# THE BOTTOM LINE ON PRIVATE DEBT

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### > \$15 billion

Current AUM across a variety of strategies



### **Team of > 120**

Investment professionals in SYD, MELB & NZ



### **Owned 65% by Management**

35% by Pinnacle Investment Management Group Ltd.



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- · Transition Pathway Initiative

### **CORPORATE**









## COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE











### LEVERAGED FINANCE









**PROJECT FINANCE** 













# WHAT IS PRIVATE DEBT?



# AN EFFECTIVE DEFENSIVE STRATEGY OR EQUITY MARKET REPLACEMENT?

### **FINANCIAL CONTRACT**

Loans to private companies, where interest charged is predominantly floating rate and loans are typically secured (protective of lenders interests) and short in tenor (1-5 years).

### **PRIVATE MARKET**

Private debt is typically lowly correlated to public markets and can avoid exposure to public market volatility

### **MARKET SEGMENTS**

 Corporate, infrastructure, commercial real estate, leveraged finance, structured finance

### **RISK / RETURN PROFILE**

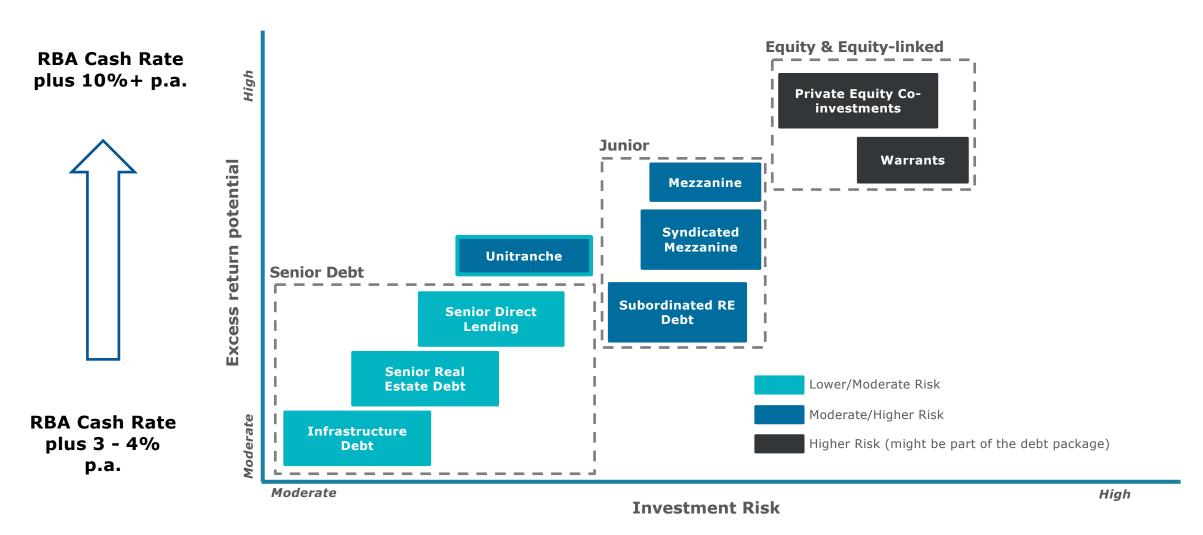
 From investment grade to sub-investment grade and equity-like investments – returns reflect risk profile



# PRIVATE DEBT IS VERSATILE DEPENDING ON AN INVESTORS RISK APPETITE



### PRIVATE DEBT CAN BE BOTH DEFENSIVE OR RETURN SEEKING



Source: Mercer, Metrics Credit Partners

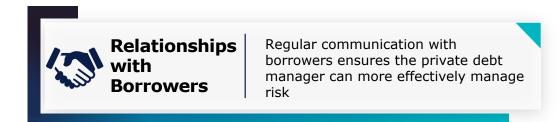
# PRIVATE DEBT FOR REDUCED CAPITAL VOLATILITY



# IN AUSTRALIA, PRIVATE LENDERS BENEFIT FROM A RANGE OF PROTECTIONS

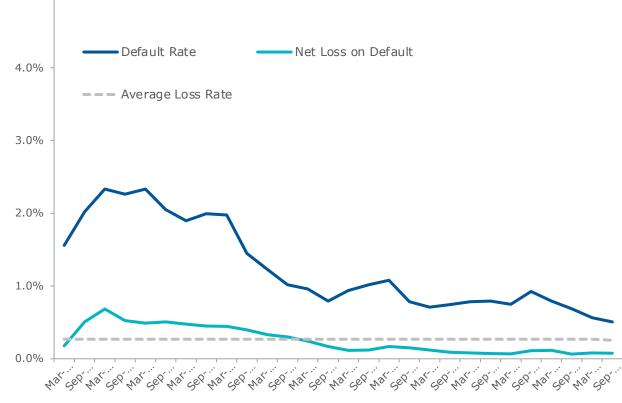
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# AUSTRALIAN CORPORATE LENDING – DEFAULT RATE VS NET LOSSES

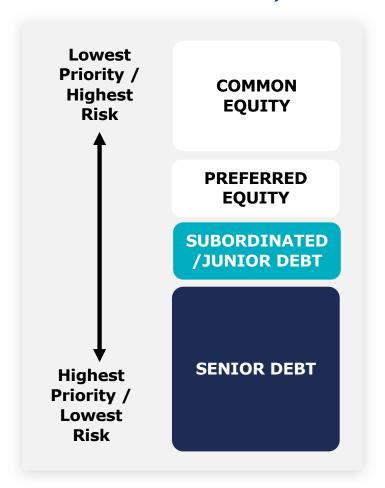


Source: APRA APS 330, Metrics.

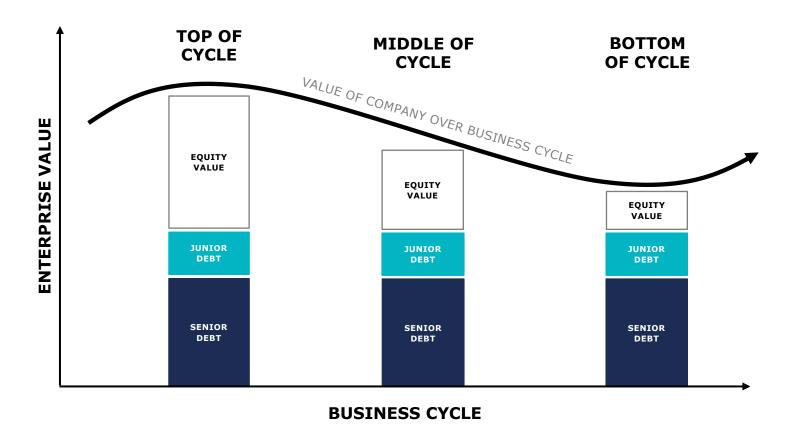
# POSITION IN THE CAPITAL STRUCTURE PROVIDES DOWNSIDE PROTECTION



# CAPITAL RANKING (FOR INTERESTS/DISTRIBUTIONS & CAPITAL RETURNS)



## **EQUITY AT RISK IN A CORPORATE LOAN**



# PRIVATE DEBT IN PRACTICE



# PROTECTING INVESTOR CAPITAL IS PARAMOUNT IN ALL ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENTS

	WHAT GOES UP?	WHAT STAYS THE SAME?	WHAT GOES DOWN?
RECESSION	CREDIT SPREADS	TERMS, CONDITIONS, COVENANTS & CONTROLS	LENDING VOLUMES
NON-RECESSION	LENDING VOLUMES	TERMS, CONDITIONS, COVENANTS & CONTROLS	CREDIT SPREADS

# PRIVATE DEBT FOR INCOME



### PRIVATE DEBT AIMS TO PROVIDE REGULAR INCOME THAT MOVES IN LINE WITH INFLATION



Corporate loans are typically floating rate, unlike the largely fixed corporate bond market.



Regular income received from interest payments made by borrowers.



Australian private loan market is diversified over industries, sectors and credit quality.

# PRIVATE DEBT FLOATING / FIXED RATE SPLIT

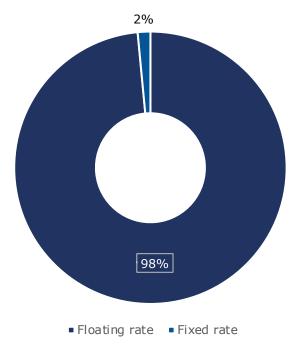
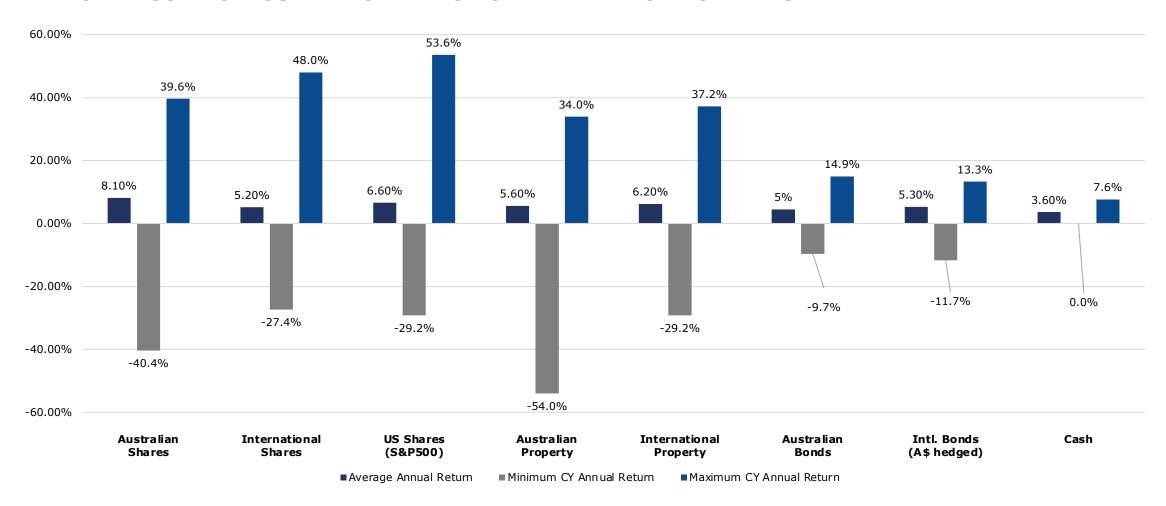


Chart uses the MCP Wholesale Investments Trust as an example of a portfolio of Australian private debt. As at 31 July 2023, the Trust contains a diversified portfolio of 303 loans to Australian and New Zealand companies. Source: Metrics.

# PUBLIC MARKETS HAVE SHOWN VOLATILITY



## ANNUAL ASSET CLASS PERFORMANCE OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS

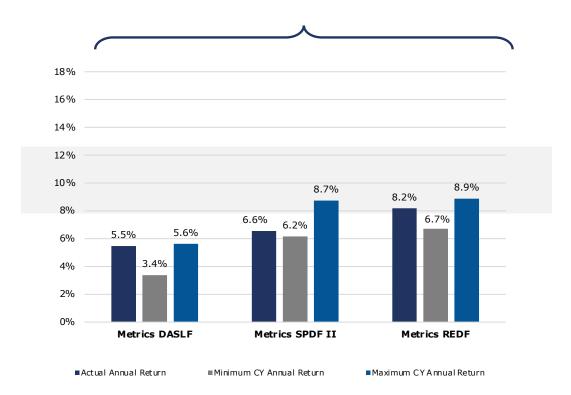


# AUSTRALIAN PRIVATE DEBT HAS PROVIDED AN ATTRACTIVE AND STABLE SOURCE OF INCOME

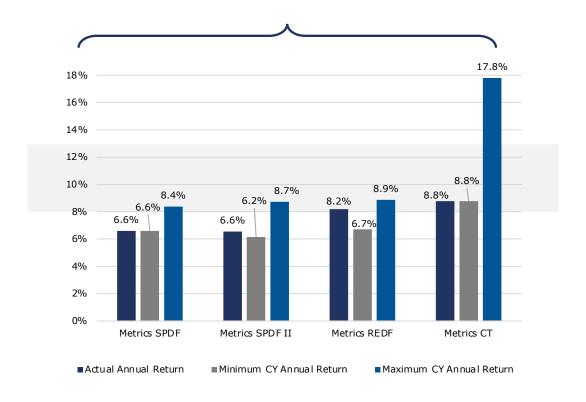


### METRICS PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF DELIVERING BALANCED RETURNS FOR INVESTORS

# METRICS MASTER INCOME TRUST (ASX: MXT) & METRICS DIRECT INCOME FUND



### **METRICS INCOME OPPORTUNITIES TRUST (ASX: MOT)**



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. For illustrative purposes only. Source: Metrics as at 31 December 2022. Metrics DASLF represents the Metrics Credit Partners Diversified Australian Senior Loan Fund since inception (June 2013), Metrics WIT represents the MCP Wholesale Investments Trust since inception (July 2017), Metrics SPDF represents the MCP Secured Private Debt Fund since inception (November 2015), Metrics SPDF II represents the MCP Secured Private Debt Fund II since inception (October 2017), Metrics REDF represents the MCP Real Estate Debt Fund since inception (October 2017), Metrics CT represents MCP Credit Trust since inception (December 2018).

# PRIVATE DEBT IN ACTION



## HOW A SKILLED MANAGER AIMS TO GENERATE CONSISTENT, RISK-ADJUSTED RETURNS

1. Origination

2. Document execution/ Monitoring. 3. Maturity/work-outs

Outcome: Attractive riskadjusted returns

Selective screening process including rigorous due diligence

Active ongoing riskmanagement Early and fair resolution of loan difficulties

Better outcomes for investors

### THE PRIVATE DEBT ADVANTAGE



Co-operative relationship between lender and borrower helps to more effectively manage risk



Direct origination capability enhances returns for investors



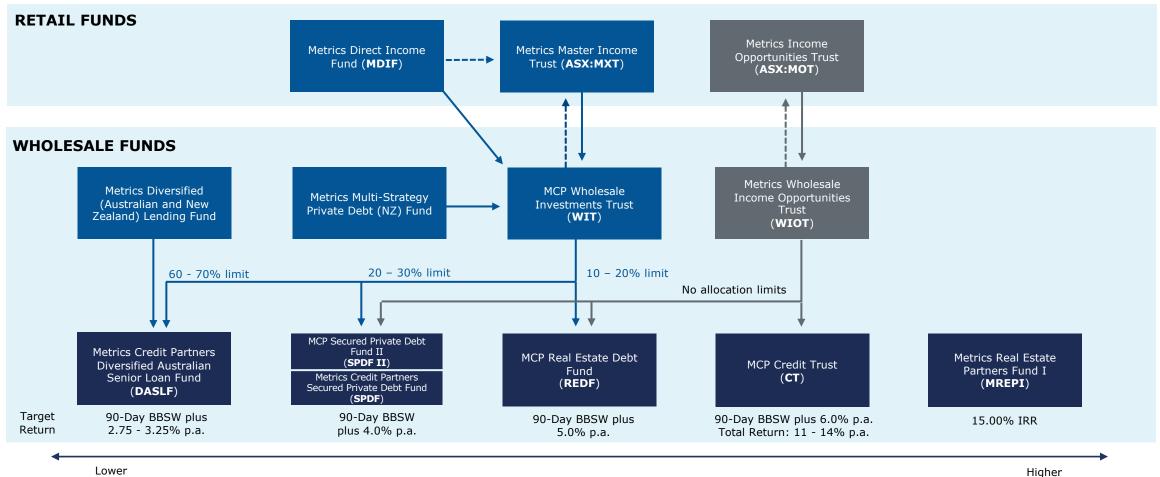
A diversified portfolio of loans further reduces risk

# METRICS FUND STRUCTURES

Risk/Return



# PROVIDING INVESTORS UNIQUE ACCESS TO PRIVATE DEBT ACROSS THE RISK SPECTRUM



Higher Risk/Return

# HOW TO ACCESS PRIVATE DEBT WITH METRICS



	METRICS DIRECT INCOME FUND (MANAGED FUND OPTION)	METRICS MASTER INCOME TRUST (ASX:MXT)	METRICS INCOME OPPORTUNITIES TRUST (ASX:MOT)
STRUCTURE	Unlisted, Open-ended Unit Trust	ASX Listed Investment Trust	ASX Listed Investment Trust
INCEPTION DATE	July 2020	October 2017	April 2019
TARGET NET RETURN^	RBA Cash Rate plus 3.25% p.a.	RBA Cash Rate plus 3.25% p.a.	Cash Return: 7% p.a. with upside gains Total Return: 8–10% p.a. over 3–5yrs
NET RETURNS SINCE INCEPTION P.A. (1)	6.91%(2)	5.62%(3)	8.75%(4)
CURRENT RUNNING YIELD P.A. (5)	9.30%	9.24%	10.34%
DISTRIBUTIONS	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly
APPLICATIONS/ REDEMPTION	Monthly	Daily*	Daily*







Metrics Income Opportunities Trust



Metrics Direct Income Fund, Metrics Master Income Trust



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# PRIVATE DEBT DELIVERS CONSISTENT, ATTRACTIVE INCOME AND REDUCED CAPITAL VOLATILITY IN ALL MARKET CONDITIONS



### **Private market assets**

Income is less affected by public market volatility.



# Reduced capital volatility even during economic downturns

Australian corporate insolvency laws protect the interests of creditors in claims over assets of a business.



# Regular income through the economic cycle

Interest and fee payments are received from borrowers at specific intervals under the binding terms of their debt contract.



### **Diversified Portfolios**

Portfolios are typically diversified across industries, sectors and credit quality to increase stability of returns and reduce concentration risk.

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