

#### **ASX Announcement**

**Qualitas Limited (ASX: QAL)** 

19 October 2023

#### **Qualitas 2023 Investor Day Presentation**

Qualitas Limited (ASX: QAL) (**Qualitas** or **Company**) is today holding its Investor Day in Sydney, Australia and via webcast.

Enclosed are the presentation materials.

The webcast will be available to join online from 1:30pm AEDT, please register using the following link: <a href="https://eur.cvent.me/m8mw1">https://eur.cvent.me/m8mw1</a>. It is recommended that you log in for the webcast 10 to 15 minutes prior to the start time.

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#### **About Qualitas**

Qualitas Limited ACN 655 057 588 (**Qualitas**) is an ASX-listed Australian alternative real estate investment manager with approximately A\$8.0 billion<sup>1</sup> 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, wholesale and retail clients. Qualitas offers flexible capital solutions for its partners, creating long-term value for shareholders, and the communities in which it operates.

For 15 years Qualitas has been investing through market cycles to finance assets with a combined value of over A\$21 billion<sup>2</sup> 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 80 professionals provides a unique offering in the market to accelerate business growth and drive performance for shareholders.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FUM metrics as at 31 August 2023 and adjusted for additional A\$530 million activated commitment in QPICF.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As at 30 June 2023.



## Acknowledgement of Country

Qualitas acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their ongoing connection to land, sea, and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present.

JOURNEY OF GROWTH
BY ALYSHA MENZEL

# Agenda



1:00 PM	1:30 PM	1:35 PM	1:50 PM	2:05 PM	2:25 PM
Registration and Lunch	Welcome Remarks	Qualitas – Built for Growth	Agile Through-the-Cycle Platform	Ask the Co-Founders Q&A	Integrating ESG into Alternatives
					Fiona Reynolds - Chair of Qualitas ESG Advisory Group
	Kathleen Yeung – Global Head of Corporate Development	Andrew Schwartz – Group Managing Director and Co-Founder	Mark Fischer – Global Head of Real Estate and Co-Founder	Andrew Schwartz – Group Managing Director	Dr Ian Woods - Independent Member of Qualitas ESG Advisory Group
				and Co-Founder  Mark Fischer – Global Head of Real Estate and Co-Founder	Brian Delaney – Member of Qualitas ESG Advisory Group and Qualitas Board Director Moderated by Jason Rackley – Head of ESG at Qualitas

2:55 PM	3:40 PM	3:55 PM	4:20 PM	4:35 PM	4:50 PM	5:00 PM
A Dominant Player in Build-to-Rent	Break	The Evolution and Opportunity in Private Credit	Case Study: Private Credit Loan	Case Study: Construction Loan	Closing Remarks	Drinks Reception
Mark Fischer – Global Head of Real Estate and Co-Founder Ashleigh Macdonald – Operations Manager, GQ BTR Victoria		Mark Power – Head of Income Credit	Samantha Khalid – Head of Execution, Credit Investments	Gil Norwood – Head of Total Return Credit	Kathleen Yeung – Global Head of Corporate Development	

# Qualitas – Built for Growth

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

# Qualitas – An alternative real estate investment manager with proven track record of performance and product innovation



\$8.0bn
Funds under management<sup>1</sup>

QRI is the only
MREIT in ASX300 &
ASX300 A-REIT
indices

Provides investors access to CRE private credit via the ASX

79%

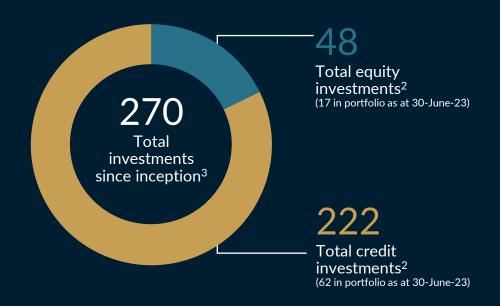
Current private credit allocation<sup>1</sup>

Long history and deep expertise in real estate private credit

82%

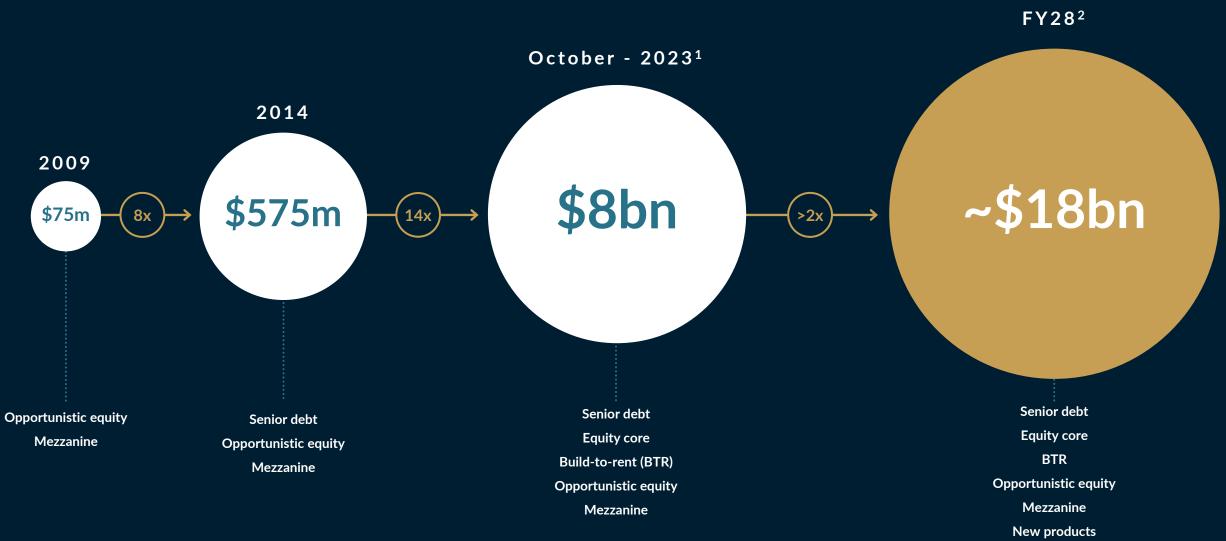
Institutional capital composition<sup>1</sup>

Extensive global institutional and wholesale investor base



# Targeting to more than double our FUM by FY28

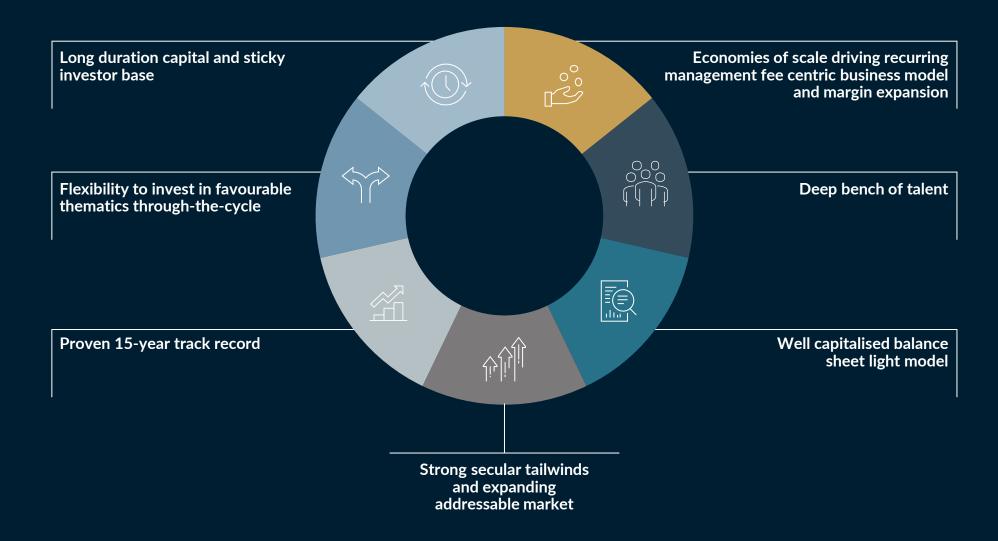




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# Distinctive business model enabling dominance in the thematics we choose to invest in





# Multi-decade trend towards alternatives will continue and likely accelerate



#### Capital and macroeconomic tailwinds that underpin Qualitas' success over the last 15 years are amplifying



Permanent decline in availability of capital from traditional financiers

 Change in CRE financing landscape driven by implementation of Basel III



Private capital filling the void

- Attracted to equity-like returns with CRE debt unlevered returns approaching 10% p.a.
- Less susceptible to volatility driven dislocations



Global investors are significantly underinvested in alternatives

- At US\$2.1 trillion, private credit represents 2% of global funds management AUM despite growing at 19% CAGR in last five years<sup>2</sup>
- Institutions are under allocated in private credit, current ~5.7% vs. target ~7.8%, representing 37% increase required<sup>3</sup>



Australian CRE is an attractive investment strategy

- Financial system stability
- High vacancy rate with deep residential supply shortage
- Unprecedented unemployment rate and migration

#### We are well placed against this backdrop

High barriers to entry in large scale

CRE financing

Large addressable market c.\$435bn<sup>1</sup>
ADI CRE exposure

Track record of investment performance with pipeline of capital partners

Proven expertise in debt and equity investing through the cycle

# Long tenured leadership team with ongoing investment in our people



## Andrew Schwartz Group Managing Director and Co-Founder

Mark Fischer
Global Head of Real Estate
and Co-Founder

Dean Winterton
Global Head
of Capital

Philip Dowman
Chief
Financial
Officer

Kathleen Yeung Global Head of Corporate Development Tim Johansen Global Head of Investment and Funds Risk Michelle Christou Head of People and Culture 28 yrs

Avg. industry experience

8 yrs

Avg. at Qualitas

#### Investment

7

senior heads of division across origination; execution and analysis; development and asset services

#### **Capital**

6

senior heads of division across capital channels, client services and marketing

#### **Corporate and Risk**

5

senior heads of division across investment risk, legal, finance and IT

26 yrs

Avg. industry experience

6 yrs

Avg. at Qualitas

#### 13 new hires<sup>1</sup>

Streamlined team structure

#### 4 new hires<sup>1</sup>

Senior hires targeting different investor channels and client services

#### 12 new hires<sup>1</sup>

Set up ESG, investor relations and office of Chief Investment Officer functions

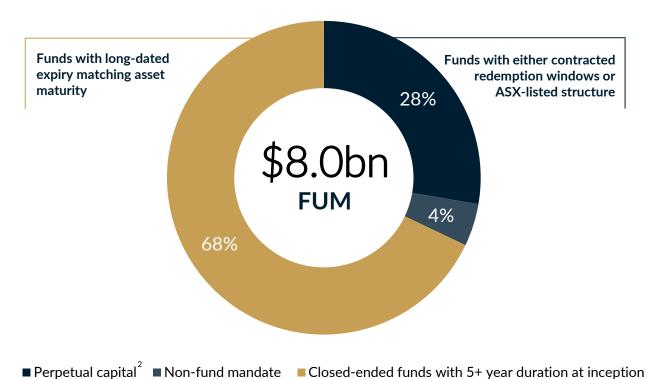
Investment since IPO

# Long duration capital with in-built platform protections to minimise redemption risk



Substantial long-term capital in closed-ended fund structures enhances earnings stability through periods of volatility

#### FUM BY TYPE AS AT OCTOBER 20231

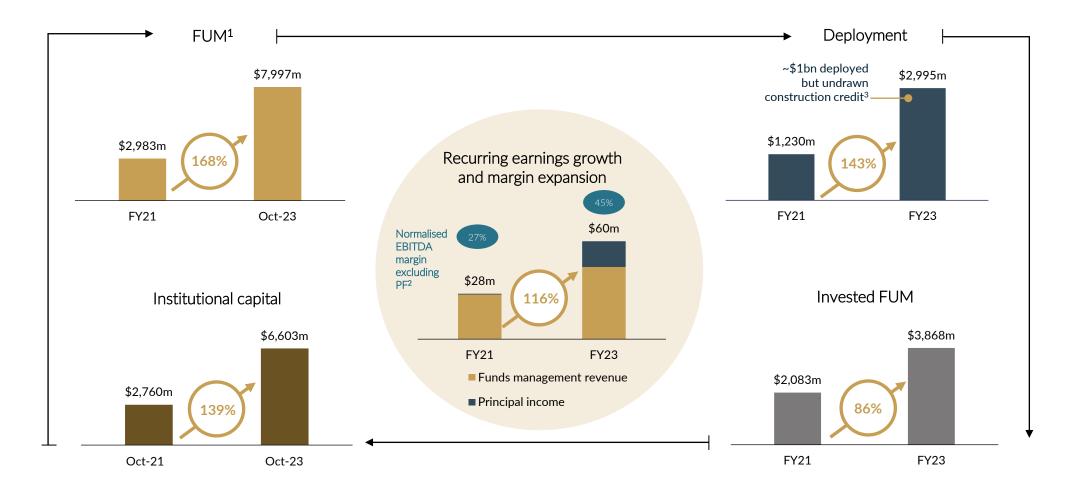


>91%

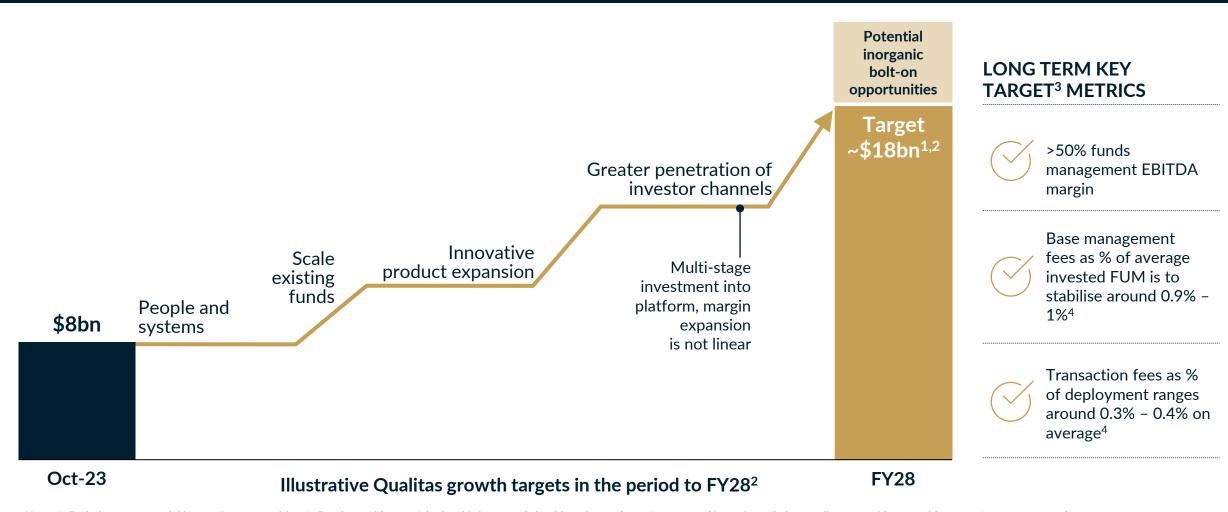
Of FUM without rolling redemption window

# Scalable platform accelerating growth in recurring core funds management earnings since IPO





# Pathway to achieve our FY28 FUM target



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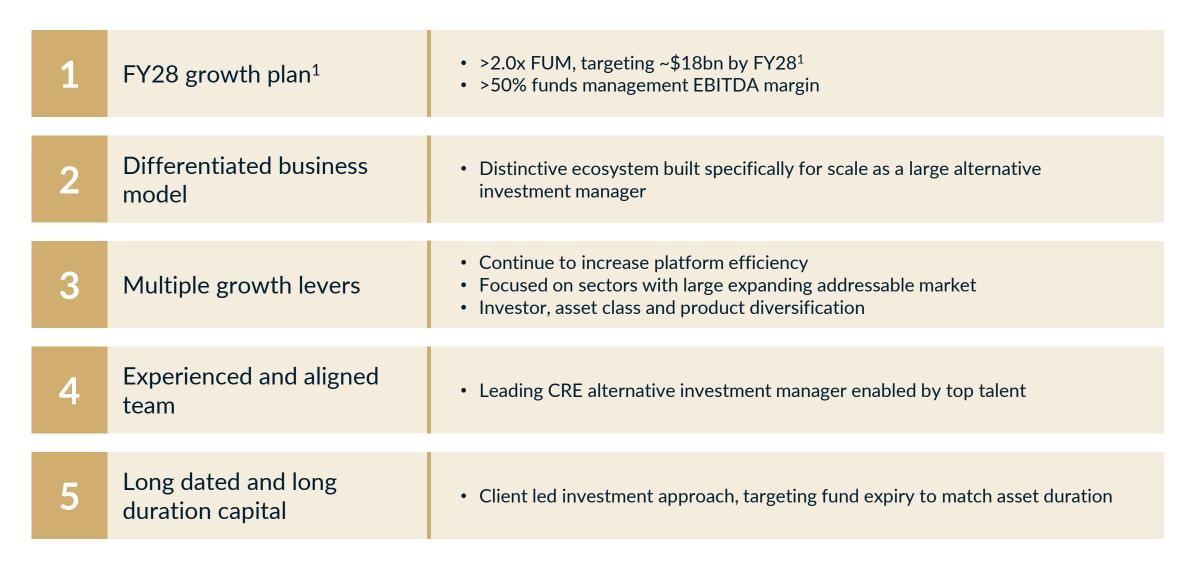
# Track record of product innovation and strategy creation



Significant growth potential as investors globally increase allocation into alternative investments

	ESTABLISHED	PARTING	FUTURE GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES
Asset class	Real estate private credit and private equity	<ul><li>ESG real estate private credit</li><li>CRE geographic expansion</li></ul>	Real assets adjacencies
Fund type	<ul> <li>Multi-asset unlisted open and close ended funds</li> <li>ASX-listed MREIT</li> <li>Discretionary SMAs</li> </ul>	Continue to match investor preference with underlying investment duration	Multi-asset listed funds
Capital source	<ul> <li>Listed retail via adviser channel</li> <li>Large, institutional LP's</li> <li>Ultra HNW and family offices – domestic</li> <li>Private banks – domestic</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listed retail via institutional channels</li> <li>Small to medium institutional capital</li> <li>Private bank and family offices – offshore</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Attract one or two new strategic capital partnerships each year</li> <li>Efficient penetration across institutional, listed retail and wholesale channels across geographies</li> </ul>

## Key takeaways



# Agile Through-the-Cycle Platform

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

## Through the cycle investment strategies



Identifying investment thematics where we could build a meaningful market presence in and supported by long term tailwinds

#### WHAT WE LOOK FOR IN DETERMINING OUR STRATEGIES

Differentiated proposition where Qualitas can be a meaningful participant

- Consolidate market position create a defensive moat around capability and skillset
- Agile through market cycles establish capability across adjacent strategies

- Be responsive to client demand and needs
- Ouration of investment and thematic runway





# Track record of investment performance underpinned by our ability to raise and deploy capital through-the-cycle

### OPPORTUNISTIC INVESTOR

- Outsized returns in post-GFC liquidity crunch
- Investments focused on total return equity and mezzanine investments

### BROADENING TO PRIVATE CREDIT AND FUNDS

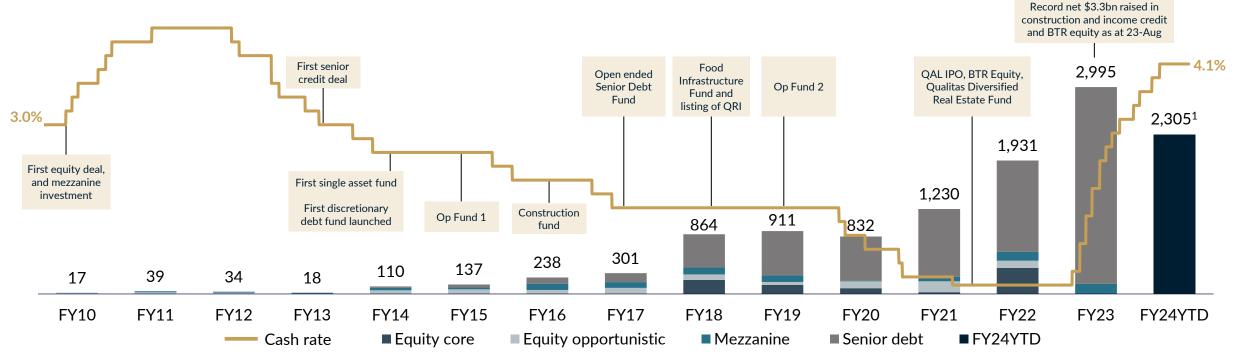
- Regulation triggered further liquidity withdrawal from traditional financiers
- Broadening of investment strategies to include credit investing, focused on total return credit

### CREATION OF INCOME PRODUCTS

- Low interest rates with rising asset valuations
- Demand from investors for income delivered by credit and equity products
- Maintained total return equity strategies

## SCALED CREDIT PLATFORM AND VALUE EQUITY LENS TO DRIVE GROWTH

- Liquidity dislocation → scale credit platform
- Recalibration of asset values → scale value equity platform



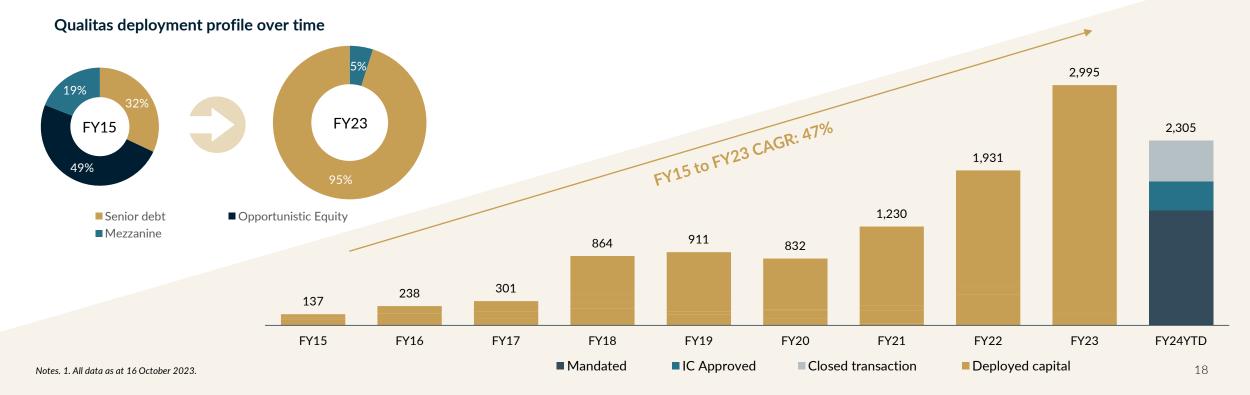
## Early FY24 momentum



Significant deployment pipeline in credit strategies in first quarter of FY23

#### WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO CAPITALISE

- Team structured to focus on distinct credit and equity strategies from an execution perspective
- Recently increased investment in origination resources across Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. These investments are not reflected in FY23 deployment volumes
- Pipeline at \$2.3b YTD<sup>1</sup>, 96% in senior credit
- Liquidity is at a premium and we are seeking to optimise returns for investors



## Current market landscape

Dry powder is a clear differentiator amongst competitor set



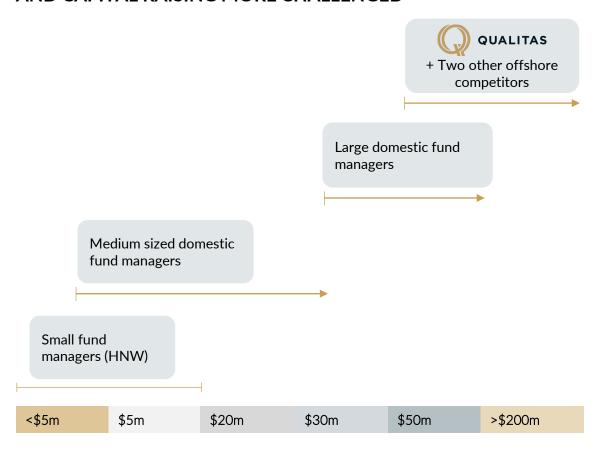
#### MARKET AND COMPETITION

- Market liquidity remains withdrawn
- Significant reduction in competitors, few with large capital mandates
- Diverging market participants, capital structure, sectors, asset and sponsor quality
- Credit strategies preferred, green shoots in equity

#### **SECTOR THEMATICS**

- Selective sector criteria
- Asset quality
- Sponsor quality
- Opportunistic equity post asset recalibration
- Stabilising construction costs
- Residential remains resilient

# LESSENING COMPETITION AS INVESTMENT SIZE INCREASES AND CAPITAL RAISING MORE CHALLENGED



## Key takeaways

• Debt and equity skillset is a key differentiator, enables us to be agile and nimble Platform flexibility Team structured for optimal efficiency Proven investment performance through-the- Track record of product innovation and FUM growth cycle • Positive momentum but remain vigilant on underwriting standards and asset Disciplined deployment management • Competition reduces as investment size increases and capital raising become Changing competitive more challenging landscape in CRE financing • Significant debt and equity opportunities in the residential sector with green shoots emerging from liquidity dislocation in the equity sector

# Integrating ESG into Alternatives

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Moderated by Jason Rackley, Head of ESG at Qualitas

## ESG vision and priorities

#### **ESG VISION**



Leveraging Qualitas' platform and position as a leading alternative CRE financier to play a role in assisting Australia to transition to a low-emissions future, focused on residential property.



Delivering real impact through our social and community programs including charitable engagement, diversity, equity and inclusion.



Continued review and refinement of our governance framework to ensure 'best-in-class' alignment to achieve our growth objectives.

#### **ESG PRIORITIES**



**Environmental** 



Expanding our ESG reporting infrastructure and data collection to provide more transparent ESG reporting to our domestic and offshore stakeholders, including the carbon footprint of our funds.



Social



Continued focus on employee engagement, recruitment, retention and gender diversity as part of inclusion and diversity program and meaningful and impactful charitable engagement.



Governance



Progressing our work on TCFD / ISSB¹ reporting. Implementing a Modern Slavery policy.

# A Dominant Player in Buildto-Rent

Mark Fischer – Global Head of Real Estate and Co-Founder Ashleigh Macdonald – Operations Manager, GQ BTR Victoria

## GQ platform



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

Grown to become

# Largest Australian BTR platform by committed AUM<sup>1</sup>

Strong pipeline under control of the platform

\$3.2bn
Gross capital
commitment

4 assets
In portfolio
to date

1,400+ units
Secured portfolio to date

3,600+ units
Pipeline across Sydney,

Pipeline across Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane

Notes: 1. Savills Australia.



## GQ proposition



Targeting key assets within the BTR sector

PILLAR 1

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

#### PILLAR 2

Low existing supply of quality product and service

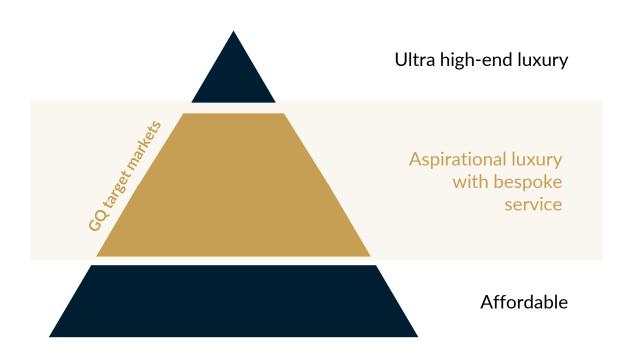
#### PILLAR 3

Constrained future supply of competing stock

#### PILLAR 4

Strong existing neighborhood amenity

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



#### **WE LOOK FOR SUBURBS WITH:**

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

✓ Age: 25 - 39

✓ Rent per sqm per week: \$10 - \$12+

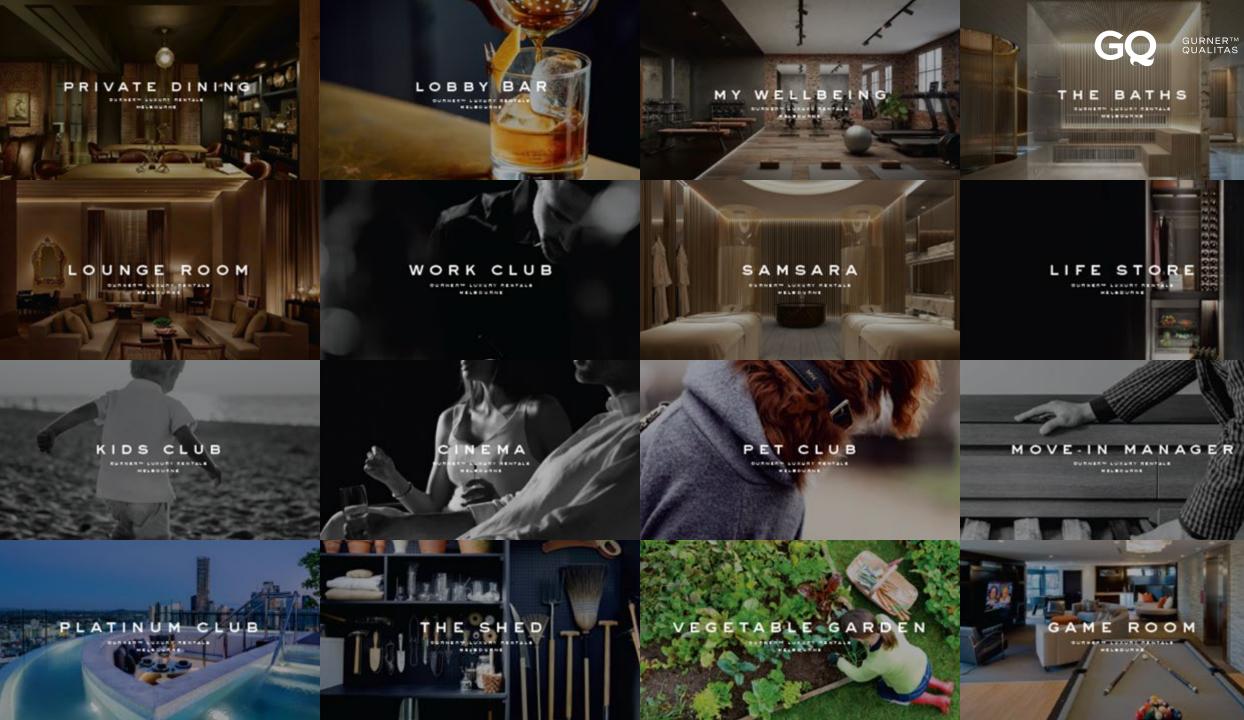
#### HOW DOES GQ PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE LIVING?

100% green energy

in common areas and tenants can opt into green energy

Annual carbon account and purchase of accredited carbon offsets

No gas policy across the portfolio



# GQ platform vision – significant enterprise value with over \$5bn GAV<sup>1</sup> over medium term



#### **GROWTH VISION**

Target GAV of \$5bn+ over medium term<sup>1</sup> vs. \$290bn estimated total BTR long term value in Australia<sup>2</sup>

Base case GQ platform is forecast to be profitable from FY25, subject to securing new assets and market conditions Continue to leverage resources from two established fast-growing businesses – translate to cost advantage in platform establishment

Target stabilised EBITDA margin of ~55-60%

Target two to four assets in the next twelve months, remain disciplined in acquisition

#### **SUCCESS FACTORS**

Funds and investment management



Property development and management



Differentiated product and service offering relevant to the local market



Operational efficiencies from existing GQ and Qualitas platform



Recruit and retain top talent



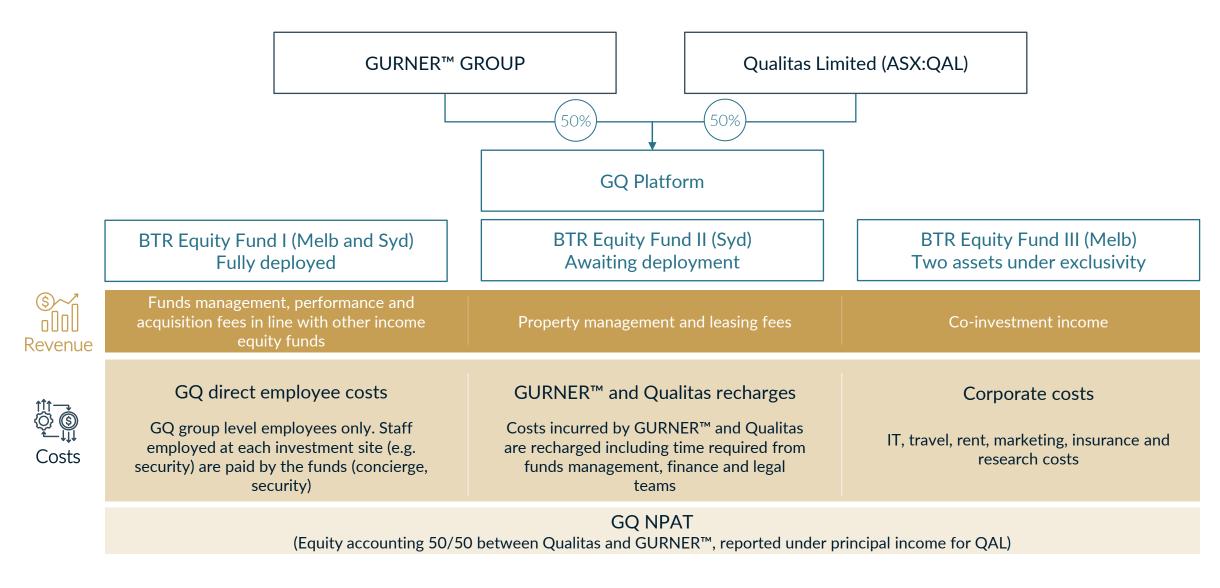
Extensive local expertise and network



Off-market pipeline matched with large institutional capital

# GQ platform structure





# The Evolution and Opportunity in Private Credit

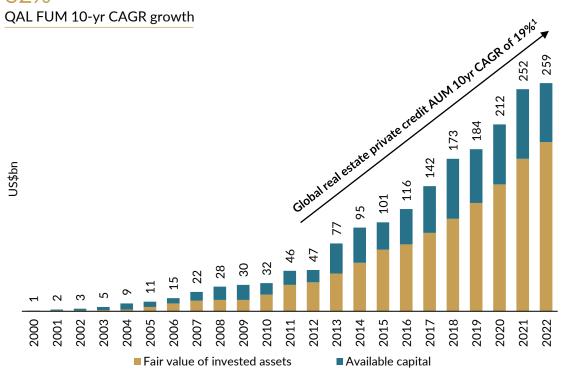
Mark Power - Head of Income Credit

# CRE private credit – Qualitas FUM growth outperforming the market



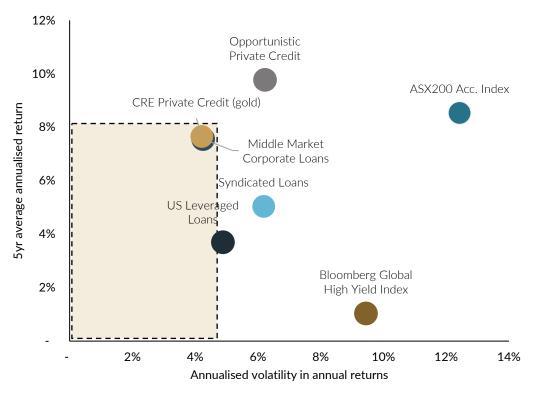
#### WE ARE GROWING FASTER THAN THE MARKET

32%



# INVESTORS ARE ATTRACTED TO ATTRACTIVE RISK ADJUSTED RETURN DELIVERED BY PRIVATE CREDIT

Risk and return over a 5-year period<sup>2</sup>



# Significant opportunities emerge from the divergence of CRE sectors combined with the liquidity dislocation



#### **AUSTRALIAN CRE IS NOT JUST ONE TYPE OF ASSET**

#### Residential

<1%

Low residential vacancy due to undersupply<sup>1</sup>

#### Retail

CBD retail vacancy as of 1H23, +112bps softening from 2H22<sup>2</sup>

#### Industrial

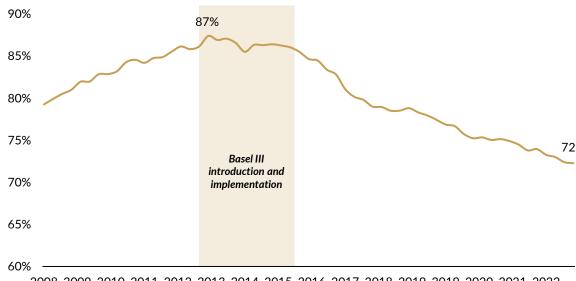
Unprecedented industrial vacancy rate, with Sydney experiencing negative rates<sup>3,4</sup>

#### Office

Vacancy across both prime and secondary grade office, highest level since mid-1990s<sup>5,6</sup>

#### AUSTRALIAN CRE FINANCIER LANDSCAPE HAS CHANGED SINCE THE GFC

Traditional financiers market share as % of total authorised deposit-taking institutions CRE lending limit



2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2019 2020 2021 2022

Non-performing rate is negligible<sup>8</sup>

Australian banks loan exposure to CRE as % of total assets vs. ~10% post-GFC<sup>5</sup>

## CRE private credit loans are not just one type of loan



Pre-completion phase

	Land	Construction		
	Senior land loans Secured against infill vacant land with development potential.	Mezzanine and senior construction loans  Drawn down over time as the construction progresses.		
Criteria	<ul> <li>Sites to be activated within the next 6-18 months backed by strong borrowers</li> <li>Close proximity to CBD – generally within 10km</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide mezzanine financing to strong borrower group looking to increase equity IRR</li> <li>Established builders</li> <li>Areas of undersupply</li> </ul>		
Rationale	<ul><li>Secured by underlying assets</li><li>Strong development potential</li><li>Refinance to other types of loan</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Higher returns within a strong risk framework</li> <li>Qualitas has extensive workout experience to complete the project</li> <li>Multiple equity buffers</li> </ul>		
Returns	625bps - 750bps on BBSY	Mezzanine IRR: 14 - 17% Senior IRR: 12 - 15%		

CRE private credit loans encompass the entire real estate project lifecycle. Risk adjusted returns of different types of CRE loans variy across different macroeconomic environments. Experienced managers select the most optimal portfolio mix to maximise returns and minimise risks for investors through-the-cycle

# CRE private credit loans are not just one type of loan



Completed building

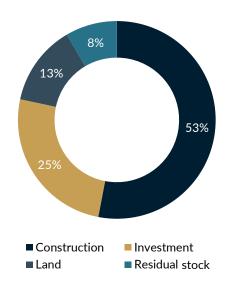
ı		Completed building		
		Senior investment loans Secured again real estate that is or is potentially income generating.	Residual stock loans Secured by unsold completed residential assets.	
	Criteria	<ul> <li>Tennant quality underpins rent</li> <li>High equity buffer</li> <li>Commercial, retail and industrial sector focused on moderate LVR</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Strong sales momentum transacting at or above valuation underwritten</li> </ul>	
_	Rationale	<ul> <li>Attractive underlying fundamentals that don't fit traditional financing framework</li> </ul>	Loans are amortised progressively from the sale and settlement of the residual apartments	
	Pricing	450bps - 600bps on BBSY	525bps - 650bps on BBSY	

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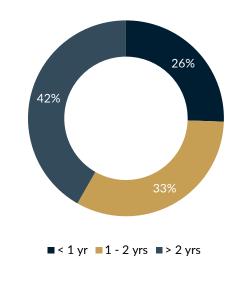
## Positioned to benefit from the potential uptick in residential construction



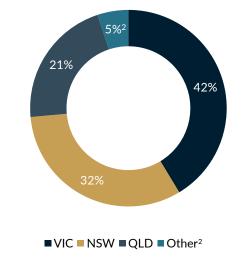
## REAL ESTATE CYCLE EXPOSURE<sup>1</sup>



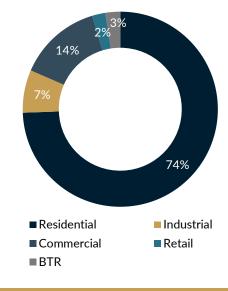
## UNDERLYING LOAN MATURITY EXPOSURE<sup>1</sup>



UNDERLYING GEOGRAPHIC EXPOSURE<sup>1</sup>



UNDERLYING SECTOR EXPOSURE<sup>1</sup>



Attractive opportunities in construction credit driven by liquidity withdrawal from traditional financiers

Short tenured portfolio aids platform agility

Majority of investments are on the east coast of Australia

Significant exposure in the residential sector, the most resilient sub-segment in CRE

## Loan valuation and impairment assessment



#### **IMPAIRMENT RISK MITIGANTS**

- Equity buffer
- Sponsor guarantees
- Interest reserves
- Active management of loan and borrower
- Extensive loan obligations and covenants
- · Annual property revaluation
- Bilateral lender control and sole decision making

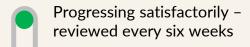
#### **IMPAIRMENT ASSESSMENT**

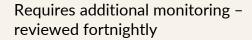
 Impairment is made when it is unlikely that a loan payment (interest or principal) will be collected



- View on forward market valuations
- Impairment assessment is conducted monthly

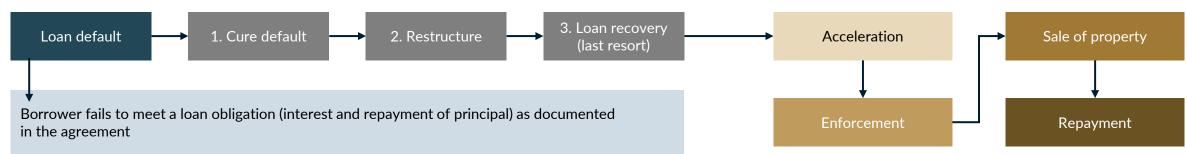
## TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM FOR LOAN RISK MONITORING





Issues exist warranting greater senior executive oversight – reviewed weekly

#### SALE OF PROPERTY IS THE LAST RESORT



## Qualitas Real Estate Income Fund (ASX:QRI)

Differentiated proposition on the ASX – democratising access to CRE for public market investors



Attractive positive inflation adjusted returns<sup>1</sup>



Continuing to benefit from an elevated interest rate environment reflected in the increased distribution, with a short tenured portfolio and platform agility to pivot



Defensive exposure to CRE through private credit with downside protection through an equity buffer



Managed by an industry leading team with 15-year track record



Fund well-positioned to grow and take advantage of market dislocation as traditional financiers retreat

9.02%

Sep-23 annualised distribution return p.a. based on NAV of \$1.60 8.76%

Sep-23 annualised net return p.a. based on NAV of \$1.60

Only MREIT in ASX300 & ASX300 A-REIT indices

0.90 yrs Weighted

loan maturity<sup>2</sup>



66% Weighted LVR<sup>3</sup>

Two primary risks are a loss of loan principal and a loss of loan income. The loss of loan principal is the risk that a borrower cannot repay the loan and the security property value declines and is insufficient to meet the full repayment of the loan. The loss of loan income is the risk that cash flow from property or other borrower sources will be insufficient to pay loan interest and fees that are due to the lender.<sup>4</sup>

## Key takeaways

1	CRE private credit	<ul> <li>CRE private credit is outperforming traditional investment options</li> <li>Qualitas credit FUM is growing significantly faster than the overall market</li> </ul>
2	Expanding addressable market	<ul> <li>Liquidity withdrawal from traditional financiers and CRE sub-sector divergence present attractive investment opportunities</li> </ul>
3	Invest across real estate cycle	<ul> <li>Select the most attractive risk adjusted investment opportunities across capital stack, sector and asset type leveraging specialised CRE skillset</li> </ul>
4	Robust risk and asset management platform	Proven asset management platform developed over 15 years
5	Australian MREIT pioneer	Democratising access to CRE for public market investors with the only MREIT in the ASX300 and ASX300 A-REIT indices

# Case Study: Private Credit Loan

**Samantha Khalid – Head of Execution, Credit Investments** 

## Case study: senior debt residual stock loan (RSL)



Melbourne inner city location

~\$155m

Facility limit

LVR

≤ 75%

18 months

Term

~450

**Total apartments** 

1%

Arrangement fee

6 month

Interest and servicing accounts

BBSY + 6.5% margin

Interest rate

~200

Apartments funded by Qualitas

#### WHY DID THE BORROWER CHOOSE AN ALTERNATIVE FINANCIER?

- RSLs are generally outside of the remit of traditional financiers
- Ability for developers to extract unrealised profit and invest in the next project
- Leverage and interest costs of the loan reduce over the term as apartments are progressively sold

#### WHY QUALITAS?

- Structured on a slightly higher commencing LVR
- Well known borrower
- Agreed to fund prior to completion of final works

## Case study: senior debt residual stock loan (RSL)



Melbourne inner city location

#### **RISKS AND MITIGATION**

#### Construction risk

- Due diligence on structural integrity
- Works completed on cost to complete basis

#### Leverage risk

- Additional fee if LVR is not <70% within 6 months</li>
- Limited competing supply

#### Interest servicing risk

- Interest reserve account to meet 3 months of interest
- Interest servicing to meet 3 months of interest

#### **HOW IS THE DEAL TRACKING?**

>60

Apartments sold

~5%

Above valuation

#### Refinance risk

- Sponsor cashflow assessment
- Parties to meet the shortfall if required

Sales greater than forecast

<69%

# Case Study: Construction Loan

Gil Norwood - Head of Total Return Credit

## Case study: residential construction loan



Port Melbourne, Victoria

\$108m / \$94m<sup>1</sup>

Senior debt facility limit

1.25%

Arrangement fee

70%

LVR

2.70%

Line fee

22 months

Term

BBSY + 2.70% margin

Interest rate

14.1% IRR

Returns

104 of 122

Townhouses presold

#### THE OPPORTUNITY

Experienced integrated Developer/Builder

16 stage residential medium density townhouse project

Zoned for purpose and planning complete

122 townhouses located close to Melbourne CBD and benefits from minimal competing supply

Funding provided on a peak debt basis given settlements on earlier stages will be redrawn to fund later stages

Funding of civil infrastructure and construction of dwellings

Value relative to (3-Bed) detached house attractive – \$1.25m vs \$1.78M

Note: 1. Peak limit across 16 stages.

## Case study: residential construction loan



Port Melbourne, Victoria

## WHY DID THE BORROWER CHOOSE AN ALTERNATIVE FINANCIER?

- Responsiveness
- Seeking leverage within the structure in recognition
- Peak debt funding structure given staged starts/completions
- Borrower understanding of broader lending market appetite
- Related-party builder
- Understanding the high profitability vs. low cash equity

#### WHY QUALITAS?

- Existing 2<sup>nd</sup> tier alternative (senior) lender unable to deliver
- Qualitas previously issued terms which we considered best reflected the market/transactional risk vs reward. Our prior conviction and expertise to evaluate the overall investment was validated
- Certainty of (discretionary) capital backed by institutional mandates
- Borrower relationship (~4 years) and proven track record (3 previous investments) of Qualitas to deliver time critical solutions
- We understood their business and strategy

## Case study: residential construction loan

Port Melbourne, Victoria



#### **RISKS AND MITIGATION**

#### Construction/delivery risk

- Sponsor guarantees for performance of owner builder entity
- Proof of payment for sub-contractors
- Builder replacement scenario for builder default/insolvency
- Further trade escalation allowance in addition to contingency

#### Sponsor risk

- Sponsor cashflow assessment (e.g. liquidity and contagion)
- Well capitalised with a strong asset position

#### Exit risk

- High proportion of sales were secured 2019-2020
- Required purchasers to reaffirm commitment (95%+ conversion)

#### **HOW IS THE DEAL TRACKING?**

>110%

Pre-sale debt cover

April 2025

Completion date on track

12

Townhouses retained for investment purpose by sponsor

6

Remaining townhouses to be sold at higher price closer to completion

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#### **LISTED FUNDS**

ASX: QRI Qualitas Real Estate Income Fund

#### **UNLISTED FUNDS**

QSDF	Senior Debt Fund
BTR	Build-To-Rent
QBIF	Build-to-Rent Impact Fund
QCDF	Construction Debt Fund
QCDF II	Construction Debt Fund II
QDCI	Diversified Credit Investments
QDREF	Diversified Real Estate Fund
QFIF	Food Infrastructure Fund
QLCDF	Low Carbon Debt Fund
QPICF	Private Income Credit Fund
QREOFI	Real Estate Opportunity Fund 1
QREOFII	Real Estate Opportunity Fund 2
QSDEF	Senior Debt Enhanced Fund
QTCF	Tactical Credit Fund
Senior Debt SMA	Senior Debt separately managed account

## Glossary



ADI	Authorised deposit-taking institution
AUM	Assets under management
Average invested FUM	Average monthly invested FUM excluding BTR equity and Arch Finance
BBSY	Bank bill swap rate
BTR	Build-to-rent
CAGR	Compound annual growth rate
Closed-end fund	Fund with expiry date
Committed FUM	Committed capital from investors with signed contracts
CRE	Commercial real estate
EBITDA	Earnings before interest tax depreciation & amortisation
ESG	Environmental, social, and governance
FUM	Represents committed capital from investors with signed investor agreements
GAV	Gross asset value
GFC	Global financial crisis
GQ	Gurner <sup>TM</sup> Qualitas

HNW	High net worth
Invested FUM / capital drawn	Funds currently deployed. Capital drawn for equity funds. Funds drawn on live deals / loans less repayments for credit funds
IPO	Initial public offering
IRR	Internal rate of return
ISSB	International sustainability standards board
JV	Joint venture
LP	Limited partner or limited partnership
LVR	Loan-to-value ratio
MREIT	Mortgage Real Estate Investment Trust
NPAT	Net profit after tax
Open-ended Fund	Fund without expiry dates
Perpetual capital	Open-ended funds with no mandated expiry dates
PF	Performance fees
RSL	Residual stock loan
SMA	Separately managed account
TCFD	Task force on climate related financial disclosures