ASX Announcement



Qualitas Real Estate Income Fund (ASX: QRI) Quarterly Update – March 2023

16 May 2023

The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited as Responsible Entity for Qualitas Real Estate Income Fund (ASX: QRI) (QRI or Trust) and QRI Manager Pty Ltd (Manager), the manager of QRI, are pleased to provide QRI's March 2023 quarterly update.

In this quarterly video, Mark Power (Head of Income Credit) provides an update on the portfolio and key milestones achieved during the quarter. To access the video please click on the following link: Qualitas.com.au/asx-announcement-asxqri-quarterly-update-march-2023.

The QRI quarterly portfolio update presentation is attached to this announcement.

Highlights

- QRI was added to the All Ordinaries index on 20 March 2023 and is eligible for inclusion in the ASX300 and ASX300 A-REIT index in September 2023, subject to meeting the relevant thresholds.¹
- The Trust's capital was fully invested throughout the March quarter.
- The \$50m warehouse facility established in December 2022 was consistently drawn due to an expanding pipeline in commercial real estate credit.
- QRI delivered a record annualised March distribution of 8.4% p.a.
- Distributions in the March quarter exceeded inflation. This means that the portfolio delivered positive inflation adjusted returns which was rare in the current economic environment.
- The variable rate loan exposure increased from 79% in December 2022 to 82% in March 2023.
- Strong credit quality continues, with no impairments or interest arrears as at 31 March 2023.

- Ends -

¹ Subject to existing constituents falling below eligibility thresholds and being removed from the indices. Future inclusion in these indices is not known and inclusion is solely determined by S&P.

About Qualitas Real Estate Income Fund

The Qualitas Real Estate Income Fund ("**Trust**" or "**QRI**") seeks to provide monthly income and capital preservation by investing in a portfolio of investments that offers exposure to real estate loans secured by first and second mortgages, predominantly located in Australia.²

For further information on QRI, <u>visit our website</u> and <u>follow us on LinkedIn</u> for the latest news and insights.

About QRI Manager Pty Ltd

QRI Manager Pty Ltd is the Manager of the Trust and is wholly owned by the Qualitas Group ("Qualitas"). Qualitas Limited is an ASX-listed Australian alternative real estate investment manager with circa A\$6.0 billion³ 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\$19 billion⁴ 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.

About the Trust Company (RE Services) Limited

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² There is no guarantee the Trust will meet its Investment Objective. The payment of monthly cash income is a goal of the Trust only.

³ Based on FUM as at 31 March 2023 and adjusted for the active component of the \$1bn credit mandate announced on 8th May 2023.

⁴ As at 31 December 2022.

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Key highlights to 31 March 2023



QRI was added to the All Ordinaries index on 20 March 2023

Target return - RBA cash rate + 5.0% to 6.5%

Delivered attractive risk-adjusted returns¹

8.40%

March 2023 annualised distribution return p.a. based on NAV of \$1.60



Monthly cash distributions²

Fully invested portfolio with diversification³

Well diversified by loan type, location, sponsor, property sector

40 loans³



Predominantly first mortgage

Focus on asset management

No impairments or interest arrears as at 31 March 2023⁴

\$1.60

Historical NAV with weighted LVR of 66%³



Delivered on capital preservation – one of the key objectives of the Trust

Potential ASX300 and ASX300 A-REIT index inclusion in September 2023

To meet index inclusion thresholds, daily trading volume from 20 February to 18 August needs to increase by ~90k units on previous six month⁵

\$470bn

Index FUM tracking ASX300⁶



Index inclusion increases liquidity and expands investor universe

QRI portfolio targets achieved



Investment mandate constraints ¹		31 March 2023	
Ranking	Predominantly focused on senior loans	83% (Invested capital) ²	
	Mezzanine loans: target range 20%-35% (incl. AFWT notes)	17% (Invested capital) ² Underweight	
Investment type	≤ 40% in a single Qualitas wholesale fund	7% (total capital) across two funds (QSDF, QMDF) ³	
	≤ 15% AFWT notes	0% (total capital)	
Geography (security property)	≤ 30% Non-capital cities	9 %²	
	Australian and NZ cities with ≥ 100,000 population	100%2	
	≤ 20% New Zealand	0%	

Manager other key targets ⁴		31 March 2023
Loan type	≤ 40% Land loans	40%
	≤ 25% Construction loans	26 % ⁵
	≥ 30% Investment loans	30%

QRI portfolio composition and metrics



QRI portfolio as of 31 March 2023	\$ millions	%
Cash (QRI & Qualitas funds) uncommitted	14.1	2.4%
Senior debt investment loans	179.9	29.9%
Senior debt construction loans	55.2	9.2%
Senior debt land loans	238	39.6%
Mezzanine debt construction loans	98.8	16.4%
Trust Ioan receivable¹	14.8	2.5%
Total	\$600.8	100%

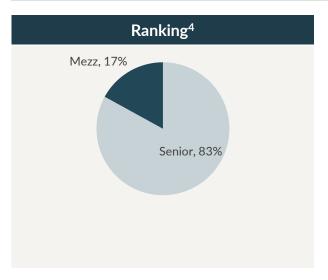


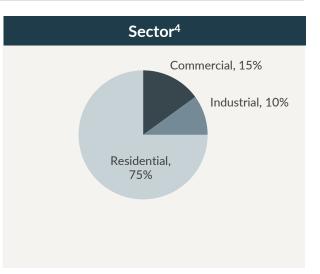
34 loan counterparties

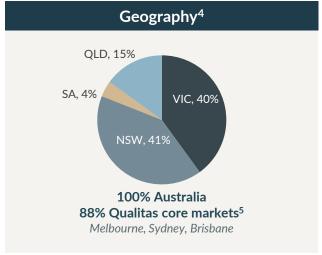
c. \$30m average loan exposure²

66% weighted LVR³

0.9 yrs weighted loan maturity







^{*}All investments including direct loans are made by the Sub-Trust (wholly owned by the Trust). Represents total loans in the portfolio on a look through basis, via investments in direct loans and Qualitas wholesale funds

^{1.} The Trust has provided a working capital loan to the Manager to pay a portion of the costs and expenses incurred in relation to the IPO and subsequent capital raisings. The Trust Loan Receivable is limited to an amount of 3.5% of the Trust NAV at any time.

^{2.} Representing total commitment for each investment from Qualitas, not only QRI's share of the loans.

^{3.} Represents total LVR of loans in the portfolio on a look through basis, via investments in direct loans and Qualitas wholesale funds

^{4.} Excludes Trust Loan Receivable & cash.

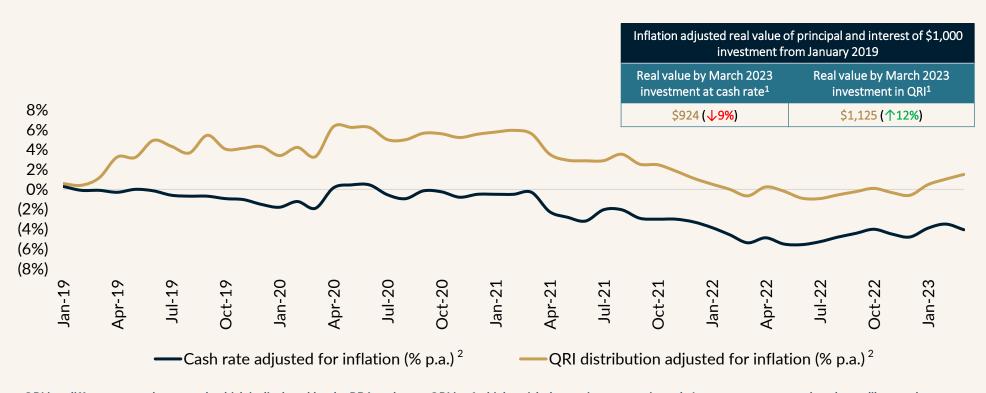
^{5. %} of the QRI loan portfolio, excluding cash and the Trust loan receivable. Differences due to rounding might result in charts/table not adding to 100%/ total %.

Why CRE private credit may be attractive to retail investors?



QRI delivers positive inflation adjusted returns for investors

INVESTMENTS WITH RETURNS BELOW INFLATION ARE DETRIMENTAL TO WEALTH GENERATION



QRI is a different asset class to cash which is displayed by the RBA cash rate. QRI is of a higher risk than an investment in cash. Investors must remember that unlike a cash investment, the capital in QRI is not guaranteed and could be at risk. There is a higher risk of borrower default in a high interest rate environment. Investors must therefore ensure they understand the risks as well as the potential benefit in a high inflation environment.

Why now could be the time to invest in QRI?



Multiple levers driving upward momentum in QRI distribution

- Distribution continues to increase in line with cash rate
- Attractive yield at NAV and higher yield at current trading price below NAV
- Benefits of \$50m warehouse facility to take effect in 2023
 - Maximise invested capital
 - Increase probability of higher portfolio return
- Widening credit risk margin
- Potential ASX300 and ASX300 A-REIT index inclusion in September 2023¹
- Higher dividend yield than equity REITs² despite debt having lower risk than equity

Key risks of the fund include credit risk and valuation risk³

- Credit risk Qualitas evaluates the underlying credit risk of each potential secured real estate loan including the borrower's financial standing and ability to service the relevant loan and considers the type and purpose of the investment, the quality of the underlying security, valuations, leases, asset quality and the track record, background and recent financial statements and/or tax returns of the borrower.
- Valuation risk valuations are subject to uncertainty and in determining market value, valuers are required to make certain assumptions and such assumptions may prove to be inaccurate, particularly so in periods of volatility or when there is limited real estate data against which real estate valuations can be benchmarked.

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Detailed loan portfolio



	Senior investment loans	Senior land loans	Senior construction loans	Mezzanine construction loans
Number of loans	18	15	3	4
Total loan amount	\$180m (30%)	\$238m (40%)	\$55m (9%)	\$99m (16%)
Avg. loan amount	\$25m	\$33.1m	\$45.8m	\$31.1m
Weighted avg. gross return	8.77%	10.56%	8.38%	12.23%
Weighted avg. duration	0.89 yrs	0.67 yrs	0.95 yrs	1.40 yrs
Weighted avg. LVR	62%	65%	66%	73%
Sector Commercial Industrial Residential	16% 6% 78%	59% 17%	13%	100%
Geography NSW VIC QLD ACT SA	7% 10% 71%	24%	32% 40%	32%





Brisbane CBD, QLD Senior Investment LVR 60% 36 months



West End, VIC Residual Stock LVR 57% 24 months



Box Hill, VIC
Residual Stock
LVR 66%
18 months



Mosman, NSW Senior Construction LVR 71%, LTC 84% 21 months



South Melbourne, VIC
Senior land
LVR 64%
18 months



Kirribilli, NSW
Senior land
LVR 70%
9 months



27 months

^{*} Term is as at financial close of facility. All stats are on a look through basis, representing QRI's share of the loans except for average loan amount which is based on total Qualitas exposure to each investment.

