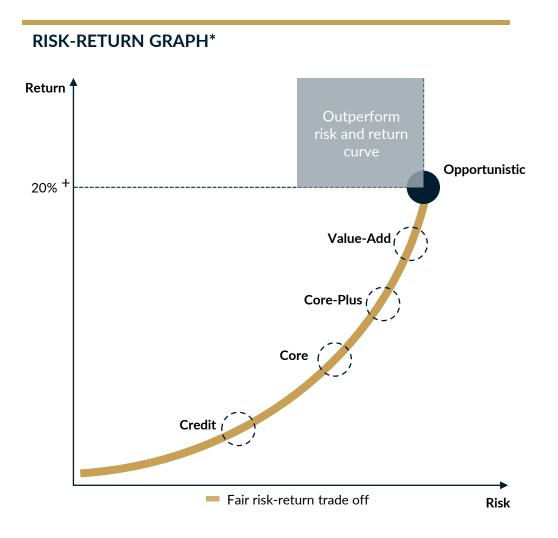
**Tim Johansen** – Global Head of Investment and Funds Risk **Henry Vuu** – Co-Head of Equity Strategies and Head of Execution & Analysis

# What is opportunistic investing?



Principal led investing with a focus on influence, value creation and exit



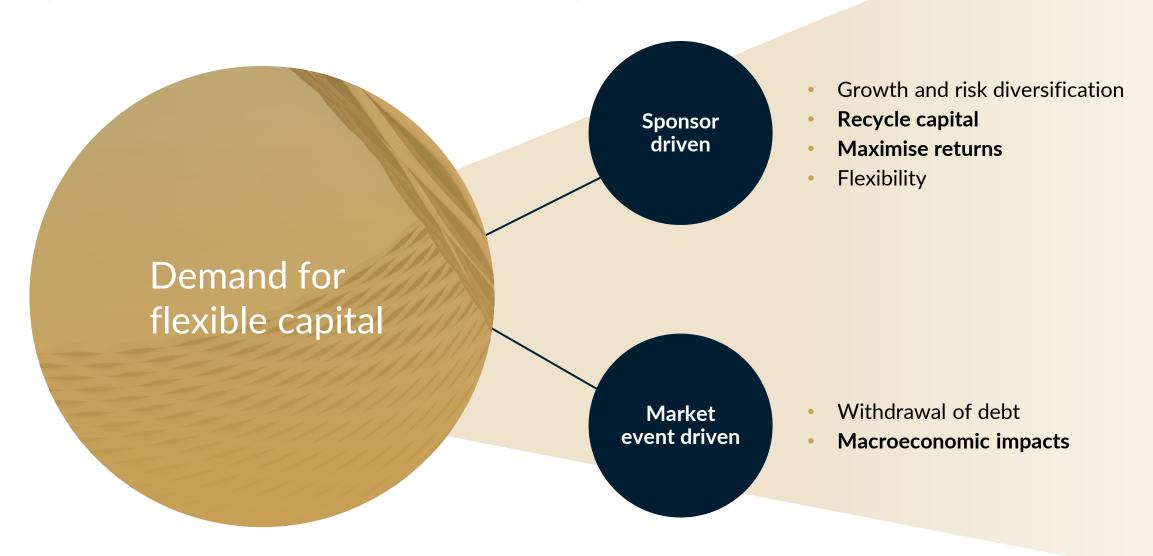


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# What drives opportunistic investments?



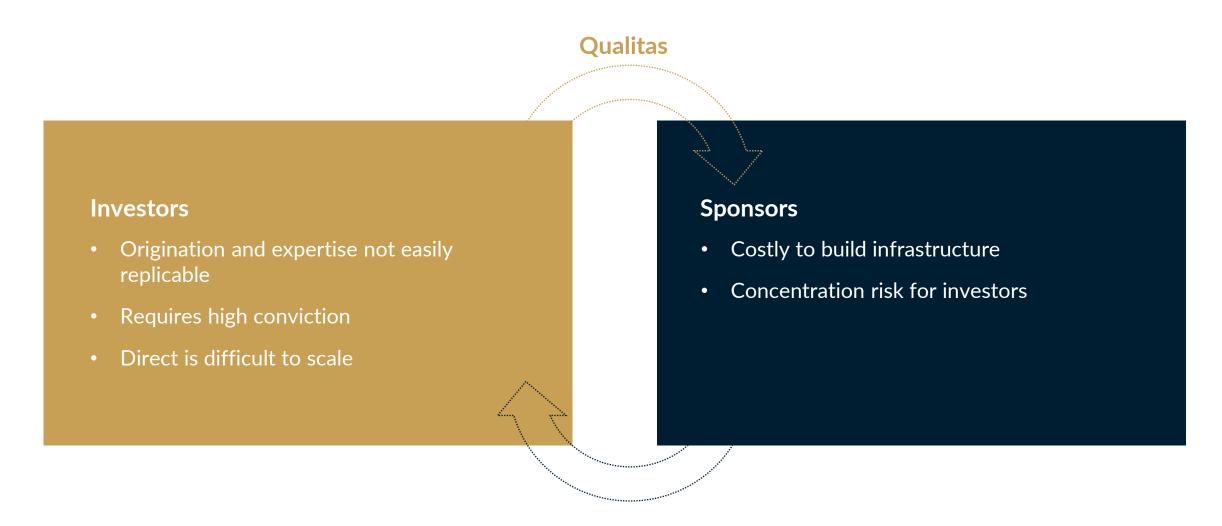
Sponsor or market event driven need for flexible capital



# Why does the strategy exist?



Qualitas acts as the intermediary to bridge the needs of the users and sources of capital



# Scalability



Growth through increasing investment tickets and portfolio plays

**QREOFI** | Qualitas Real Estate Opportunity Fund 1

22

\$21m

investments

Average transaction size

**QREOFII** | Qualitas Real Estate Opportunity Fund 2

8

\$38m

investments

Average transaction size

**QREOFIII** | Qualitas Real Estate Opportunity Fund 3

Launched \$300m

# Case study: preferred equity residential investment



Sydney, NSW

#### **Acquisition phase**

- Asset quality
- Situational

#### Value creation

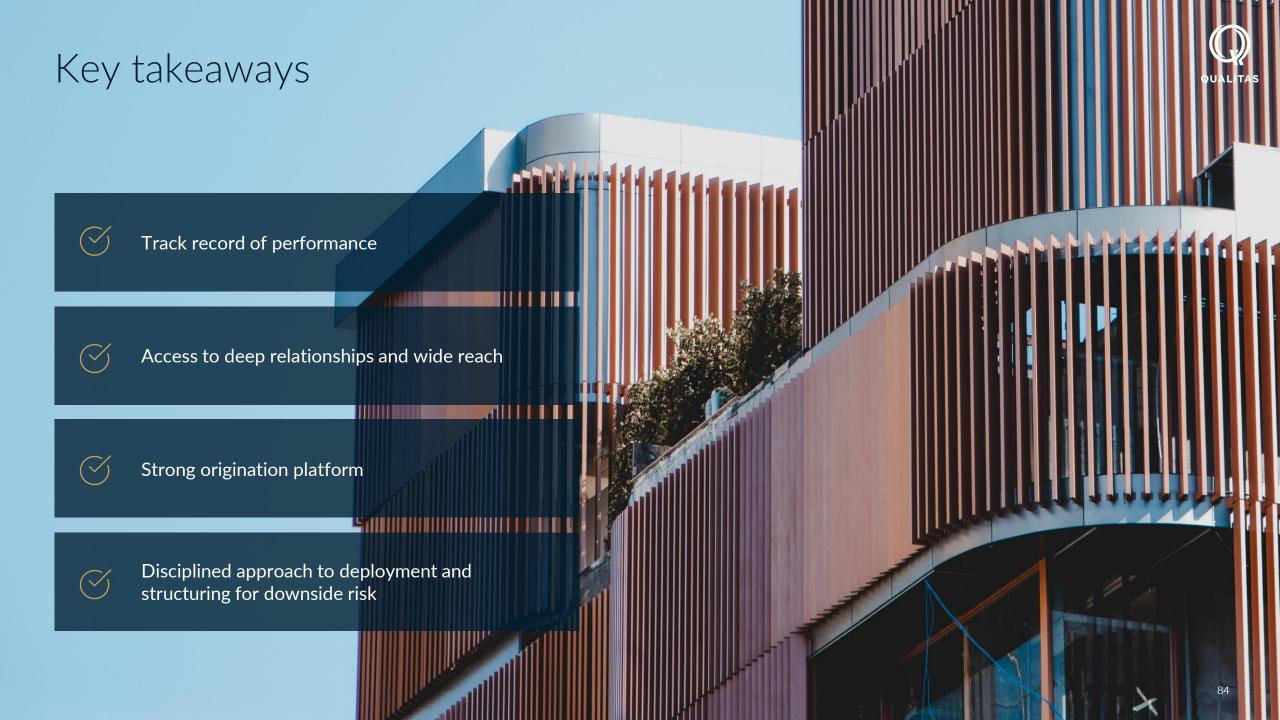
- Protect downside
- Secured cheaper debt



Presales

Exit

Refinance





**Andrew Schwartz** – Group Managing Director and Co-Founder





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# Appendix A

# Flexible Financing Solutions for Construction Debt

# Construction financing at Qualitas

# QUALITAS

#### Transparency and clarity of term sheet is key to our success

Key terms	Loan details
Size	• >\$50m
Tenor	<ul> <li>Typically 12 – 36 months</li> </ul>
Target IRR	• 10% - 13%
Cost structure	<ul> <li>Upfront fee (paid at financial close)</li> <li>Line fee on facility limit (over the life of the loan)</li> <li>Interest (margin over) on drawn amount (over life of the loan)</li> </ul>
Leverage ratios	<ul> <li>Loan to Value Ratio (LVR) – typically 65%-75%</li> <li>Loan to Cost Ratio (LCR) – typically 75%-85%</li> </ul>
Pre- commitments	<ul> <li>Residential pre-sales debt cover – typically 40%-60%</li> <li>Commercial / retail – typically 0.6x ICR and anchor tenancy commitment</li> </ul>
Interest payment	Interest only capitalising
Ranking	<ul> <li>Senior (1<sup>st</sup>) or Mezzanine (2<sup>nd</sup>)</li> </ul>
Repayment	Residential  Sale proceeds of completed stock Refinance to residual stock loan  Commercial Refinance to investment loan

# Appendix B Ripe for Growth – Australia's Burgeoning Build-to-Rent Sector

# GQ location principles and market positioning



#### PILLAR 1

Target demographics % of renters, % of apartments, income levels

#### PILLAR 2

Low existing supply of quality product and service

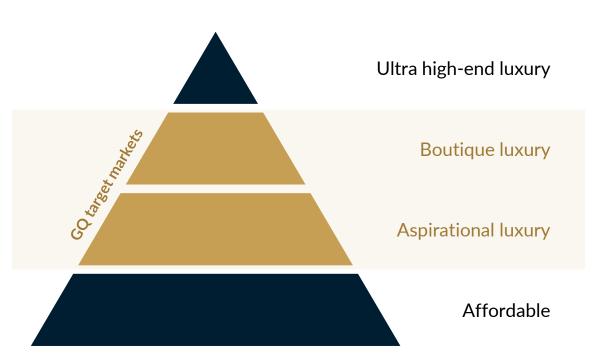
#### PILLAR 3

Constrained future supply of competing stock

#### PILLAR 4

Strong existing neighborhood Aaenity

#### **KEY APARTMENT MARKET SEGMENTS**



#### WE LOOK FOR SUBURBS WITH:

- ✓ Household structure: Young couples (0 -1 child) and singles
- ✓ **Profile:** Educated professionals
- ✓ Rent/income: < 30%

✓ Age: 25 - 39

✓ Rent per sqm per week: \$9 - \$12

#### **GREEN CERTIFICATIONS**











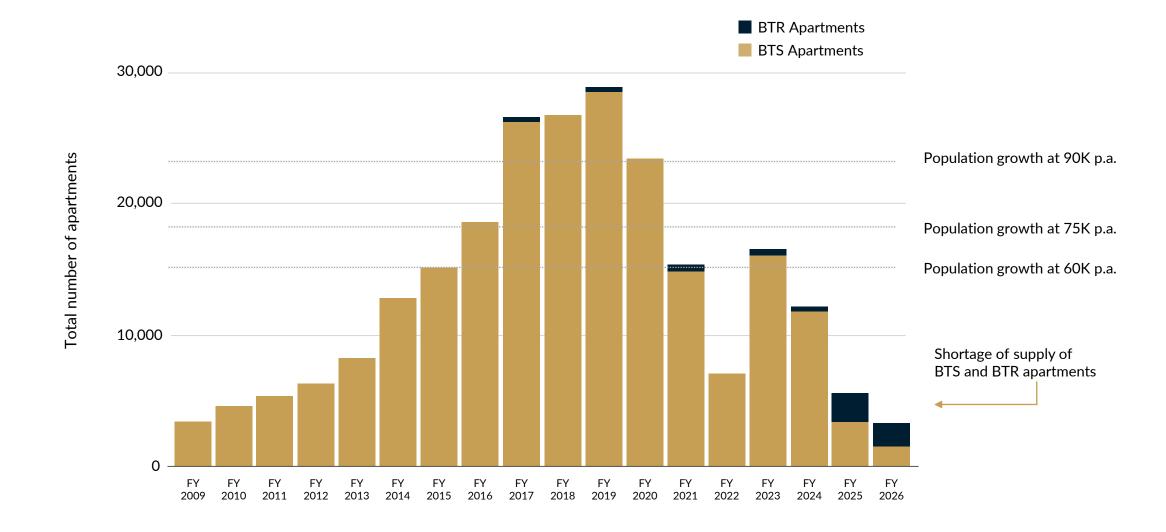
#### **HOW DO WE PROVIDE A SUSTAINABLE LIVING?**

100% renewable energy procurement for occupant electricity

Annual carbon account and purchase of accredited carbon offsets

# BTS and BTR - supply/demand balance - Sydney





Source: Charter Keck Cramer 2022





#### Beach House

Status:	Under construction, opening early 2024
Address:	3-7 Wellington Street, St Kilda (Melbourne)
Units:	297
Area:	17,834m² (residential net lettable area) plus commercial and retail
Levels:	12 & 28 story buildings
Amenity	<ul> <li>Gym</li> <li>Children's indoor play areas</li> <li>Saunas and yoga rooms</li> <li>Cinema room</li> <li>Rooftop bar</li> <li>Private dining rooms</li> <li>Swimming pool deck</li> <li>Two-lane bowling alley with a bar</li> </ul>





# City Road

Status:	Under construction, opening late 2024 / early 2025
Address:	334-344 City Road, Southbank (Melbourne)
Units:	394
Area:	25,346m² (residential net lettable area) plus commercial and retail
Levels:	41
Amenity	<ul> <li>Level 7 completely dedicated to amenity (podium top)</li> <li>Ground floor offers a commercial bar/café and a commercial gym that extends up to a mezzanine level</li> <li>Tower is crowned by a commercial bar over two levels</li> </ul>





# Queens Parade

Status:	Construction scheduled to start late-2023 with building forecast to open in mid-2025
Address:	26-56 Queens Parade, North Fitzroy (Melbourne)
Units:	339
Area:	22,013m² (residential net lettable area) plus commercial and retail
Levels:	3 towers of 8, 9 and 10 levels
Amenity	<ul> <li>Multiple and variable outdoor spaces provide a range of options covering 4 hectares</li> <li>Rooftop pool and spas set amongst a landscaped retreat</li> <li>Communal amenities - resident's lounge, residents dining &amp; kitchen, outdoor living and dining spaces, and a yoga pavilion</li> <li>Concierge</li> </ul>





### Hassall Street

Status:	In planning, construction scheduled to start 1H 2023 with building forecast to open in mid-2026
Address:	12 Hassall Street, Parramatta (Sydney)
Units:	397
Area:	24,367m² (residential net lettable area) plus commercial and retail uses
Levels:	61
Amenity	<ul> <li>Activated ground floor with food &amp; beverage</li> <li>Amenity focused on health &amp; wellness</li> <li>Pet care</li> <li>Children's play areas</li> <li>Lounge retreat areas</li> <li>Private dining areas</li> <li>Rooftop bar</li> </ul>

# Appendix C

Seeking Opportunistic Returns in Private Equity Real Estate

#### What do we look for in investments?



Solid fundamentals, backed by experienced sponsors that can be actively managed to enhance value

#### **Sponsor quality**



- Mid-tier or above sufficient infrastructure and resources to deliver project, sound reputation and brand, and financial capacity to meet obligations
- Alignment financially and strategically
- Track record and consistency



#### Investment size

- \$30-100m
- Range sits outside of private and institutional interest



#### Ideal investment attributes

- Planning certainty, no rezoning risk
- Sound asset quality, but inappropriate capital structure
- Transparent and verifiable data
- Identifiable exit strategies



#### **Control and influence**

- Scope for value-creation via active management
- Ability to contribute to decision-making and exert influence over outcomes

# How do we underwrite equity versus credit?



#### **Equity lens**

- Investment achieves fund strategy
- Accretion outcome
- Time
- Partnership philosophy

# Risk management and mitigation

- Cap rate compression beyond fair premium to risk-free rate
- Construction procurement impact on feasibilities
- Sensitivities
  - What are the tolerance levels?
  - What will it take to break the financial model?

#### Sponsor

- Alignment and control
- Capability and skillset
- Financial backing

# Risk management



Rigorous risk assessment process, effective structuring and appropriate pricing are key success factors

# Three lines of defence

- Investment team
- Risk team
- Investment committee

# Active and invasive risk management

- Timings and momentum
- Accountability

#### **Risks**

- Identify
- Assess
- Mitigate
- Price
- Manage

#### **Allocations**

- Objectives of fund
- Accretion
- Diversity

# Fund key

# UALITAS

#### **Listed Entity**

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#### **Listed Fund**

ASX:QRI	Qualitas Real Estate Income Fund
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#### **Unlisted Funds**

QBIF	Build-to-Rent Impact Fund
QCDF	Construction Debt Fund
QCDFII	Construction Debt Fund 2
QDCI	Diversified Credit Investments
QDREF	Diversified Real Estate Fund
QFIF	Food Infrastructure Fund
QREOFI	Real Estate Opportunity Fund 1
QREOFII	Real Estate Opportunity Fund 2
QREOFIII	Real Estate Opportunity Fund 3
QSDEF	Senior Debt Enhanced Fund
QSDF	Senior Debt Fund
Senior Debt SMA	Senior Debt separately managed account





ADI	Authorised deposit-taking institution
ADIA	Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
APRA	The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
AUM	Assets under management
BTR	Build-to-Rent
CAGR	Compound annual growth rate
CPS	Cents per share
CRE	Commercial real estate
EBITDA	Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation
EPS	Earnings per share
ESG	Environmental, social and governance
Fee Earning FUM	Amounts earning base management fees. Base management fee structures vary across the investment platform including Committed FUM, Invested FUM, Net Asset Value, Gross Asset Value, Acquisition Price and any other metrics used to calculate base management fees
FUM	Funds under management
FUM not yet earning fees	Undeployed committed capital that is not yet earning base management fees
GAV	Gross Asset Value
IC	Investment Committee
ICR	Interest coverage ratio

Invested FUM	Funds currently deployed. Capital drawn for equity funds. Funds drawn on live deals / loans less repayments for credit funds
IRR	Internal rate of return
LCR	Loan to cost ratio
LVR	Loan to value ratio
NPBT	Net profit before tax
REIT	Real estate investment trust