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Dear Sir/Madam

#### Shareholder webinar and presentation on Share Purchase Plan

Plato Income Maximiser Limited (ASX:PL8) invites you to a shareholder webinar this afternoon at 2.00pm (AEDT) with Director of PL8 and Managing Director of Plato Investment Management (Manager), Dr Don Hamson, who will run through the Share Purchase Plan offer in further detail and also provide shareholders with a market and portfolio update on PL8.

Shareholders are invited to register for the webinar at the following link: <a href="https://web.cvent.com/event/c64063ff-8714-4358-a303-87a1619a36ae/">https://web.cvent.com/event/c64063ff-8714-4358-a303-87a1619a36ae/</a>

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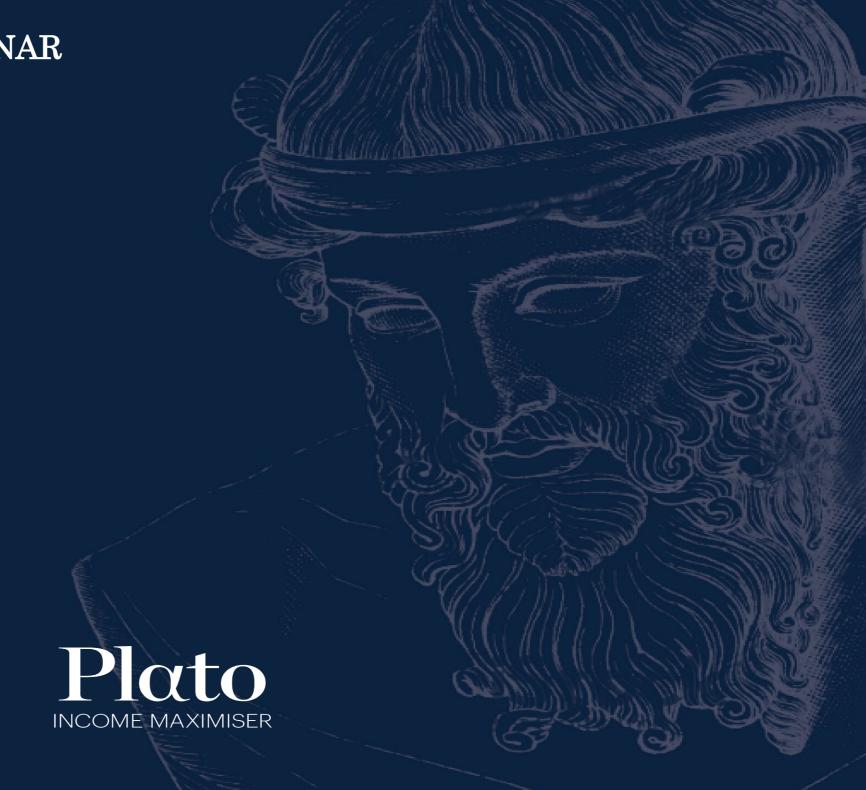
Calvin Kwok Company Secretary

## SHARE PURCHASE PLAN WEBINAR

PLATO INCOME MAXIMISER LIMITED

ASX: PL8

28 November 2023



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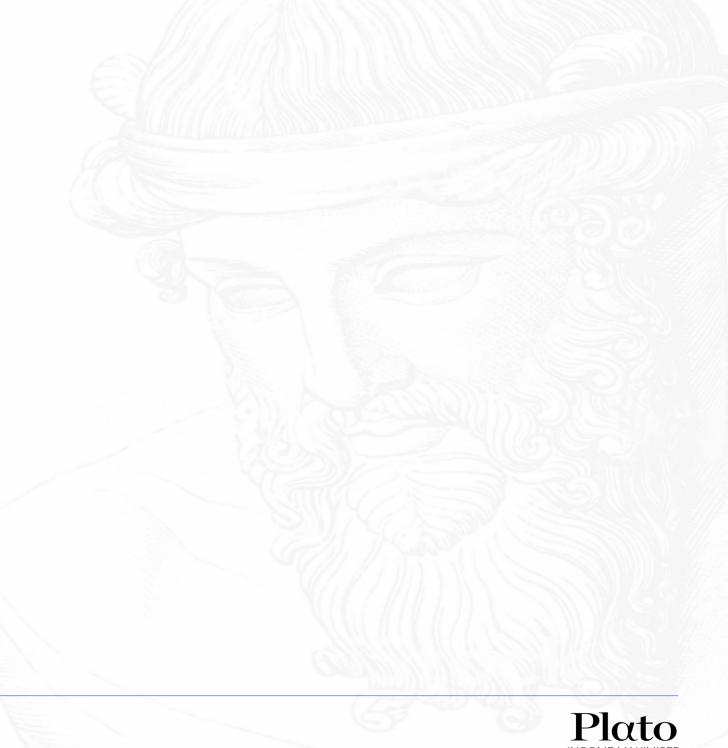


# Agenda

01 SPP Overview

02 Investment Update

03 Questions





### PL8 Share Purchase Plan

### Share Purchase Plan (SPP)

- The SPP is an opportunity for Eligible Shareholders (PL8 shareholders on the record date of 20 November 2023) to purchase up to \$30,000 worth of new fully paid ordinary shares (New Shares) without incurring brokerage (minimum purchase of \$2,500)
- New Shares issued under the SPP will rank equally with existing shares and are entitled to the PL8 December 2023 monthly dividend with record date 15 December 2023

### **Issue Price**

The issue price to acquire New Shares under the SPP (Issue Price) will be the lower of:

- A\$1.04, being the pre-tax net tangible asset (NTA) of A\$1.016 per fully paid ordinary share in PL8 (Share) plus the franking credit balance per Share of A\$0.024, both on 20 November 2023; and
- the pre-tax NTA per Share on 11 December 2023, the day the SPP closes, plus the franking credit balance per Share of A\$0.024.

The maximum possible issue price of A\$1.04 represents a 15.4% discount to the closing Share price on 20 November 2023, the business day prior to this announcement, and a 14.1% discount to the volume weighted average price for the five trading days up ending on 20 November 2023.



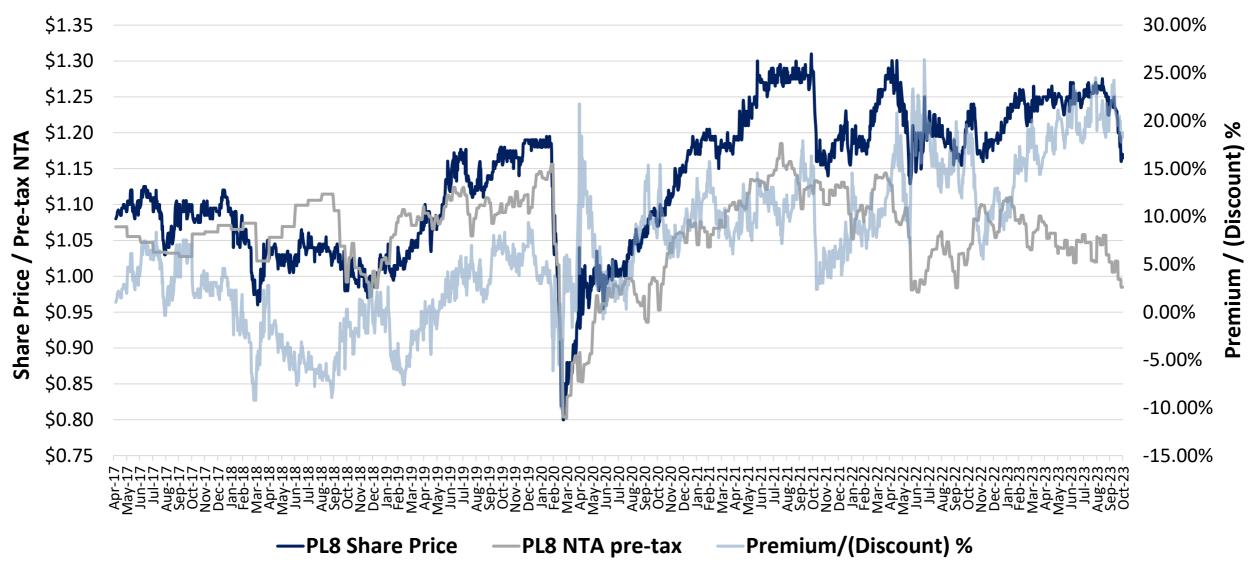
### PL8 Share Purchase Plan

### Rationale

- Enable existing shareholders to invest additional capital at closer to NTA, a meaningful discount to the prevailing share price prior to the announcement of the SPP
- Feedback from shareholders on the SPP undertaken by PL8 in 2021 and 2022 on similar terms to this 2023 SPP was positive
- Higher liquidity and lower management expense ratio
- Including the franking credit balance per Share in the price calculation helps to protect non-participating shareholders from a loss of franking value

Suitability: This product is likely to be appropriate for a consumer seeking regular income to be used as a small allocation within a portfolio where the consumer has a minimum investment timeframe of 3-5 years, and a high risk/return profile.

# Share price has traded at a premium to NTA



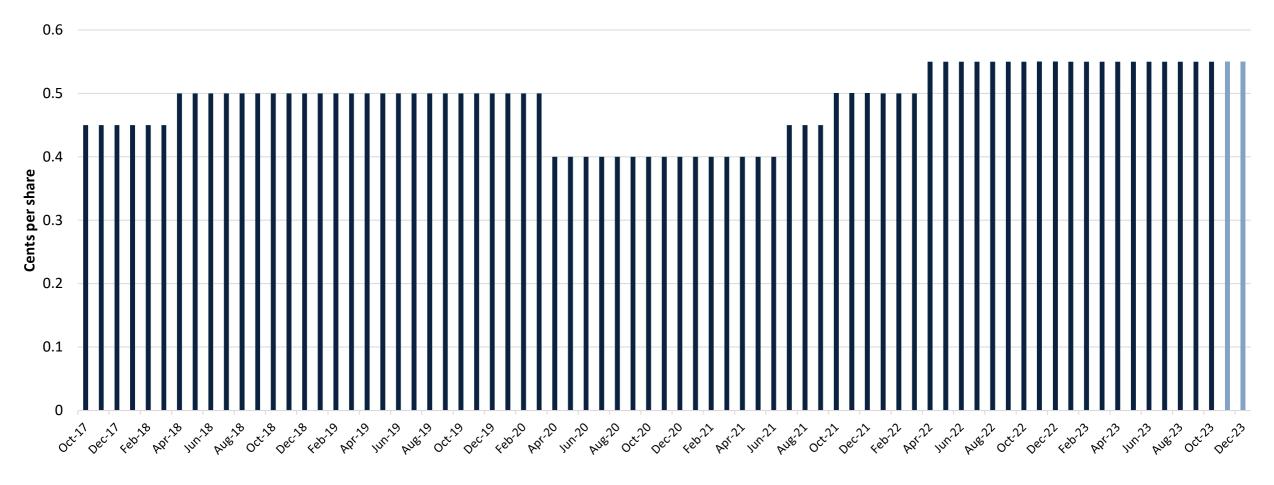
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## Dividends

### MONTHLY DIVIDENDS STABLE AT \$0.0055 PER SHARE<sup>1</sup>

### **Monthly Dividends**



Monthly Dividends at highest level since IPO



### PL8 Share Purchase Plan

### How to apply

- The Booklet and your personalised Application Form will be sent to you on 23 November 2023 either by email or post (depending on your shareholder communication preference set up with the PL8 share registry Automic)
- You can also access your personalised Application Form to apply for New Shares online via our Share Registry (Automic)
  Automic investor portal
- Application payments can be made via BPAY (using the BPAY reference number on your personalised Application Form)
- If you require further information about the SPP, or request a hard copy of the Booklet and Application Form, please contact Automic on 1300 902 587 (within Australia), +61 2 7208 4521 (outside Australia) or at <a href="mailto:corporate.actions@automic.com.au">corporate.actions@automic.com.au</a> between 9:00am and 5:00pm (Sydney time).

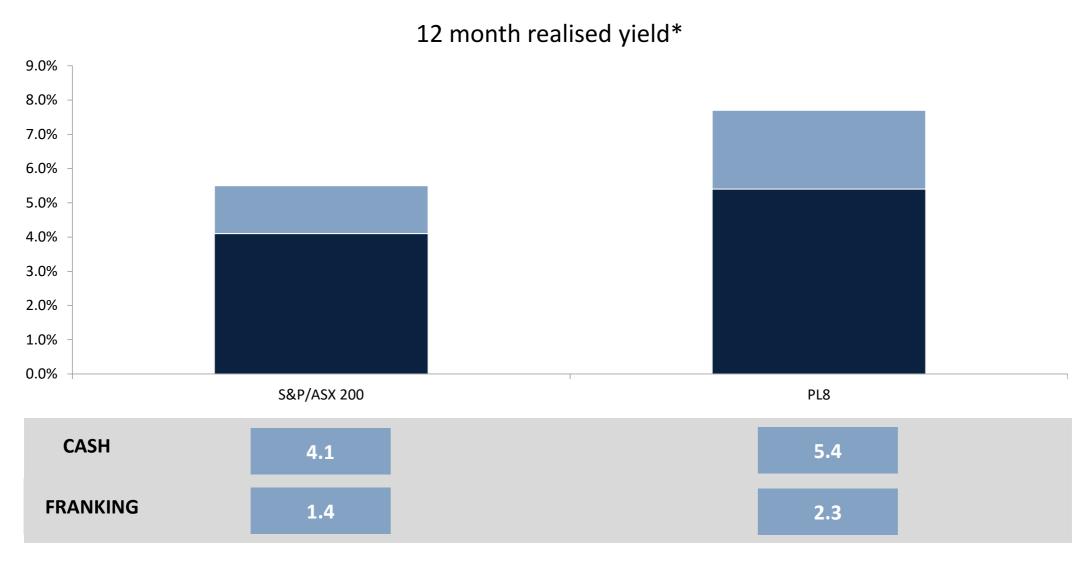


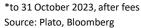


Investment Update



# PL8 delivering high income

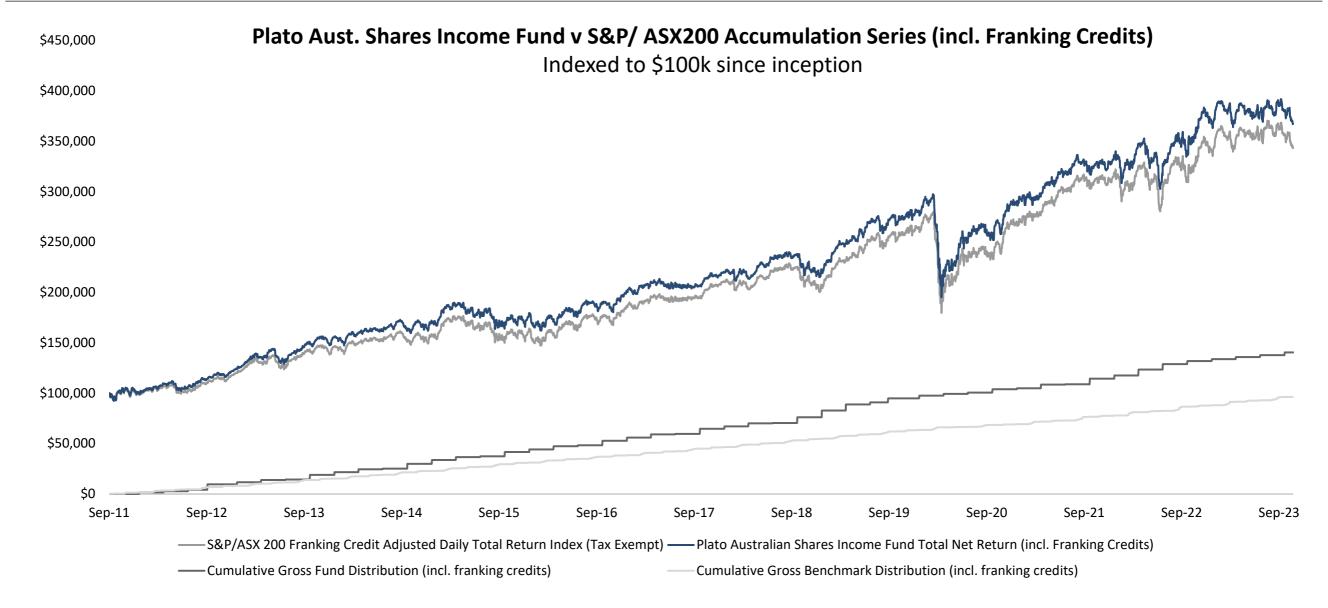


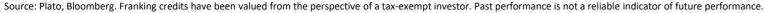


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## Chart of Plato Income Performance – to 31 October 2023







# Significant uncertainty

### IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES

- High inflation highest in 30 years
- Rapidly rising interest rates biggest rise ever in cash rate
- War in Ukraine and Middle East
- House prices fell in 2022
- Bonds and equities sold off together in 2022
- Tax changes on super

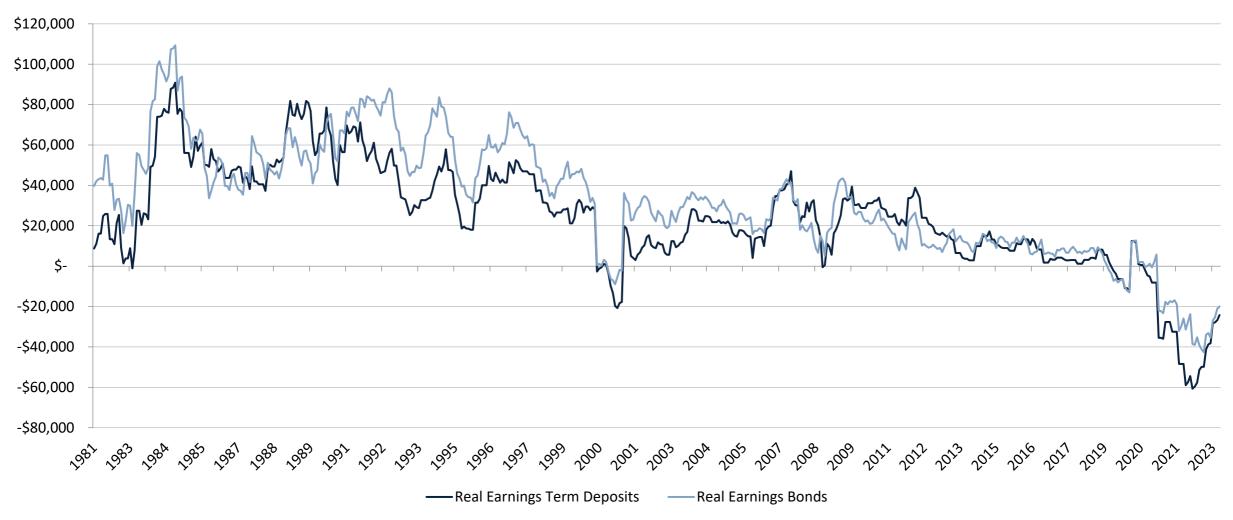
# Are things that bad?

- Economy is at full employment
- Official overnight cash rate is still close to "normal" lows
- Inflation has peaked, trending down
- Corporate balance sheets are strong, debt levels generally low
- House prices still well above pre-COVID levels and rising
- Many borrowers are well ahead on repayments, offset accounts at record levels

"Grounds for optimism"

# Safe assets now losing you money big time

### **REAL AFTER INFLATION EARNINGS ON \$1M**



"Inflation peaked at 7.8% now 5.4%"

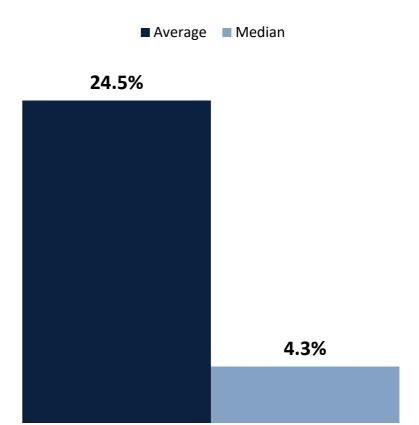
Source: Plato, RBA updated to 30/9/2023

## Results season August 2023 - Dividends

#### **DIVIDENDS UP BUT SOME RETRACEMENT**

- Over \$29bn in dividends have been declared, 21.2% less than last year.
- Strong dividend increases:
  - IAG (80%), QBE Insurance (56%), Suncorp (59%), Commonwealth Bank (14%) and Medibank Private (14%) in financials.
  - Super Retail (60%), Woolworths (9%) and CarSales (33%).
- 2 companies in ASX200 (Costa and Iress) omitted their dividend.
- Dividend Cuts:
  - South32 (81%), BHP (52%), Evolution (33%) and Rio Tinto (32%) in Resources.
  - Ramsay Healthcare (48%), Bega (45%), Dominoes (37%), Downer (33%) and Perpetual (33%).
- 57% of companies increased dividends, 13% had flat dividend and 29% reduced dividends.

### Aug 2023 Change in Dividends pcp



Source: Plato, Bloomberg, S&P/ASX 200

\* Plato estimates

**CBA** 



- Good result, FY23 Cash NPAT of \$10,164m, up 6% from PCP but down 3% vs 1H given peak in margins.
- Final Dividend 240c vs 210c last year, up 14%. Equates to 6.5% annual gross yield.
- Payout Ratio 74% of FY23 Earnings
- Bad debts of 12bps.
- Deposits are funding 75% of loans.

Source: Plato, Bloomberg

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## Reporting Season Analysis



#### **WOODSIDE ENERGY**



- Underlying Profit US\$1,896m, up 4% on last year. Earnings slightly below expectations but strong cashflow up 17%.
- Interim dividend of US\$0.80, down 27% (last year's div boosted by BHP merger completion payment, up 5% otherwise). Equates to 12.8% annual yield. 80% payout ratio.
- New energy opportunities in solar and hydrogen.

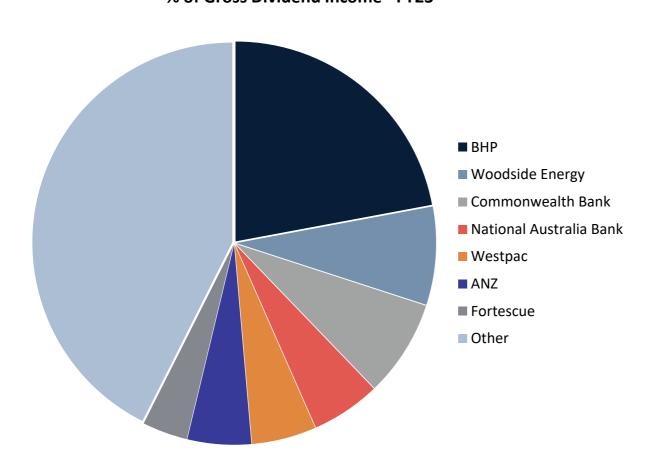
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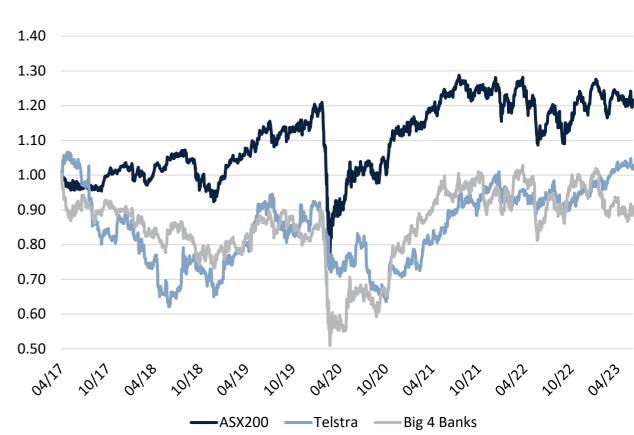
## Large Aussie income stocks

#### **7 STOCKS ACCOUNT FOR 57% OF ALL DIVIDENDS**





### **Price Performance**

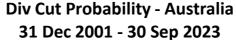


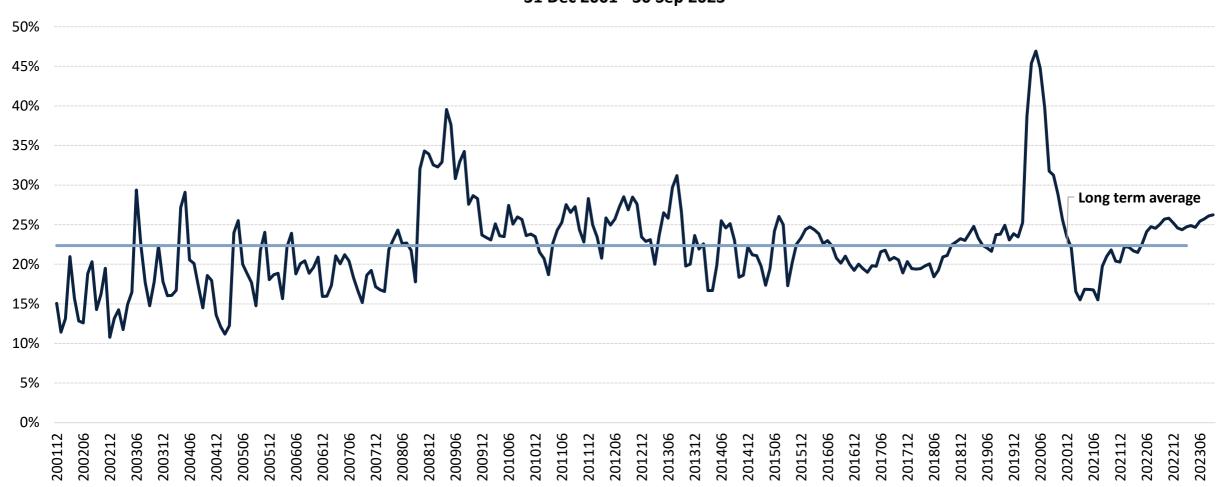
"...Australia is poorly diversified"

Source: Plato, Bloomberg S&P/ASX 200

# Dividend outlook rising but still within normal range

#### **AVERAGE % CHANCE OF DIVIDEND CUTS FOR AUSTRALIAN MARKET**





Source: Plato, based on MSCI World IMI (Australian portion)

## Conclusion



### Bad news: Interest rates are rising challenging asset prices

- But real returns on term deposits are negative as inflation rises faster



### Good news: Dividends are still strong after rebounding last year

- Plato dividend cut model only a little above average
- Strong dividends from energy and bank stocks
- Active fund management critical in delivering income, total return & avoiding dividend traps



### **Opportunity: PL8 Share Purchase Plan (SPP)**

- PL8 remains the only LIC paying fully franked monthly dividends
- Opportunity to buy PL8 shares at closer to NTA, a meaningful discount to recent prices

Questions

