# PERPETUAL CREDIT INCOME TRUST

ARSN 626 053 496

# **INVESTMENT UPDATE**

# **April 2020**

## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To provide investors with monthly income by investing in a diversified pool of credit and fixed income assets.

## **PORTFOLIO SNAPSHOT**

| AS AT 30 APRIL 2020 | AMOUNT  |
|---------------------|---------|
| ASX unit price      | \$0.970 |
| NTA per unit 1      | \$1.045 |

Daily Net Tangible Asset (NTA) is available at www.perpetualincome.com.au All figures are in Australian dollars (AUD), unless otherwise stated. All figures are unaudited and approximate. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. NTA figures are calculated as at the end of day on the last business day of the month.

# KEY TRUST INFORMATION<sup>2</sup>

#### **AS AT 30 APRIL 2020**

ASX code: PCI

Structure: Listed Investment Trust

Listing date: 14 May 2019

Market capitalisation: \$388 million
Units on issue: 400,333,882
Distributions: Monthly

Management costs: 0.88% p.a.<sup>3</sup>

Manager: Perpetual Investment
Management Limited

Responsible Entity: Perpetual Trust Services

Limited

<sup>2</sup> Perpetual Credit Income Trust ARSN 626 053 496.

<sup>3</sup> Estimate inclusive of net effect of GST.

# INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE 4

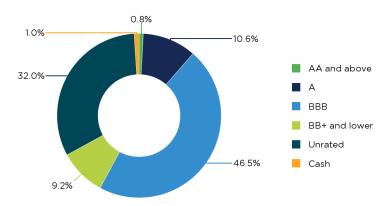
| AS AT 30 APRIL 2020               | 1 MTH | 3 MTHS | 6 MTHS | 1 YR P.A. | 3 YRS P.A. | 5 YRS P.A. | SINCE INCEP |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| PCI Investment portfolio          | -0.4% | -4.5%  | -3.3%  | -         | -          | -          | -1.7%       |
| Returns net of operating expenses |       |        |        |           |            |            |             |
| RBA Cash Rate                     | 0.0%  | 0.1%   | 0.3%   | -         | -          | -          | 0.8%        |
| Excess returns                    | -0.4% | -4.6%  | -3.6%  | -         | -          | -          | -2.5%       |
| Distribution return               | 0.3%  | 0.9%   | 1.8%   | -         | -          | -          | 3.3%        |

<sup>4</sup> Investment returns, net of management costs have been calculated on the growth of Net Tangible Assets (NTA) after taking into account all operating expenses (including management costs) and assuming reinvestment of distributions on the ex-date. Distribution return has been calculated based on the PCI investment portfolio return less the growth of NTA. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Since inception return is from allotment on 8 May 2019. Investment return and index return may not sum to excess return due to rounding. A full month of performance is not available for May 2019 as the Trust launched mid-month.

# **PORTFOLIO SUMMARY**

| AS AT 30 APRIL 2020             | AMOUNT    |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|
| Number of holdings              | 93        |  |  |  |
| Number of issuers               | 68        |  |  |  |
| Running yield                   | 4.5%      |  |  |  |
| Portfolio weighted average life | 4.5 years |  |  |  |
| Interest rate duration          | 16 days   |  |  |  |

# **RATINGS BREAKDOWN**



Source: Standard & Poor's and Perpetual Investments. Data is as at 30 April 2020. All figures are unaudited and approximate.

# DISTRIBUTIONS CPU<sup>5</sup>

PCI announced a 0.30 cent per unit (CPU) distribution for April paid on 7 May 2020. The annualised financial year to date distribution rate is 3.81%\*. This is in line with the Trust's target return objective of the RBA cash rate + 3.25% (net of fees) through the economic cycle.

\*Based on NTA per unit as at 30 June 2019. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

| AS AT 30<br>APRIL 2020 | JUL  | AUG  | SEP  | ост  | NOV  | DEC  | JAN  | FEB  | MAR  | APR  | MAY | JUN  | FYTD |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|
| FY2019                 | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -   | 0.09 | 0.09 |
| FY2020                 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.39 | 0.37 | 0.36 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.35 | 0.33 | 0.30 | -   | -    | 3.65 |

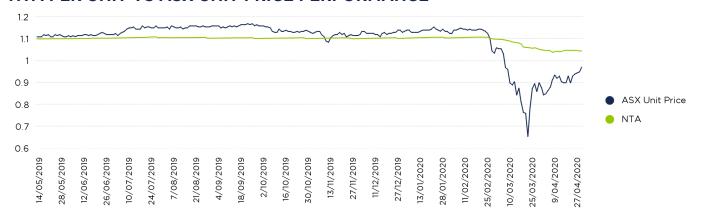
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Distributions are stated as cents per unit and have been rounded to two decimal places. Detailed distribution announcements are available on the PCI website and are stated in Australian dollars rather than cents per unit.

# TOTAL UNITHOLDER RETURN

| AS AT 30 APRIL 2020     | 1 MTH | 3 MTHS | 6 MTHS | 1 YR P.A. | 3 YRS P.A. | 5 YRS P.A | SINCE INCEP |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Total unitholder return | 8.1%  | -13.7% | -12.8% | -         | -          | -         | -8.7%       |
| RBA Cash Rate           | 0.0%  | 0.1%   | 0.3%   | -         | -          | -         | 0.8%        |
| Excess returns          | 8.1%  | -13.8% | -13.1% | -         | -          | -         | -9.5%       |
| Distribution return     | 0.3%  | 0.9%   | 1.7%   | -         | -          | -         | 3.1%        |

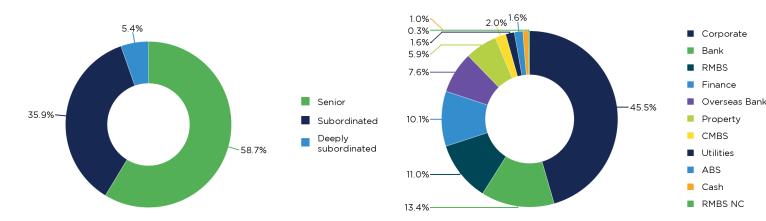
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Total unitholder return - ASX unit price performance with reinvestment of distributions has been calculated on the growth of the ASX unit price and assumes reinvestment of distributions on the ex-date. Distribution return has been calculated based on the total unitholder return less the growth in the ASX unit price over the period. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Since inception return is from listing on 14 May 2019, initial price used is the subscription price of \$1.10. Unitholder return and index return may not sum to excess return due to rounding.

## NTA PER UNIT VS ASX UNIT PRICE PERFORMANCE



## SENIORITY BREAKDOWN

# **SECTOR ALLOCATION**



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#### MARKET COMMENTARY

Global financial markets remained unsettled during April following the unprecedented turmoil caused by the COVID-19 pandemic during late February and March. Global and domestic equities surged to regain a portion of their March losses. The rally in equities was led by the US, on the back of unprecedented government and central bank stimulus. While risk asset valuations were supported by easing monetary policy, economic growth and corporate earnings continue to be adversely impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic resulting in a negative outlook and continued volatility.

Domestic credit spreads were mixed through April. Sectors supported by central bank activity and resilient to COVID-19 related disruption rebounded strongly. Financials outperformed with major bank spreads being the strongest performers. Non-financial corporate spreads lagged on aggregate in April, failing to retrace the losses seen through late February and March. Many sectors impacted by COVID-19 saw further widening while sectors including telecommunications, utilities and consumer staples performed. Lower liquidity in non-financial corporates, relative to financial credit, has also slowed the recovery in that sector. Globally, credit spreads tightened significantly as the effect of the US Federal Reserve and European Central Bank's escalated monetary easing programs were felt.

Domestic primary market activity remained notable for its absence through April. While a number of covered corporate bond issues and an increase in semi-government issuance was observed, primary market activity has been sparse in the financial and corporate spaces. This is in contrast to the US where abundant issuance over the past two-months has been met with increasing demand. Rather than issuing in the local market, domestic issuers such as Transurban and Telstra pursued offshore markets to raise capital.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing financial crisis have significantly impacted the credit outlook. Limited liquidity in primary and secondary markets and the prospect of a deep global recession offset the relative value opportunities presented by widening spreads. The Manager maintains a defensive bias which is intended to preserve capital and retain the ability to invest in higher yielding assets as orderly market operations resume.

## TRUST COMMENTARY

The portfolio collected a strong running income throughout April. Income return was predominantly associated with portfolio exposure to non-financial corporates, domestic banks, RMBS and non-bank financials, with these securities providing regular, stable sources of income via coupon payments and regular repayment of principal in the case of RMBS. The Manager will continue to invest in what it assesses to be good quality corporate issues offering an attractive running yield.

The strong running income partially offset the credit spread return, which detracted from the portfolio's overall performance. Credit spread movements were mixed through the month. While the Trust's domestic bank exposure performed well, its non-financial corporate allocation and private loan portfolio detracted from performance. The Trust retains a significant exposure to non-financial corporate bonds which have not yet retraced their February and March widening.

During the month, the fair value of certain private loan assets within the portfolio were revised downward as a result of the current economic conditions and recent movements in corporate credit spreads. This has been reflected in the Trust's NTA that is provided to the ASX daily, and in the Trust's performance for the month.

The portfolio remains defensively positioned. Throughout the month, sector allocation was actively managed. In addition to reducing exposures to major banks and increasing the allocation to non-financial corporates, the Manager also increased the portfolio's exposure to investment grade corporate issuers. Given RBA and government support of the financial sectors and associated spread tightening, the Manager believes relative value opportunities and embedded value are available in the non-financial corporate space. The Manager will continue to evaluate relative value opportunities presented by the current market conditions.

#### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Trust will hold a diversified and actively managed portfolio of domestic and global credit and fixed income assets. Typical investments will include corporate bonds, floating rate notes, securitised assets and private debt (for example, corporate loans). Exposure to corporate loans may be gained indirectly through the Perpetual Loan Fund. The Trust will typically be invested in 50 to 100 assets. Derivatives may be used as part of the Trust's Investment Strategy.\*

#### **TARGET RETURN**

The Trust has a target total return of RBA Cash Rate plus 3.25% p.a. (net of fees) through the economic cycle. This is a target only and may not be achieved.

#### **ABOUT THE MANAGER**

The Trust is managed by Perpetual Investment Management Limited. The Manager has one of the most experienced, proven and stable credit and fixed income teams in the Australian fixed income market. The Manager and the Responsible Entity are wholly owned subsidiaries of Perpetual Limited.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

### Michael Korber

Michael has over 37 years' experience, having been involved in credit markets since their development in Australia during the 1990's. Unlike many other fixed income portfolio managers in this market, Michael has a background in lending and banking, understanding credit risk in a fundamental way.

#### Anne Moal

Anne is an experienced credit markets specialist, having worked for 22 years in credit and fixed income markets in research, origination and trading roles. Anne joined the Credit and Fixed Income Team at Perpetual Investments in 2014. Anne is the portfolio manager of the Perpetual Loan Fund with a focus on higher yielding income opportunities.

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<sup>\*</sup>For further details on the Trust's Investment Strategy please see the Trust's PDS dated 8 March 2019 at www.perpetualincome.com.au

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