

**PERPETUAL**  
CREDIT INCOME  
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**Annual Report** 30 June 2024

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# Appendix 4E

For the year ended 30 June 2024

## Final report

This final report is for the year ended 30 June 2024. The previous corresponding year ended was 30 June 2023.

The Directors of Perpetual Trust Services Limited, the Responsible Entity of Perpetual Credit Income Trust (the Trust) announce the audited results of the Trust for the year ended 30 June 2024 as follows:

## Results for announcement to the market

	Year ended		Increase/(decrease) over corresponding year	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	\$'000	%
Net assets attributable to unitholders	441,392	434,381	7,011	1.61
Total investment income/(loss)	46,234	34,348	11,886	34.60
Profit/(loss) for the year	42,320	30,375	11,945	39.33

## Brief explanation of results

The profit for the year of \$42,320,000 represented a large increase from the \$30,375,000 profit in the prior year. The increase in investment income and profit were a function of the improvement in the net positive portfolio performance of the Trust compared to the year ended 30 June 2023. Net portfolio performance for the year of 10.2% was substantially higher than the 7.1% return for the previous year.

As of 30 June 2024, the net assets of the Trust were \$441,392,000, a 1.61% increase from the balance as at 30 June 2023.

## Distributions information

The distributions for the year were as follows:

Year ended	Cents per unit	Total Amount \$'000
30 June 2024	8.8705	35,574
30 June 2023	6.9025	27,675

Subsequent to the year end, on 29 July 2024, the Responsible Entity announced a distribution of 0.6783 cents per ordinary unit which amounted to \$3,130,461 and was paid on 14 August 2024.

On 26 August 2024, the Responsible Entity announced a distribution of 0.6875 cents per ordinary unit which amounted to \$3,340,626 and payable on 6 September 2024.

## Distribution Reinvestment Plan

The Responsible Entity has established a Distribution Reinvestment Plan (DRP). The Responsible Entity expects to make distributions on a monthly basis. For such distributions, the record date is generally the last ASX trading day of each month and the last day for electing into the DRP will be 5.00pm (Sydney time) on the first business day after the record date.

Units under the DRP are issued at the net asset value of a unit as determined in accordance with the Trust's Constitution on the record date.

On 22 January 2024, the Responsible Entity reinstated the DRP for the Trust following its suspension on 25 October 2022.

**Net Tangible Assets**

	<b>30 June 2024</b>	<b>As at 30 June 2023</b>
Net Tangible Assets per unit	<b>\$ 1.100</b>	<b>\$ 1.082</b>

**Control gained or lost over entities during the year**

There was no gain or loss of control of entities during the year.

**Details of associates and joint venture entities**

The Trust did not have any interest in associates and joint venture entities during the year.

**Other information**

The Trust is not a foreign entity.

**Independent audit report**

This Appendix 4E is based on the financial statements which has been audited by the Trust's auditor, KPMG.

Additional disclosure requirements can be found in the notes to the Trust's financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

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These financial statements cover Perpetual Credit Income Trust as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of Perpetual Credit Income Trust is Perpetual Trust Services Limited (ABN 48 000 142 049) (AFSL 236 648). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 18 Angel Place, 123 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

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# Directors' report

For the year ended 30 June 2024

Perpetual Trust Services Limited (ABN 48 000 142 049, AFSL 236 648) is the responsible entity (the Responsible Entity) of Perpetual Credit Income Trust (the Trust). The directors of the Responsible Entity (the Directors) present their report together with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 30 June 2024 and the auditor's report thereon.

## Principal activities

The Trust is a registered managed investment scheme domiciled in Australia.

The investment objective of the Trust is to provide investors with monthly income by investing in a diversified pool of credit and fixed income assets.

The Trust was constituted on 9 May 2018 and commenced operations on 8 May 2019. The Trust is currently listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) under the ASX code PCI.

The Trust did not have any employees during the year.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the Trust's activities during the year.

## Directors

The Directors of Perpetual Trust Services Limited during the year and up to the date of this report are shown below. The Directors were in office for this entire year except where stated otherwise.

Glenn Foster	
Phillip Blackmore	
Alexis Dodwell	Appointed as Director on 1 November 2023
Vicki Riggio	Alternate Director for Phillip Blackmore
Richard McCarthy	Resigned as Director on 1 November 2023

## Units on issue

Units on issue in the Trust at the end of the year are set out below:

	As at	
	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	Units	Units
Units on issue	401,207,776	400,967,882

## Review and results of operations

During the year, the Trust invested in accordance with the investment objective and guidelines as set out in the governing documents of the Trust and in accordance with the provisions of the Trust's Constitution.

## Results

The performance of the Trust, as represented by the results of its operations, was as follows:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
Profit/(loss) (\$'000)	<u>42,320</u>	<u>30,375</u>
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	<u>35,574</u>	<u>27,675</u>
Distributions (cents per unit)	<u>8.8705</u>	<u>6.9025</u>

## Financial position

As at 30 June 2024, the Trust's total assets amounted to \$448,433,000 (30 June 2023: \$440,503,000).

Net Tangible Assets (NTA) per unit as disclosed to the ASX were as follows:

	As at	
	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	\$	\$
At reporting period*	<b>1.114</b>	1.092
High during period	<b>1.114</b>	1.092
Low during period	<b>1.083</b>	1.074

\* The above NTA per unit was the cum-price which includes 1.41 cents per unit distribution (2023: 0.97 cents per unit).

As at 30 June 2024, the Trust's Net Tangible Assets (NTA) were \$1.100 per unit. This represents an increase of 1.66% compared to the NTA of \$1.082 per unit as at 30 June 2023.

The Investment Manager continues to follow a robust, active and risk-aware approach to invest in a diversified and actively managed portfolio of quality credit and fixed income assets. This involves top-down market screening of the credit environment and extensive bottom-up fundamental research to develop a list of approved issuers.

Further information on the operating and financial performance of the Trust is contained in the Investment Manager's section of the annual report.

## Significant changes in state of affairs

On 1 November 2023, Alexis Dodwell was appointed as Director of the Responsible Entity and Richard McCarthy resigned as Director of the Responsible Entity.

On 13 November 2023, the Trust transitioned its unit registry from Automic Pty Limited to Link Market Services Limited.

On 22 January 2024, the Responsible Entity reinstated the Distribution Reinvestment Plan (DRP) for the Trust following its suspension on 25 October 2022.

On 8 May 2024, Perpetual Limited announced it had entered into a Scheme Implementation Deed with an affiliate of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. (together with its affiliates, "KKR") who will acquire 100% of the businesses and entities comprising Wealth Management and Corporate Trust from Perpetual Shareholders via a Scheme of Arrangement, for total cash consideration of A\$2.175 billion ("Scheme"). If the Scheme is implemented, Perpetual Trust Services Limited entity will be acquired by KKR.

### Significant changes in state of affairs (continued)

The Scheme is subject to satisfaction of a number of conditions precedent set out in the Scheme Implementation Deed as well as approvals including court, regulatory and the requisite shareholder approval with implementation expected to occur in late February or early March 2025.

In the opinion of the Directors, there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Trust that occurred during the financial year.

### Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

On 9 July 2024, the Trust announced a capital raising via a placement to wholesale investors (Placement) and a unit purchase plan (UPP) to eligible unitholders (collectively, referred to as the Offers). The proceeds from the Offers intended to enable the Investment Manager to actively pursue additional investments in accordance with the Trust's investment strategy and approach.

Under the Placement, the Trust raised \$66,199,282 and issued 60,181,166 fully paid ordinary units at an issue price of \$1.10 per unit on 17 July 2024.

Under the UPP, the Trust raised \$26,843,407 and issued 24,403,500 fully paid ordinary units at an issue price of \$1.10 per unit on 9 August 2024.

On 29 July 2024, the Responsible Entity announced a distribution of 0.6783 cents per ordinary unit which amounted to \$3,130,461 and was paid on 14 August 2024.

On 26 August 2024, the Responsible Entity announced a distribution of 0.6875 cents per ordinary unit which amounted to \$3,340,626 and payable on 6 September 2024.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (i) the operations of the Trust in future financial years; or
- (ii) the results of those operations in future financial years; or
- (iii) the state of affairs of the Trust in future financial years.

### Likely developments and expected results of operations

The Trust will continue to be managed in accordance with the investment objective and guidelines as set out in the governing documents of the Trust and in accordance with the provisions of the Trust's Constitution.

The results of the Trust's operations will be affected by a number of factors, including the performance of investment markets in which the Trust invests. Investment performance is not guaranteed and future returns may differ from past returns. As investment conditions change over time, past returns should not be used to predict future returns.

### Indemnity and insurance of officers and auditors

No insurance premiums are paid for out of the assets of the Trust in regard to insurance cover provided to either the officers of the Responsible Entity or the auditor of the Trust. So long as the officers of the Responsible Entity act in accordance with the Trust's Constitution and the *Corporations Act 2001*, the officers remain indemnified out of the assets of the Trust against losses incurred while acting on behalf of the Trust.

The auditor of the Trust is in no way indemnified out of the assets of the Trust.



### **Fees paid to and interests held in the Trust by the Responsible Entity or its related parties**

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its related parties out of Trust's property during the year are disclosed in note 15 to the financial statements.

No fees were paid out of Trust's property to the Directors of the Responsible Entity during the year.

The number of units in the Trust held by the Responsible Entity or its related parties as at the end of the financial year are disclosed in note 15 to the financial statements.

### **Units in the Trust**

The movement in units on issue in the Trust during the year is disclosed in note 7 to the financial statements.

The value of the Trust's assets and liabilities is disclosed in the statement of financial position and derived using the basis set out in note 2 to the financial statements.

### **Environmental regulation**

The operations of the Trust are not subject to any particular or significant environmental regulations under Commonwealth, State or Territory law.

### **Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars**

The Trust is an entity of a kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191* issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the Directors' report. Amounts in the Directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with *ASIC Corporations Instrument*, unless otherwise indicated.

### **Lead auditor's independence declaration**

A copy of the lead auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 15.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Perpetual Trust Services Limited.



Phillip Blackmore  
Director

Sydney  
26 August 2024



# Investment Manager's report

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**Michael Korber**

Managing Director, Credit and Fixed Income  
Portfolio Manager, Perpetual Credit Income Trust

Dear Investors,

I am pleased to report that financial year 2024 (**FY24**) was a strong year for Perpetual Credit Income Trust (ASX: PCI, the **Trust**) with the investment portfolio returning 10.2%<sup>1</sup> and the Trust delivering monthly distributions totalling 8.87 cents per unit<sup>2</sup> which equates to a distribution yield of 7.8%<sup>3</sup>. As at 30 June 2024, the Trust has delivered on or above its target return of RBA Cash +3.25% p.a. (net of fees) across all time periods.<sup>4</sup>

In May 2024, the Trust celebrated its 5th anniversary of being listed on the ASX and has delivered a total return of 28.4%<sup>1</sup> in this time since its IPO in May 2019. I would like to thank the investors that invested their money in PCI as part of the IPO as well as welcome new investors.

In another anniversary, the senior members of our credit and fixed income investment team – Greg Stock, Head of Credit Research, Vivek Prabhu, Head of Fixed Income and myself as Managing Director of Credit and Fixed Income – will soon celebrate 20 years of working together at Perpetual. We are supported by the broader Credit and Fixed Income team which has a total of 9 team members including portfolio managers, credit analysts and a dealer.

I hope you find our reflections on FY24 insightful.

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1 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. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

2 Rounded to two decimal places.

3 Distribution yield calculated based on the total distributions of 8.87 cents per unit in the last 12 months to 30 June 2024 and the closing share price of \$1.14. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

4 This is a target and may not be achieved. For details on performance, please refer to <https://www.perpetual.com.au/asset-management/listed-investment-vehicles/income/pci-investors/reports/>

## Market overview

FY24 saw the domestic credit market display its resilience against a backdrop of macroeconomic, geopolitical and monetary policy uncertainty.

Long term bond yields rose sharply in the first half of the fiscal year, with 10-year bond yields peaking near 5% in November 2023 as investors adjusted to the expectation of higher-for-longer interest rate regimes in recognition of resilient economic data and intransigent inflation print. Bond yields receded through the remainder of 2023 as the soft-landing case and the belief that US rates had peaked gained traction over through the remainder of 2023. Domestic bond yields pushed higher again in the second quarter of 2024 as persistent above expectation inflation print pushed back monetary easing expectations to 2025. By the end of June 2024 futures markets priced an even chance of an RBA rate increase at their August meeting.

The challenges faced by central banks in taming supply side inflation and the ongoing yield volatility are a reminder of the uncertain path for monetary policy. At the same time, the global trend toward fiscal profligacy observed over recent years puts demand side pressure on sovereign yields. In this environment, the floating rate structure of PCI helps mitigate the sensitivity of investor portfolios to bond yields and interest rate risk.

Domestic credit spreads performed very well throughout FY24. Throughout the period, financial spreads – led by domestic major banks - outperformed non-financial corporates, in spite of robust primary market issuance volumes. A notable hallmark of the 2024 financial year was the strong performance of major bank subordinated spreads. Subordinated spreads began the period wide relative to the senior curve after successive event driven selloffs in response to APRA clarifying their guidelines on callable bonds in November 2022, and the collapses of Silicon Valley Bank and Credit Suisse in March 2023. Throughout the 2024 financial year, major bank senior and subordinate curves continued to converge, supported by a rating upgrade from S&P for major bank subordinated debt in April 2024.

Primary markets issuance volumes stayed strong throughout the period. Issuers were met with strong demand throughout with Australian deal size records tumbling. Major bank senior issuance volumes remained elevated as ADIs refinanced their expiring Term Funding Facility debt in public markets.

## Trust performance

Income remains the cornerstone of the Trust's return and was the largest contributor to performance during FY24. The income generated by the Trust more than doubled the carry of the RBA cash rate over the year. Allocation to non-financial corporates - including assets held via the Perpetual Loan Fund – were the most significant contributing sector to return. Allocation to domestic banks, non-bank financials and securitised assets (including RMBS and ABS) also contributed strongly to income return. The Trust's floating rate assets continue to benefit from elevated interest rates and attractive credit margins. The running yield on the Trusts investment portfolio was 7.9% at 30 June 2024.

Credit spread tightening was the other key contributing factor to performance during the period. Credit spreads for non-financial corporates, domestic banks and securitised assets tightened throughout FY24 and were all substantial contributors to credit spread performance for the Trust's portfolio.

Subordinated financial debt performed particularly well as the gap between the returns on subordinated bank debt and senior bank debt narrowed. The Trust had already invested in more subordinated bank debt at these cheaper and more attractive levels, including USD denominated subordinated debt from Macquarie Bank and NAB, and so made a profit when prices improved. As the Trust's investment strategy permits global assets, it means we are able to conduct relative value analysis and see if foreign denominated assets issued by Australian corporate issuers are more attractively priced than AUD denominated issuance. We will then hedge foreign exposures back to AUD, as we did for the Macquarie Bank and NAB subordinated debt.

## Outlook & Positioning

We believe that floating rate credit continues to offer attractive absolute returns, benefitting from elevated interest rates and attractive credit margins. Performance over the past financial year has been strong and credit and fixed income markets continue to offer attractive returns relative to riskier asset classes. In private markets, we are seeing an attractive pipeline of corporate loan and securitised asset deals, as well as refinancing of some existing loans. Yields look attractive amongst Australian corporates and will be assessed alongside our filtering process for quality issuers.

The Trust has remained relatively conservatively positioned. The Trust's portfolio maintains a 40.5% allocation to investment grade credit and cash and 59.5% allocation to high yield credit (sub investment grade and unrated assets). The Trust is well diversified with 122 holdings across 84 individual issuers and across sectors and industries amongst corporates, banks, financials, RMBS and REITs.<sup>5</sup>

We think the Australian credit market presents a diversified, mature market that continues to benefit from a strong regulatory environment, economic stability and concentrated corporates. We are selective in adding new issues to the investment portfolio, focusing on strong franchises and looking for relative value opportunities to buy attractively priced debt from quality issuers.

While the full ramifications of the recent tightening cycle haven't yet played out in corporate debt markets, we remain vigilant for signs of stress and continue to focus on quality and avoid sectors and securities with weak fundamentals. Credit risks are also managed by the Trust's relatively short weighted average life.

The weighted average life represents the Trust's sensitivity to changes in credit spreads and was 2.7 years at 30 June.

The near-term outlook for fixed income markets remains tethered tightly to inflation print and expectations of the path of central bank policy. Australia has tightened policy at a slower pace than the US or Europe and while the EU has already commenced easing and the US is expected to follow, futures markets are pricing a credible chance of further RBA rate increases. The Trust portfolio is predominantly floating rate, with near zero duration (resulting in very low susceptibility to changes in interest rates). The focus on floating rate credit helps mitigate the impact of ongoing yield volatility while the portfolio benefits from elevated interest rates (through higher coupons). With inflation continuing to prove a stubborn challenge, we expect these characteristics to remain a crucial component of investor portfolios.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to providing you with further updates on the Trust's investments over the coming year.

### Michael Korber

Managing Director, Credit and Fixed Income  
Portfolio Manager, Perpetual Credit Income Trust

<sup>5</sup> Number of holdings and number of issuers reported on a full look through basis (excluding derivatives).



# Corporate Governance Statement

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## Background

Perpetual Trust Services Limited (**Responsible Entity**) is the responsible entity for the Perpetual Credit Income Trust (**Trust**), a registered managed investment scheme that is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**).

The Responsible Entity is a wholly owned subsidiary of Perpetual Limited (ASX: PPT) (**Perpetual**).

The Responsible Entity is reliant on Perpetual for access to adequate resources including directors, management, staff, functional support (such as company secretarial, responsible managers, legal, compliance, risk and finance) and financial resources. As at the date of this Corporate Governance Statement, Perpetual has at all times made such resources available to the Responsible Entity.

In operating the Trust, the Responsible Entity's overarching principle is to always act in good faith and in the best interests of the Trust's unitholders, in accordance with its fiduciary duty. The Responsible Entity's duties and obligations in relation to the Trust principally arise from: the Constitution of the Trust; the Compliance Plan for the Trust; the Corporations Act 2001; the ASX Listing Rules; the Responsible Entity's Australian Financial Services Licence; relevant regulatory guidance; relevant contractual arrangements; and other applicable laws and regulations.

## Corporate Governance

At Perpetual, good corporate governance includes a genuine commitment to the ASX Corporate Governance Council Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th Edition) (**Principles**).

The Responsible Entity operates under the Perpetual Group governance structure which applies to all its subsidiaries and controlled entities within the Perpetual Group. Perpetual's corporate governance arrangements set the foundation for the key role for the Perpetual Group in communicating principles and obligations to guide decision making and to set standards for expected employee behaviour in particular situations.

The directors of the Responsible Entity are committed to implementing high standards of corporate governance in operating the Trust and, to the extent applicable to registered managed investment schemes, are guided by the values and principles set out in Perpetual Limited's Corporate Governance Statement and lodged with the ASX each year.

The Responsible Entity is pleased to advise that, to the extent the Principles are applicable to registered managed investment schemes, its practices are largely consistent with the Principles.

As a leading responsible entity, the Responsible Entity operates a number of registered managed investment schemes (**Schemes**). The Schemes include the Trust as well as other schemes that are listed on the ASX. The Responsible Entity's approach in relation to corporate governance in operating the Trust is consistent with its approach in relation to the Schemes generally.

The Responsible Entity addresses each of the Principles that are applicable to externally managed listed entities in relation to the Schemes, including the Trust, as at the date of this Corporate Governance Statement.

Please refer to Perpetual's Corporate Governance Statement for its application to the Responsible Entity and also for any further information. A full copy of is available on Perpetual's website: (<https://www.perpetual.com.au/about/corporate-governance-and-policies>)

## Principle 1

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### Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

The role of the Responsible Entity's Board is generally to set objectives and goals for the operation of the Responsible Entity and the Schemes, to oversee the Responsible Entity's management, to regularly review performance and to monitor the Responsible Entity's affairs and act in the best interests of the unitholders of the Trust. The Responsible Entity's Board is accountable to the unitholders of the Trust, and is responsible for approving the Responsible Entity's overall objectives and overseeing their implementation in discharging their duties and obligations and operating the Trust.

Directors, management and staff are guided by Perpetual's Code of Conduct and Perpetual's Risk Appetite Statement which is designed to assist them in making ethical business decisions.

The role of the Responsible Entity's management is to manage the business of the Responsible Entity in operating the Trust. The Responsible Entity Board delegates to management all matters not reserved to the Responsible Entity's Board, including the day-to-day management of the Responsible Entity and the operation of the Trust.

The Responsible Entity appoints agents (Service Providers) to manage the key operations of the Trust which include investment management, administration, custody and other specialist services and functions as required depending on the nature of the Trust.

The Responsible Entity obtains relevant services from third party service providers under outsourcing agreements.

Effective processes for monitoring Service Providers are integral to the Responsible Entity’s operations, given that substantial operational activities are outsourced to third parties. The Management of the Responsible Entity ensure a systematic and rigorous approach is applied with respect to monitoring the performance of outsourced Service Providers to the Trust.

The Responsible Entity views all interactions with Service Providers as a monitoring opportunity, from the informal discussions that regularly occur with Service Providers, to more formalised monitoring reviews.

The outcomes of all interactions with Service Providers inform the Responsible Entity’s view as to the extent to which the Service Provider is complying with their operational obligations to the Responsible Entity.

Prior to appointment, all Service Providers are subject to operational due diligence, to verify that the Service Provider can deliver the outsourced services in an efficient, effective and compliant manner. All Service Providers are assigned an initial operational risk rating.

The Responsible Entity’s approach to Service Provider monitoring is outlined in the diagram below. In addition to the continuous monitoring that occurs through day to day interactions with Service Providers in the regular course of business, all Service Providers are required to periodically report to the Responsible Entity as to the extent to which they have met their obligations.

Periodically, the Service Provider’s risk rating is reviewed by the stakeholders within the business, based on the outcomes of all interactions that have occurred with the Service Provider during the review period.

The Responsible Entity maintains policy, procedure and program documents that determine the nature and frequency of formal service provider monitoring reviews. Service providers are typically subject to reviews every 2 years.

The Service Provider risk rating dictates any additional monitoring measures required to be put in place – for example a Service Provider assessed as ‘low to medium risk’ will be subject to the standard monitoring measures the Responsible Entity utilises under the Service Provider Monitoring Framework. Service Providers risk rated ‘high to very high’ may be subject to additional oversight measures to deal with the factors that caused the Service Providers risk rating to be high or very high. In addition, management and stakeholders utilise the risk assessment rating in determining if any action is required when considering information and the outcomes of all interactions that have occurred with the Service Provider during the review period.

## Principle 2

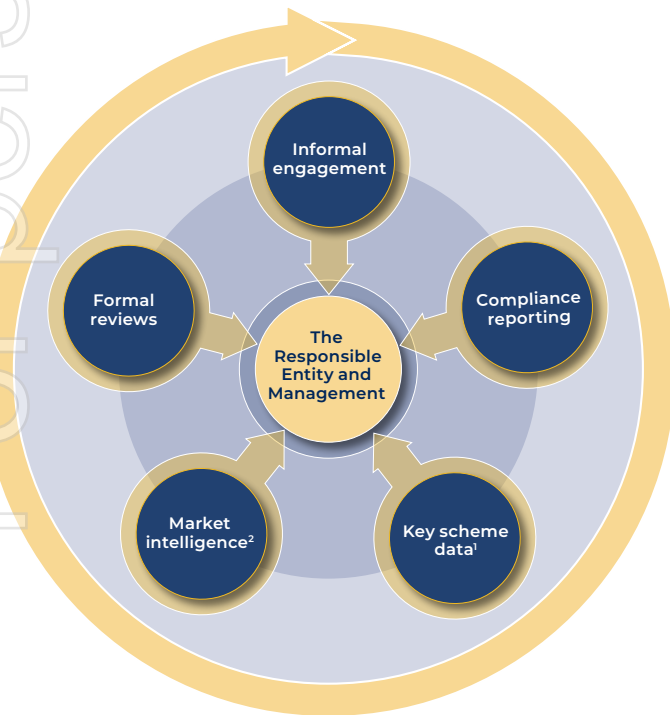
### Structure the board to be effective and add value

As at the date of this Corporate Governance Statement, the Responsible Entity Board consists of two non-executive directors, one executive director and one alternate executive director. The names of the directors and year of appointment are provided below:

#### Perpetual Trust Services Limited

Name of Director	Year of Appointment
Glenn Foster (Non-executive Director)	2021
Phillip Blackmore (Executive Director)	2022
Vicki Riggio (Alternate Executive Director for Phillip Blackmore)	2022
Alexis Dodwell (Non-executive Director)	2023 (appointed 1 November 2023)

The non-executive directors of the Responsible Entity are independent and receive remuneration.



1 Includes information regarding investment performance, actual versus strategic asset allocation, liquidity where applicable and complaints, incidents and issues arising with respect to the operation of the Trust.  
 2. Information from secondary sources, including the media and analysts and rating house reports.

In respect of any other interests, the Responsible Entity Directors are required to maintain a register of interests, which is disclosed to the Company Secretary on an ongoing basis given this is a standing agenda item at each Board meeting. Holdings are assessed in respect of their potential for conflicts. We have elected not to disclose these interests publicly as this is an externally managed entity.

### Principle 3

#### Instil a culture of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly

The Responsible Entity relies on a variety of mechanisms to monitor and maintain a culture of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly:

- policies and procedures: a Code of Conduct which articulates and discloses Perpetual's values, cyclical mandatory training, a Whistleblowing Policy and an Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy (further details noted below);
- Perpetual's Enterprise Behaviours framework, and risk ratings that are intertwined into its annual performance, remuneration and hiring processes; and
- a regular feedback mechanism in place to assess employee sentiment, with actions implemented in response to results.

These apply to all directors and employees of Perpetual, and the Responsible Entity. The Code of Conduct, Perpetual's Enterprise Behaviours and core values supports all aspects of the way the Responsible Entity conducts its business and is embedded into Perpetual's performance management process.

The Code of Conduct draws from and expands on Perpetual's Core Values of integrity, partnership and excellence. The Code of Conduct underpins Perpetual's culture. The Responsible Entity Board are informed of material breaches of the Code of Conduct which relate to the Schemes and the Responsible Entity.

Additional policies deal with a range of issues such as the obligation to maintain client confidentiality and to protect confidential information, the need to make full and timely disclosure of any price sensitive information and to provide a safe workplace for employees, which is free from discrimination. Compliance with Perpetual's Code of Conduct is mandatory for all employees. A breach is considered to be a serious matter that may impact an employee's performance and reward outcomes and may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal.

A full copy of the Code of Conduct is available on [Perpetual's website](#).

Perpetual also has a Whistleblowing Policy to protect directors, executives, employees (including current and former), contractors and suppliers (and relatives and dependants of any of these people) who report misconduct, including:

- conduct that breaches any law, regulation, regulatory licence or code that applies to Perpetual;
- fraud, corrupt practices or unethical behaviour;
- bribery;
- unethical behaviour which breaches Perpetual's Code of Conduct or policies;
- inappropriate accounting, control or audit activity; including the irregular use of Perpetual or client monies;
- any conduct that amounts to modern slavery, such as debt bondage and human trafficking of employees; and
- any other conduct which could cause loss to, or be detrimental to the interests or reputation of, Perpetual or its clients.

As part of Perpetual's Whistleblowing Policy, a third party has been engaged to provide an independent and confidential hotline for whistle-blowers who prefer to raise their concern with an external organisation.

A full copy of the Whistleblowing Policy is available on [Perpetual's website](#).

As part of Perpetual's commitment to promoting good corporate conduct and to conducting business in accordance with the highest ethical and legal standards, bribery and corrupt practices will not be tolerated by Perpetual under any circumstances. Perpetual's Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy supports Perpetual's commitment by:

- prohibiting the payment of political donations by Perpetual;
- instituting proper procedures regarding the exchange of gifts with public officials;
- clearly outlining Perpetual's zero tolerance for bribery and corruption; and
- including avenues where concerns may be raised.

Material breaches of the Code of Conduct or the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy are managed in accordance with Perpetual's usual issues management process which would include reporting to the Responsible Entity Board and where the breach relates to a product or service offered by the Responsible Entity.

A full copy of the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy is available on [Perpetual's website](#).

Mechanisms are in place to ensure the Responsible Entity Board are informed of material breaches which impact the Trust and the Responsible Entity which would include material breaches of the Code of Conduct and material incidences reported under the Whistleblowing Policy.



## Principle 4

### Safeguard the integrity of corporate reports

As noted in our analysis of principle 2, The Responsible Entity, which is a subsidiary of Perpetual Limited, operates under the Perpetual Group governance structure. This structure applies to all subsidiaries and controlled entities. In addition to the broader arrangements discussed in the Perpetual Corporate Governance Statement, on 1 November 2023 the Board of the Responsible Entity formally constituted and delegated certain responsibilities to the Audit and Finance Committee (AFC). The AFC is chaired by a non-executive director and is responsible for the review of the financial statements and notes, Director's declaration, auditor reports and representation letters. Where appropriate the AFC recommend to the Responsible Entity Board approve the financial statements and accompanying materials.

Supporting the AFC and the Board, the Responsible Entity has policies and procedures designed to ensure that the Trust's financial reports are true and fair and meet high standards of disclosure and audit integrity and other reports released on ASX are materially accurate and balanced.

This includes policies relating to the preparation, review and sign off process required for the Trust's financial reports, the engagement of the Trust's independent auditors and the review and release of certain reports on the ASX.

The declarations under section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001 provide formal statements to the Responsible Entity Board in relation to the Trust (refer to Principle 7). The declarations confirm the matters required by the Corporations Act in connection with financial reporting. The Responsible Entity receives confirmations from the service providers involved in financial reporting and management of the Trust, including the Investment Manager. These confirmations together with the Responsible Entity's Risk and Compliance Framework which includes the service provider oversight framework, assist its staff in making the declarations provided under section 295A of the Corporations Act. The Responsible Entity manages the engagement and monitoring of independent 'external' auditors for the Trust. The Responsible Entity Board receives periodic reports from the external auditors in relation to financial reporting and the compliance plans for the Trust.

The AFC is not comprised of a majority of independent members as the nature of our listed entity role is that of an externally managed entity.

The experience and independence of the chair and depth of experience of our counterparties respective Directors and senior management provides sufficient breadth of skills and oversight to the integrity of said reports.

## Principle 5

### Make timely and balanced disclosure

The Responsible Entity has a continuous disclosure policy to ensure compliance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the ASX Listing Rules in relation to the Trust. This policy sets out the processes to review and authorise market announcements and is periodically reviewed to ensure that it is operating effectively. The Responsible Entity requires service providers, including the Investment Manager, to comply with its policy in relation to continuous disclosure for the Trust.

Prior to November 2023, the Responsible Entity Board had a Continuous Disclosure Committee (**CDC**) to assist in meeting its continuous disclosure obligations. However, on and from 1 November 2023 the CDC was dissolved, and the CDC's responsibilities delegated to "Designated Officers". The "Designated Officers" are the Company Secretary of the Responsible Entity and one of either the General Manager, Managed Fund Services and Senior Manager, Client Management Team (Responsible Entity team). The Responsible Entity's and Perpetual's employees are required to notify the Company Secretary of the Responsible Entity of any information a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the unit price or would influence an investment decision in relation to the Trust, to determine if immediate disclosure to the ASX is required.

The Responsible Entity Board also considers its continuous disclosure obligations as a standing item at each scheduled board meeting.

## Principle 6

### Respect the rights of unitholders

The Responsible Entity is committed to ensuring timely and accurate information about the Trust is available to security holders via the Trust's website. All ASX announcements are promptly posted on the Trust's website: <https://www.perpetual.com.au/asset-management/listed-investment-vehicles/income/pci-investors/asx-announcements/>. The annual and half year results financial statements and other communication materials are also published on the website.

In addition to the continuous disclosure obligations, the Responsible Entity receives and responds to formal and informal communications from unitholders and convenes formal and informal meetings of unitholders as requested or required. The meetings are held in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act that apply to a registered managed investment scheme. The Responsible Entity has an active program for effective communication with the unitholders and other stakeholders in relation to Trust.

The Responsible Entity is ultimately responsible for ensuring that any complaints received from unitholders are handled in accordance with its policy settings and regulatory requirements. The Responsible Entity has adopted Perpetual's Complaints Handling Policy, which is available at [Making a complaint | Perpetual](#).

The Responsible Entity is a member of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) external dispute resolution scheme.

If unitholders are dissatisfied with the Responsible Entity's handling of their complaint, AFCA may be able to assist unitholders achieve resolution to their complaint.

The Responsible Entity is also committed to communicating with shareholders electronically in relation to communications from the unit registry. Shareholders may elect to receive information from the Company's share registry electronically.

## Principle 7

### Recognise and manage risk

Prior to 1 November 2023, as the Responsible Entity's Board consisted of a majority of executive directors, a Compliance Committee was established in relation to the Trust in accordance with section 601JA of the Corporations Act 2001. However, on and from 1 November 2023, as the Responsible Entity's Board consisted of a majority of non-executive directors, the Compliance Committee was dissolved and a Governance, Risk & Compliance Committee (GRCC) established in its place. The GRCC comprises of a non-executive director, two executive directors and a senior employee from Compliance.

The GRCC meets at least quarterly. The GRCC Terms of Reference sets out its role and responsibilities, which is available upon request. The GRCC is responsible for, among other things, monitoring compliance by the Responsible Entity of the Compliance Plan for the Trust, the Trust's Constitution and the Corporations Act 2001. It is also responsible for assessing the adequacy of the Compliance Plan for the Trust and making recommendations to the Responsible Entity Board.

The Responsible Entity values the importance of robust risk and compliance management. The Responsible Entity operates under the Perpetual Risk Management Framework (RMF) which applies to all the activities Perpetual undertakes as Responsible Entity. The RMF aligns to International Standard ISO 31000:2018 'Risk Management Guidelines' and consists of supporting frameworks, programs and policies which have been developed, implemented and are regularly assessed for effectiveness to support the management of specific risks considered material to Perpetual defined within the following risk categories: Strategy and Execution, Management of Change, People, Financial, Market & Treasury, Investment, Product & Distribution, Business Resilience, Operational & Fraud, Information Technology, Cyber / Data Security, Outsourcing, Sustainability & Responsible Investing, Compliance & Legal and Conduct Risk.

At Perpetual a current risk register is maintained as part of our formal risk management program. The systems supporting the business have been designed to ensure risks are managed within the boundaries of the Perpetual Risk Appetite Statement (RAS) which articulates the expected behaviours, measures and tolerances that management are to take into account when setting and implementing strategy and running their day-day areas of responsibility.

Perpetual's RMF is reviewed at least annually and was last updated and approved by the Perpetual Board on 26 July 2023. Additionally, other programs and policies supporting the RMF regularly reviewed to ensure they remain fit-for purpose and effective.

The Perpetual Board sets a clear tone from the top regarding its commitment to effective risk management by promoting an effective risk culture where all Group Executives are accountable for managing risk, embedding risk management into business processes within their area of responsibility and creating an environment of risk awareness, ownership and responsiveness by all Perpetual employees. The Perpetual Board's commitment is reflected through the establishment of, and investment in the Perpetual Risk, Compliance and Internal Audit functions, led by the Chief Risk and Sustainability Officer (CRSO).

The RMF is underpinned by the "Three Lines of Accountability" model to implement best practice risk management. This model sees the first line, being business unit management, accountable for the day to day identification, ownership and management of risks.

Perpetual's Risk, Compliance and Client Advocacy functions represent the second line who provide the risk and compliance governing documents, systems, tools, advice and assistance to enable management to effectively identify, assess, manage and monitor risk and meet their compliance obligations, and are responsible for reviewing and challenging first line activities.

Internal Audit provides independent assurance, representing the third line, and reports to the Perpetual Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee (**ARCC**) and GRCC.

Internal Audit is an integral part of Perpetual's governance and risk management culture and aims to protect Perpetual's earnings, reputation and customers. Perpetual's Internal Audit function reports functionality to the Perpetual ARCC, and for administrative purposes, through the Perpetual CRSO and is independent from the External Auditor and from Perpetual Executive Management.

Internal Audit provides independent and objective assurance, a disciplined approach to the assessment and improvement of risk management and monitoring and reporting on audit findings and recommendations. The Internal Audit Plan (**Plan**) is approved formally by the Perpetual ARCC each year and re-assessed quarterly to ensure it is dynamic and continues to address the key risks faced by the Group. Progress against the Plan, changes to the Plan and results of audit activity are reported quarterly to the Perpetual ARCC.

The Perpetual ARCC is responsible for oversight and monitoring of Perpetual's RAS, Compliance and Risk Management Frameworks and internal control systems, and risk culture. The Perpetual ARCC is also responsible for monitoring overall legal and regulatory compliance across Perpetual including the Responsible Entity. The Perpetual ARCC is comprised of Ian Hammond (Chair), Nancy Fox, Kathryn Matthews and Gregory Cooper. The Perpetual ARCC Terms of Reference sets out its role and responsibilities. This can be obtained on the Perpetual website.

In respect of environmental, social and governance (**ESG**) considerations, the Investment Manager has a Responsible Investment Policy and incorporates ESG matters into its investment analysis and decision-making practices. The Investment Manager's approach is to seek to achieve the best risk-adjusted investment returns over specified time periods. This obligation is satisfied by focusing on both the quality and value of possible investments. This investment philosophy recognises that while traditional financial measures are an important consideration, extra-financial factors such as ESG matters can also influence investment performance.

Consistent with this philosophy, it is the policy of the Investment Manager that, to the extent that information is available, the Trust's Portfolio Manager should incorporate ESG issues into investment analysis and decision-making. Analysis may include:

- what ESG issues the investment is exposed to and whether any of these factors present risks to the investment's current or future financial performance

- what impact ESG issues are likely to have on the investment's prospects; and
- how well ESG issues are being managed by the company or issuer, and therefore how likely the possible impacts are to occur.

The Investment Manager has an ESG Risk Scoring process, which includes internal and external research on an issuer's approach to managing ESG factors (such as the issuer's environmental policy and strategy, how it considers ESG factors in its supply chain management and whether it has been involved in corporate misconduct) and the issuer's revenue sources.

This allows credit analysts to assess as part of their credit research on each corporate issuer the ESG risks of that issuer and whether the issuer has any controls or measures in place to address these risks. The credit analyst uses this information to determine an ESG Risk Score. ESG risk scores can be Low, Medium, High or Very High. This score is included in each corporate issuer's credit profile. It assists the portfolio manager to evaluate credit risk and relative value pricing.

Please refer to Perpetual's Corporate Governance Statement for its application to the Responsible Entity and also for any further information. A full copy of is available on Perpetual's website: (<https://www.perpetual.com.au/about/corporate-governance-and-policies>)

## Principle 8

### Remunerate fairly and responsibly

The Responsible Entity does not have a Remuneration Committee. The fees and expenses which the Responsible Entity is permitted to pay out of the assets of the Trust are set out in the Trust constitution. The Trust financial statements provide details of all fees and expenses paid by the Trust during a financial period.



# Lead auditor's independence declaration




## Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To the Directors of Perpetual Trust Services Limited as the Responsible Entity of  
Perpetual Credit Income Trust

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of Perpetual Credit  
Income Trust for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the  
*Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

  
KPMG

  
Andrew Reeves

*Partner*

Sydney

26 August 2024

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# Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	Year ended	
		30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
<b>Investment income</b>			
Dividend/distribution income		21,487	16,922
Interest income	3	14,456	13,373
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	4	10,302	4,091
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)		(11)	(38)
<b>Total investment income/(loss)</b>		<b>46,234</b>	<b>34,348</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Responsible Entity's fees	15	132	130
Investment Manager's fees	15	3,174	3,128
Other expenses	5	608	715
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>3,914</b>	<b>3,973</b>
<b>Profit/(loss)</b>		<b>42,320</b>	<b>30,375</b>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>42,320</b>	<b>30,375</b>
<b>Earnings per unit</b>			
Basic and diluted earnings per unit (cents per unit)	8	10.55	7.58

The above statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Statement of financial position

As at 30 June 2024

		As at	
	Notes	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	13(b)	10,154	6,521
Margin accounts		556	1,120
Receivables	11	9,171	9,808
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9	<u>428,552</u>	<u>423,054</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>448,433</u>	<u>440,503</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Margin accounts		910	1,460
Distributions payable	6	5,650	3,875
Payables	12	323	342
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	10	<u>158</u>	<u>445</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>7,041</u>	<u>6,122</u>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders - equity</b>	7	<u>441,392</u>	<u>434,381</u>

*The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*



# Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	Year ended	
		30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
<b>Total equity at the beginning of the year</b>	7	<b>434,381</b>	431,518
<b>Comprehensive income</b>			
Profit/(loss)		<b>42,320</b>	30,375
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>42,320</b>	30,375
<b>Transactions with unitholders</b>			
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	7	<b>265</b>	163
Distributions to unitholders	6, 7	<b>(35,574)</b>	(27,675)
<b>Total transactions with unitholders</b>		<b>(35,309)</b>	(27,512)
<b>Total equity at the end of the year</b>	7	<b>441,392</b>	434,381

*The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

# Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	Year ended	
		30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss*		119,346	213,482
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss*		(114,836)	(216,172)
Amount received from/(paid to) brokers for margin*		14	919
Dividends/distributions received		22,040	11,276
Interest received		14,531	13,001
Other income received		281	273
Responsible Entity's fees paid		(138)	(137)
Investment Manager's fees paid		(3,401)	(3,357)
Other expenses paid		(644)	(791)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities*</b>	13(a)	<u>37,193</u>	<u>18,494</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Distributions paid		<u>(33,556)</u>	<u>(25,586)</u>
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</b>		<u>(33,556)</u>	<u>(25,586)</u>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>3,637</b>	<b>(7,092)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		6,521	13,636
Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(4)	(23)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	13(b)	<u>10,154</u>	<u>6,521</u>

\*The comparatives have been presented to align with the changes adopted for the current year. Refer to note 2.

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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# Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2024

## 1 General information

These financial statements cover Perpetual Credit Income Trust (the Trust) as an individual entity. The Trust is a registered managed investment scheme, which was constituted on 9 May 2018 and commenced operations on 8 May 2019. The Trust is currently listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) under the ASX code PCI. The Trust will terminate in accordance with the provisions of the Trust's Constitution or by Law. The Trust is domiciled in Australia.

Perpetual Trust Services Limited (ABN 48 000 142 049, AFSL 236 648) is the responsible entity of the Trust (the Responsible Entity). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 18, Angel Place, 123 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

The investment manager of the Trust is Perpetual Investment Management Limited (AFSL 234 426) (the Investment Manager).

The investment objective of the Trust is to provide investors with monthly income by investing in a diversified pool of credit and fixed income assets.

The financial statements of the Trust are for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors of the Responsible Entity (the Directors of the Responsible Entity) on 26 August 2024. The Directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

## 2 Summary of material accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

### (a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia. The Trust is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities except where otherwise stated.

The statement of financial position is presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and do not distinguish between current and non-current. All balances are expected to be recovered or settled within twelve months, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and net assets attributable to unitholders.

The Trust manages financial assets at fair value through profit or loss based on the economic circumstances at any given point in time, as well as to meet any liquidity requirements. As such, it is expected that a portion of the portfolio will be realised within twelve months, however, an estimate of that amount cannot be determined at the reporting date.

### *Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards*

The financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards and Interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

### *Functional and presentation currency*

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Trust's functional currency.

### *Use of estimates*

Management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Estimates and associated assumptions are reviewed regularly and are based on historical experience and various other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Where applicable to the fair value measurement, the current changing market conditions are assessed and estimated. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

## 2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

### (a) Basis of preparation (continued)

The use of estimates and critical judgements in fair value measurement that can have significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is described in note 17(d).

#### *Comparatives*

Certain comparative figures in the statement of cash flows have been presented to align with the changes adopted for the current year:

- Cash flow presentation for the proceeds from sale and payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss and amount received from/(paid to) brokers for margin have been reclassified from investing activities to operating activities due to voluntary changes in the Trust's accounting policy. This resulted in the following changes in the statement of cash flows for the comparative period:
  - (a) net cash flows from operating activities decreased by \$1,771,000; and
  - (b) net cash flows from investing activities increased by \$1,771,000.

There is no impact on the Trust's financial performance, changes in equity, net assets or any other quantitative metric of the Trust.

#### *New standards, amendments and interpretations adopted by the Trust*

The Trust has adopted the following Australian Accounting Standards for the reporting period beginning 1 July 2023:

- (i) AASB 2021-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates* [AASB 7, AASB 101, AASB 108, AASB 134 & AASB Practice Statement 2]

AASB 2021-2 became effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The amendments require the disclosure of material accounting policies rather than significant accounting policies and clarify the distinction between accounting policies and accounting estimates. The amendments do not result in any changes to the accounting policies.

There are no other new accounting standards, amendments and interpretations that are effective for the first time for the reporting period beginning 1 July 2023 and have a material impact on the financial statements of the Trust.

#### *New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after 1 July 2024 and have not been early adopted*

A number of new accounting standards, amendments and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2024 reporting period and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material impact on the financial statements of the Trust.

### (b) Financial instruments

#### *(i) Classification*

The Trust classifies its investments based on its business model for managing those financial instruments and their contractual cash flow characteristics. The Trust's investment portfolio is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Trust's documented investment strategy. The Trust's policy is to evaluate the information about its investments on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

Derivatives, equity securities and unlisted unit trusts are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

For debt securities, the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, however, they are neither held for collecting contractual cash flows nor held for both collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Trust's business model's objective. Consequently, debt securities are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

Derivative contracts that have negative values are presented as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

## 2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

### (b) Financial instruments (continued)

#### (ii) Recognition/derecognition

The Trust recognises its investments on the date it becomes party to the purchase contractual agreement (trade date) and recognises changes in fair value of the financial instruments from this date.

Investments are derecognised on the date the Trust becomes party to the sale contractual agreement (trade date).

#### (iii) Measurement

At initial recognition, investments are measured at fair value. Transaction costs are expensed in profit or loss as incurred. Subsequently, all investments are measured at fair value without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value measurement are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Further details of fair value measurement are disclosed in note 17(d).

#### (iv) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

### (c) Net assets attributable to unitholders

The Trust is a closed end Trust and is not subject to applications and redemptions, other than those disclosed in note 7.

Units in the Trust are listed on the ASX and traded by unitholders. The units can be traded on the ASX at any time for cash based on the listed price. While the Trust is listed and liquidity is generally expected to exist in the secondary market (ASX), there are no guarantees that an active trading market with sufficient liquidity will be available. The units issued by the Trust meets the requirement of AASB 132 for classification as equity.

### (d) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank and other short term and highly liquid financial assets with a maturity period of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

### (e) Margin accounts

Margin accounts comprise cash held or owed as collateral for derivative transactions. The cash is held by or owed to the broker and is only available to meet margin calls. It is not included as a component of cash and cash equivalents.

The carrying amount of margin accounts is a reasonable approximation of fair value.



## 2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

### (f) Receivables

Receivables include accrued income and GST receivables.

These amounts are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. At each reporting date, the Trust measures the loss allowance on receivables at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Trust measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses. Significant financial difficulties of the counterparty, probability that the counterparty will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance.

The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss within other expenses. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in profit or loss.

The carrying amount of receivables is a reasonable approximation of fair value due to their short term nature.

### (g) Payables

Payables include accrued expenses.

The carrying amount of payables is a reasonable approximation of fair value due to their short term nature.

### (h) Investment income

Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost is recognised using the effective interest method and includes interest from cash and cash equivalents.

Interest from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is determined based on the contractual coupon interest rate and includes interest from debt securities.

Dividend and distribution income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in profit or loss when the Trust's right to receive payments is established.

Other changes in fair value for such instruments are recorded in accordance with the accounting policies described in note 2(b).

### (i) Expenses

All expenses, including Responsible Entity's fees and Investment Manager's fees, are recognised in profit or loss on an accruals basis.

### (j) Income tax

The Trust is not subject to income tax provided the taxable income of the Trust is attributed to its unitholders each financial year. Unitholders are subject to income tax at their own marginal tax rates on amounts attributable to them.

### (k) Distributions

In accordance with the Trust's Constitution, the Trust distributes its distributable income and any other amounts as determined by the Responsible Entity.

## 2 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

### (l) Goods and Services Tax

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is incurred on the cost of various services provided to the Trust by third parties. The Trust qualifies for Reduced Input Tax Credit (RITC); hence expenses such as Responsible Entity's fees and Investment Manager's fees have been recognised in profit or loss net of the amount of GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. Payables are inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable is included in receivables in the statement of financial position. Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis.

### (m) Foreign currency translation

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translations at year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss.

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when fair value was determined. Translation differences on assets and liabilities carried at fair value are reported in profit or loss on a net basis within net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

### (n) Rounding of amounts

The Trust is an entity of a kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191* issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the financial statements. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with *ASIC Corporations Instrument*, unless otherwise indicated.

## 3 Interest income

	Year ended	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Cash and cash equivalents	157	257
Debt securities	<u>14,299</u>	<u>13,116</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>14,456</u>	<u>13,373</u>

**4 Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss**

	Year ended	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Net realised gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5,391	413
Net unrealised gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<u>6,907</u>	<u>6,676</u>
<b>Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<u>12,298</u>	<u>7,089</u>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Net realised gains/(losses) on financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	(2,283)	(3,158)
Net unrealised gains/(losses) on financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	<u>287</u>	<u>160</u>
<b>Net gains/(losses) on financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<u>(1,996)</u>	<u>(2,998)</u>
<b>Total net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<u>10,302</u>	<u>4,091</u>

**5 Other expenses**

	Year ended	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Auditors' remuneration	61	59
ASX fees	98	101
Registry services	164	190
Custody administration fees	90	115
Legal fees	-	35
Transaction costs	10	24
Other expenses	<u>185</u>	<u>191</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>608</u>	<u>715</u>



## 6 Distributions to unitholders

The distributions for the year were as follows:

	Year ended			
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2024 CPU	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2023 CPU
Distributions paid - July	2,702	0.6738	1,686	0.4206
Distributions paid - August	2,715	0.6772	1,868	0.4661
Distributions paid - September	2,683	0.6691	1,866	0.4653
Distributions paid - October	2,721	0.6788	2,054	0.5123
Distributions paid - November	2,724	0.6793	2,071	0.5165
Distributions paid - December	2,729	0.6805	2,238	0.5582
Distributions paid - January	2,736	0.6824	2,242	0.5593
Distributions paid - February	2,564	0.6395	2,116	0.5278
Distributions paid - March	2,750	0.6857	2,407	0.6004
Distributions paid - April	2,669	0.6653	2,445	0.6097
Distributions paid - May	2,931	0.7307	2,807	0.7000
Distributions payable - June	5,650	1.4082	3,875	0.9663
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>35,574</b>		<b>27,675</b>	

## 7 Net assets attributable to unitholders

Movements in the number of units and net assets attributable to unitholders during the year were as follows:

	As at			
	30 June 2024 Units'000	30 June 2023 Units'000	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Opening balance	400,968	400,816	434,381	431,518
Units issued upon reinvestment of distributions	240	152	265	163
Distributions to unitholders	-	-	(35,574)	(27,675)
Profit/(loss)	-	-	42,320	30,375
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>401,208</b>	<b>400,968</b>	<b>441,392</b>	<b>434,381</b>

As stipulated within the Trust's Constitution, each unit represents a right to an individual unit in the Trust and does not extend to a right to the underlying assets of the Trust. There are no separate classes of units and each unit has the same rights attached to it as all other units of the Trust.

### Capital risk management

The Trust considers its net assets attributable to unitholders as capital. The Trust is a closed end Trust and is not subject to applications and redemptions. The movements in the number of units during the year were as a result of additional units being allotted under the distribution reinvestment plan.

**8 Earnings per unit**

	Year ended	
	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
Profit/(loss) attributable to unitholders (\$'000)	<u>42,320</u>	<u>30,375</u>
Weighted average number of units on issue ('000)	<u>401,021</u>	<u>400,945</u>
Basic and diluted earnings per unit (cents per unit)	<u>10.55</u>	<u>7.58</u>

Basic and diluted earnings per unit is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to unitholders of the Trust by the weighted average number of ordinary units on issue during the year. There is no difference between basic and diluted earnings per unit as no units are dilutive in nature.

**9 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss**

	As at	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Derivatives		
Futures	89	360
Swaps	1,034	2,073
Equity securities	2,024	1,979
Debt securities	203,548	211,075
Unlisted unit trusts	<u>221,857</u>	<u>207,567</u>
<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<u>428,552</u>	<u>423,054</u>

**10 Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss**

	As at	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Derivatives		
Swaps	<u>158</u>	<u>445</u>
<b>Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<u>158</u>	<u>445</u>

**11 Receivables**

	As at	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Dividends/distributions receivable	7,129	7,682
Interest receivable	1,998	2,073
GST receivables	<u>44</u>	<u>53</u>
<b>Total receivables</b>	<u>9,171</u>	<u>9,808</u>

**12 Payables**

	As at	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
Responsible Entity's fees payable	12	11
Investment Manager's fees payable	282	277
Audit fees payable	12	12
Other payables	17	42
<b>Total payables</b>	<u>323</u>	<u>342</u>

**13 Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities**

	Year ended	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000
<b>(a) Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>		
Profit/(loss)	42,320	30,375
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss*	119,346	213,482
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss*	(114,836)	(216,172)
Amount received from/(paid to) brokers for margin*	14	919
(Increase)/decrease in dividends/distributions receivable	553	(5,646)
(Increase)/decrease in interest receivable	75	(372)
(Increase)/decrease in GST receivables	9	(3)
Increase/(decrease) in payables	3	(36)
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(10,302)	(4,091)
Net foreign exchange (gains)/losses	11	38
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities*</b>	<u>37,193</u>	<u>18,494</u>
<b>(b) Components of cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Cash at the end of the year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the statement of financial position as follows:		
Cash at bank	10,154	6,521
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>10,154</u>	<u>6,521</u>
<b>(c) Non-cash financing activities</b>		
Distribution payments satisfied by the issue of units under the distribution reinvestment plan	265	163

\*The comparatives have been presented to align with the changes adopted for the current year. Refer to note 2.



## 14 Remuneration of auditors

During the year, the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditors of the Trust:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	\$	\$
<b>KPMG</b>		
Audit and review of financial statements	49,123	47,676
Tax compliance services	8,736	8,368
	<u>57,859</u>	<u>56,044</u>
<b>PricewaterhouseCoopers</b>		
Audit of compliance plan	2,812	2,960
	<u>2,812</u>	<u>2,960</u>
Total auditors' remuneration	<u>60,671</u>	<u>59,004</u>

Audit fees were paid or payable by the Trust.

## 15 Related party transactions

### Responsible Entity

The Responsible Entity of Perpetual Credit Income Trust is Perpetual Trust Services Limited (ABN 48 000 142 049, AFSL 236 648), a wholly owned subsidiary of Perpetual Limited (ACN 000 431 827).

The Trust does not employ personnel in its own right. However, it is required to have an incorporated Responsible Entity to manage the activities of the Trust and this is considered the key management personnel.

### Key management personnel

#### (a) Directors

Key management personnel include persons who were Directors of the Responsible Entity at any time during the year as follows:

Glenn Foster	
Phillip Blackmore	
Alexis Dodwell	Appointed as Director on 1 November 2023
Vicki Riggio	Alternate Director for Phillip Blackmore
Richard McCarthy	Resigned as Director on 1 November 2023

#### (b) Other key management personnel

There were no other persons with responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Trust, directly or indirectly, during the year or since the end of the year.

### Key management personnel unitholdings

During or since the end of the year, none of the Directors held units in the Trust, either directly, indirectly or beneficially (2023: Nil).

Neither the Responsible Entity nor its affiliates held units in the Trust at the end of the year (2023: Nil).

## 15 Related party transactions (continued)

### Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel do not receive any remuneration directly from the Trust. They receive remuneration from a related party of the Responsible Entity in their capacity as Directors or employees of the Responsible Entity or its related parties. Consequently, the Trust does not pay any compensation to its key management personnel. Payments made from the Trust to the Responsible Entity do not include any amounts attributable to the compensation of key management personnel.

### Key management personnel loan disclosures

The Trust has not made, guaranteed or secured, directly or indirectly, any loans to the key management personnel or their related entities at any time during the reporting year.

### Other transactions within the Trust

Apart from those details disclosed in this note, no key management personnel have entered into a material contract with the Trust since the end of the previous financial year and there were no material contracts involving Director's interests existing at year end.

### Investment Manager's fees

The Investment Manager, Perpetual Investment Management Limited, is a related party to the Trust. In accordance with AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures*, a member of the same group as the Responsible Entity (who provides key management personnel services) is a related party.

Under the terms of the Investment Management Agreement, the Investment Manager is entitled to receive a fee of 0.72% per annum (inclusive of GST and net of RITC), calculated by reference to the net asset value of the Trust. In accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement dated 8 March 2019, the Net Asset Value of the Trust is calculated daily by deducting all liabilities, which includes declared but unpaid distributions, calculated in accordance with the Responsible Entity's Unit pricing and Valuation Policy and Australian Accounting Standards (AAS) from the total value of assets of the Trust. The Investment Manager's fees are calculated and accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears.

	<b>30 June 2024</b>	30 June 2023
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Investment Manager's fees	<b>3,174,076</b>	3,127,695
Investment Manager's fees payable	<b>281,683</b>	277,100

The Investment Manager is appointed for an initial term of ten years unless terminated earlier (Initial Term). The Investment Management Agreement will be automatically extended for a further five-year term on the expiry of the Initial Term (Extended Term) unless terminated earlier in accordance with its terms.

If the Investment Management Agreement is terminated during the term, then in certain circumstances the Investment Manager will be entitled to a termination payment equal to the Management fee rate multiplied by the number of years in the Initial Term or Extended Term and the value of the total Portfolio as at the termination date, reduced by one one hundred and twentieth (1/120) for Initial Term or one sixtieth (1/60) for Extended Term for each whole calendar month that has elapsed between the commencement date or the commencement of the Extended Term and the termination date.

The Investment Manager paid for the costs incurred in raising capital under and in accordance with the Product Disclosure Statement dated 8 March 2019. If the Investment Management Agreement is terminated during the Initial Term, then in certain circumstances the Investment Manager will be entitled to be reimbursed for these costs, reduced by one one hundred and twentieth (1/120) for each whole calendar month that has elapsed between the commencement date and the termination date.

## 15 Related party transactions (continued)

### Responsible Entity's fees and other transactions

Under the terms of the Trust's Constitution, the Responsible Entity is entitled to receive a fee per annum calculated as a percentage of the net asset value of the Trust.

The transactions during the year and amounts payable at the reporting date between the Trust and the Responsible Entity were as follows:

	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	\$	\$
Responsible Entity's fees	132,253	130,320
Responsible Entity's fees payable	11,512	11,325

### Related party unitholdings

Parties related to the Trust (including the Responsible Entity, its related parties and other schemes managed by the Responsible Entity) held units in the Trust as follows:

#### 30 June 2024

Unitholder	Number of units held '000	Interest held %	Number of units acquired '000	Number of units disposed '000	Distributions paid/payable \$'000
Perpetual Super Wrap	305	0.1	273	-	9

#### 30 June 2023

Unitholder	Number of units held '000	Interest held %	Number of units acquired '000	Number of units disposed '000	Distributions paid/payable \$'000
Perpetual Super Wrap	32	0.0	-	-	2

### Investments

The Trust held investments in the following schemes which are also managed by the Responsible Entity or its related parties:

#### 30 June 2024

Investments	Number of units held '000	Fair value of investments \$'000	Interest held %	Number of units acquired '000	Number of units disposed '000	Distributions received/ receivable \$'000
Perpetual Loan Fund	198,909	207,008	96.8	17,891	6,784	19,894
Perpetual Securitised Credit Fund	14,849	14,849	100.0	349	-	1,484



## 15 Related party transactions (continued)

### Investments (continued)

30 June 2023

Investments	Number of units held '000	Fair value of investments \$'000	Interest held %	Number of units acquired '000	Number of units disposed '000	Distributions received/receivable \$'000
Perpetual Loan Fund	187,802	193,067	98.3	17,528	-	16,077
Perpetual Securitised Credit Fund	14,500	14,500	100.0	14,500	-	755

## 16 Structured entities

A structured entity is an entity that has been designed so that voting or similar rights are not the dominant factors in deciding control and the relevant activities are directed by means of contractual arrangements.

The Trust considers all investments in unlisted unit trusts to be structured entities. The Trust invests in unlisted unit trusts for the purpose of capital appreciation and earning investment income.

The unlisted unit trusts are invested in accordance with the investment strategy by their respective investment managers. The return of the unlisted unit trusts is exposed to the variability of the performance of their investments. The unlisted unit trusts finance their operations by issuing redeemable units which are puttable at the holder's option and entitle the holder to a proportional stake in the respective trusts' net assets and distributions.

The Trust's exposure to structured entities at 30 June 2024 was \$221,856,787 (2023: \$207,567,462).

The fair value of these entities is included in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss in the statement of financial position.

The Trust's maximum exposure to loss from its interests in the structured entities is equal to the total fair value of its investments in these entities as there are no off balance sheet exposures relating to them. The Trust's exposure to any risk from the structured entities will cease when these investments are disposed of.

The Trust does not have current commitments or intentions and contractual obligations to provide financial or other support to the structured entities. There are no loans or advances currently made to these entities.

### Unconsolidated subsidiaries

The Trust applies the investment entity exception to consolidation available under AASB 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements* and measures its subsidiaries at fair value through profit or loss.

The following unconsolidated structured entities are considered to be the Trust's subsidiaries at the reporting date:

	Fair value		Ownership interest	
	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2023 \$'000	30 June 2024 %	30 June 2023 %
Perpetual Loan Fund	207,008	193,067	96.8	98.3
Perpetual Securitised Credit Fund	14,849	14,500	100.0	100.0

The principal place of business for the above entities is Sydney, Australia.

## 17 Financial risk management

The Trust's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. The management of these risks is undertaken by the Trust's Investment Manager who has been appointed by the Responsible Entity under an Investment Management Agreement to manage the Trust's assets in accordance with the Investment Objective and Strategy.

The Responsible Entity has in place a framework which includes:

- The Investment Manager providing the Responsible Entity with regular reports on their compliance with the Investment Management Agreement;
- Completion of regular reviews on the Service Provider which may include a review of the investment managers risk management framework to manage the financial risks of the Trust; and
- Regular reporting on the liquidity of the Trust in accordance with the Trust's Liquidity Risk Management Statement.

The Trust's Investment Manager has in place a framework to identify and manage the financial risks in accordance with the investment objective and strategy. This includes the use of consistent and carefully considered investment strategy and guidelines specifically tailored for the Trust's investment objective. Risk management techniques are used in the selection of investments. These include periodic stress testing for debt securities. The Investment Manager will only purchase securities (including derivatives) which meet the prescribed investment criteria. Risk may also be reduced by diversifying investments across several asset managers, markets, regions or different asset classes and counterparties.

The Trust is permitted to use derivative products. However, the use of derivatives must be consistent with the investment strategy and restrictions specified in the Trust's governing documents.

All investment securities present a risk of loss of capital. The maximum loss of capital on investment securities is generally limited to the fair values of those positions.

The Trust uses different methods to measure different types of risks to which it is exposed. These methods include Value at Risk (VaR) analysis in the case of market risk and credit ratings analysis for credit risk.

### (a) Market risk

#### (i) Currency risk

Currency risk arises as the fair value or future cash flows of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. The currency risk relating to non-monetary assets and liabilities is a component of price risk and not currency risk. However, the Investment Manager monitors the exposures on all foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities.

The Trust holds cross currency swaps to protect the valuation of financial assets and liabilities against variations in the exchange rates. The Trust does not designate any derivatives as hedges, and hence these derivative financial instruments are classified at fair value through profit or loss.

The Trust did not have a significant exposure to currency risk (net of foreign currency exposure arising from derivatives) at the reporting date.

Currency risk is managed as part of price risk and measured using VaR analysis.

#### (ii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Trust is exposed to cash flow interest rate risk on financial instruments with floating interest rates. Financial instruments with fixed interest rates expose the Trust to fair value interest rate risk.

**17 Financial risk management (continued)****(a) Market risk (continued)***(ii) Interest rate risk (continued)*

The following tables summarise the Trust's exposure to interest rate risk:

	Floating interest rate \$'000	Fixed interest rate \$'000	Non-interest bearing \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>As at 30 June 2024</b>				
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	10,154	-	-	10,154
Margin accounts	556	-	-	556
Debt securities	153,370	50,178	-	203,548
Derivatives	58	89	976	1,123
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Margin accounts	910	-	-	910
Derivatives	-	-	158	158
<b>As at 30 June 2023</b>				
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	6,521	-	-	6,521
Margin accounts	1,120	-	-	1,120
Debt securities	155,549	55,526	-	211,075
Derivatives	43	360	2,030	2,433
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Margin accounts	1,460	-	-	1,460
Derivatives	9	-	436	445

Interest rate risk is managed as part of price risk and measured using VaR analysis.

*(iii) Price risk*

Price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instruments or factors affecting all instruments in the market.

The Investment Manager uses a number of quantitative techniques to assess the impact of market risk including credit events, changes in interest rates, credit spreads and recovery values on the Trust's investment portfolio.

The Investment Manager calculates VaR as an indicator of the sensitivity of the Trust's investment portfolio valuation to changes in market prices and rates. VaR is a statistical framework that supports the quantification of market risk within a portfolio at a specified confidence interval over a defined holding period. VaR seeks to quantify the expected dollar losses that may result from the interactive behaviour of all material market prices, spreads, volatilities, and rates based on the historically observed relationships between these markets. The VaR measure is limited by its assumptions.

The VaR measure for the Trust is estimated using a confidence level of 95%, of the potential portfolio losses, if the current market risk positions were to be held unchanged for 21 days.

## 17 Financial risk management (continued)

### (a) Market risk (continued)

#### (iii) Price risk (continued)

In estimating VaR, the Investment Manager makes certain assumptions in relation to expected returns, correlations volatilities, future prices, yields and other micro and macroeconomic variables. These assumptions are often based on historically observed relationships or subjective assessments. The actual outcome may differ materially from the estimate.

	30 June 2024		30 June 2023	
	VaR \$'000	% of Net Assets	VaR \$'000	% of Net Assets
Perpetual Credit Income Trust	1,501	0.34	2,693	0.62

### (b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts when they fall due. The main concentration of counterparty credit risk, to which the Trust is exposed to, arises predominantly from the Trust's investments in debt securities. The Trust is also exposed to counterparty credit risk on derivative financial instruments and cash and cash equivalents. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of the financial assets. None of these assets are impaired or past due but not impaired.

#### (i) Debt securities

Investment management processes include the consideration of counterparty risk. The Investment Manager may refer to the credit ratings issued by rating agencies to assess the creditworthiness of counterparties. The Investment Manager considers (among other things) branding, stability and security marketability of counterparties and consistently monitor exposure through electronic systems.

The Investment Manager monitors the credit ratings of debt securities on a regular basis.

The tables below set out the analysis of debt securities by credit ratings as issued by Standard & Poor's or other rating agencies:

30 June 2024	AAA to AA- \$'000	A+ to A- \$'000	BBB+ to BBB- \$'000	BB+ to B- \$'000	NON- RATED \$'000	Total \$'000
Debt securities	15,446	46,717	98,518	18,106	24,761	203,548
	<u>15,446</u>	<u>46,717</u>	<u>98,518</u>	<u>18,106</u>	<u>24,761</u>	<u>203,548</u>
30 June 2023	AAA to AA- \$'000	A+ to A- \$'000	BBB+ to BBB- \$'000	BB+ to B- \$'000	NON- RATED \$'000	Total \$'000
Debt securities	15,632	12,906	134,748	20,022	27,767	211,075
	<u>15,632</u>	<u>12,906</u>	<u>134,748</u>	<u>20,022</u>	<u>27,767</u>	<u>211,075</u>

#### (ii) Derivative financial instruments

The risk of counterparty default in a derivative transaction is minimised by predominantly using exchange traded derivatives (except for currency hedging, contracts for differences and occasionally other approved over the counter instruments). The exchange traded derivatives are only executed and cleared through approved members of the exchanges. For over the counter derivatives, minimum credit ratings apply for counterparties at the time of entering into a contract and ISDA agreements are put in place with counterparties.



**17 Financial risk management (continued)****(b) Credit risk (continued)***(iii) Cash and cash equivalents*

The exposure to credit risk for cash and cash equivalents is low as all counterparties have a high grade credit rating.

**(c) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Trust will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due.

The Trust is a closed end vehicle and not exposed to any cash redemptions.

The Trust's investments in unlisted unit trusts are considered illiquid as the redemption is subject to the withdrawal offer made by their responsible entity.

The following tables summarise the contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including interest payments where applicable:

As at 30 June 2024	Contractual cash flows			
	Carrying amount \$'000	less than 6 months \$'000	6-12 months \$'000	more than 12 months \$'000
<b>Non-derivative financial liabilities</b>				
Margin accounts	910	910	-	-
Distributions payable	5,650	5,650	-	-
Payables	323	323	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,883</b>	<b>6,883</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Derivative financial liabilities</b>				
Swaps	158			
Outflow	-	164	164	7,215
Inflow	-	(278)	(278)	(6,851)
<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>(114)</b>	<b>(114)</b>	<b>364</b>
As at 30 June 2023	Contractual cash flows			
Carrying amount \$'000	less than 6 months \$'000	6-12 months \$'000	more than 12 months \$'000	
<b>Non-derivative financial liabilities</b>				
Margin accounts	1,460	1,460	-	-
Distributions payable	3,875	3,875	-	-
Payables	342	342	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,677</b>	<b>5,677</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Derivative financial liabilities</b>				
Swaps	445			
Outflow	-	6,283	78	3,769
Inflow	-	(6,048)	(93)	(3,489)
<b>Total</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>(15)</b>	<b>280</b>

## 17 Financial risk management (continued)

### (d) Fair value measurement

The Trust classifies fair value measurement of its financial assets and liabilities by level of the following fair value hierarchy:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1);
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (level 2); and
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

#### (i) Fair value in an active market (level 1)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

Equity securities and exchange traded derivatives are valued at the last traded price. For the majority of these financial instruments, information provided by the independent pricing services is relied upon for valuation.

#### (ii) Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market (level 2 and level 3)

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length transactions, reference to current fair value of a substantially similar other instrument, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation techniques that provide a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

Valuation models use observable data to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations require the Investment Manager to make estimates. Changes in the assumptions for these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments. The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions held.

Debt securities are generally valued using broker quotes. Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on the Investment Manager's best estimates and the discount rate used is a market rate at the end of the reporting period applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions. The Investment Manager monitors credit spreads closely and conducts regular review to ensure any estimates and assumptions used in the valuation model remain appropriate.

The fair value of derivatives that are not exchange traded is estimated at the amount that would be received or paid to terminate the contract at the end of the reporting period taking into account current market conditions (volatility and appropriate yield curve) and the current creditworthiness of the counterparties.

Investments in unlisted unit trusts are recorded at the unit price as reported by the investment managers of such trusts. The Trust may make adjustments to the value based on the considerations such as: liquidity of the unlisted unit trust or its underlying investments, the value date of the net asset value provided, or any restrictions on redemptions and the basis of accounting.

The Trust's level 3 assets include unlisted unit trusts which are subject to withdrawal offer and valued at the unit price as provided by the Investment Manager without any adjustment.

**17 Financial risk management (continued)****(d) Fair value measurement (continued)***Recognised fair value measurements*

The following tables present the Trust's financial assets and liabilities by fair value hierarchy levels:

	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>As at 30 June 2024</b>				
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>				
Derivatives				
Futures	89	-	-	89
Swaps	-	1,034	-	1,034
Equity securities	2,024	-	-	2,024
Debt securities	-	203,548	-	203,548
Unlisted unit trusts	-	-	221,857	221,857
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>204,582</b>	<b>221,857</b>	<b>428,552</b>
<b>Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>				
Derivatives				
Swaps	-	158	-	158
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>As at 30 June 2023</b>				
<b>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>				
Derivatives				
Futures	360	-	-	360
Swaps	-	2,073	-	2,073
Equity securities	1,979	-	-	1,979
Debt securities	5,613	205,462	-	211,075
Unlisted unit trusts	-	-	207,567	207,567
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,952</b>	<b>207,535</b>	<b>207,567</b>	<b>423,054</b>
<b>Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>				
Derivatives				
Swaps	-	445	-	445
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>445</b>

*Transfers between levels*

The Trust's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of the fair value hierarchy levels at the end of the reporting period.

As at 30 June 2024, the transfers of \$5,766,576 from level 1 to level 2 for debt securities were due to the change of the Trust's assessment for the fair value hierarchy levels. As at 30 June 2023, there were no transfers between levels.

**17 Financial risk management (continued)****(d) Fair value measurement (continued)**

*Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)*

The following table presents the movement in level 3 instruments for the years ended 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023:

	<b>30 June 2024</b>	30 June 2023
	<b>Unlisted unit trusts</b>	Unlisted unit trusts
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Opening balance	207,567	174,550
Purchases	19,357	33,154
Sales	(7,180)	-
Gains/(losses) recognised in profit or loss	2,113	(137)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>221,857</b>	<b>207,567</b>
Total unrealised gains/(losses) recognised in profit or loss for financial instruments held at the reporting date	<b>1,995</b>	<b>(137)</b>

The unobservable inputs used in the valuation of the level 3 securities include a subjective assessment of the discount to the unit price of these securities. An increase/(decrease) in the discount by 5% would (decrease)/increase the fair value of the level 3 securities by \$11,092,839.

**18 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities**

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The gross and net positions of financial assets and liabilities that have been offset in the statement of financial position are disclosed in the first three columns of the tables below:

<b>As at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>Effects of offsetting on the statement of financial position</b>			<b>Related amounts not offset</b>	
	<b>Gross amounts</b>	<b>Gross amounts set off</b>	<b>Net amounts presented</b>	<b>Amounts subject to master netting arrangements</b>	<b>Net amounts</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Margin accounts	556	-	556	-	556
Derivatives	1,123	-	1,123	(998)	125
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>(998)</b>	<b>681</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Margin accounts	(910)	-	(910)	879	(31)
Derivatives	(158)	-	(158)	119	(39)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(1,068)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,068)</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>(70)</b>



**18 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)**

As at 30 June 2023	Effects of offsetting on the statement of financial position			Related amounts not offset	
	Gross amounts \$'000	Gross amounts set off \$'000	Net amounts presented \$'000	Amounts subject to master netting arrangements \$'000	Net amounts \$'000
Financial assets					
Margin accounts	1,120	-	1,120	-	1,120
Derivatives	2,433	-	2,433	(1,878)	555
Total	3,553	-	3,553	(1,878)	1,675
Financial liabilities					
Margin accounts	(1,460)	-	(1,460)	1,460	-
Derivatives	(445)	-	(445)	418	(27)
Total	(1,905)	-	(1,905)	1,878	(27)

*Master netting arrangement - not currently enforceable*

Agreements with derivative counterparties are based on the ISDA Master Agreements. Under the terms of these arrangements, only where certain credit events occur (such as default), the net position owing/receivable to a single counterparty in the same currency will be taken as owing and all the relevant arrangements terminated. As the Trust does not presently have a legally enforceable right of set-off, these amounts have not been offset in the statement of financial position, but have been presented separately in this note.

**19 Derivative financial instruments**

A derivative is a financial instrument or other contract which is settled at a future date and whose value changes in response to the change in a specified interest rate, financial instrument price, commodity price, foreign currency exchange rates, index of prices or rates, credit rating or credit index or other variables.

Derivative financial instruments require no initial net investment or an initial net investment that is smaller than would be required for other types of contracts that would be expected to have a similar response to changes in market factors.

Derivative transactions include many different instruments, such as foreign currency forward contracts, futures and options. Derivatives are considered to be part of the investment process and the use of derivatives is an essential part of the Trust's portfolio management. Derivatives are not managed in isolation. Consequently, the use of derivatives is multifaceted and includes:

- hedging to protect an asset or liability of the Trust against a fluctuation in market values or to reduce volatility;
- a substitution for trading of physical securities; and
- adjusting asset exposures within the parameters set in the investment strategy, and adjusting the duration of fixed interest portfolios or the weighted average maturity of cash portfolios.

While derivatives are used for trading purposes, they are not used to gear (leverage) a portfolio. Gearing a portfolio would occur if the level of exposure to the markets exceeds the underlying value of the Trust.

## 19 Derivative financial instruments (continued)

The Trust held the following derivative financial instruments during the year:

### (a) Futures

Futures are contractual obligations to buy or sell financial instruments on a future date at a specified price established in an organised market. The futures contracts are collateralised by cash or marketable securities. Changes in futures contracts' values are usually settled net daily with the exchange. Interest rate futures are contractual obligations to receive or pay a net amount based on changes in interest rates at a future date at a specified price, established in an organised financial market.

### (b) Swaps

Swaps are derivative instruments in which two counterparties agree to exchange one stream of cash flow against another stream.

Interest rate swaps are valued based on the estimated amount that the entity would receive or pay to terminate the swap at the reporting date, taking into account current interest rates and the current creditworthiness of the swap counterparties.

Cross currency swaps are valued at fair value which is based on the estimated amount the Trust would pay or receive to terminate the currency derivatives at the reporting date, taking into account current interest rates, foreign exchange rates, volatility and the current creditworthiness of the currency derivatives counterparties. Cross currency swaps are used to hedge the Trust's foreign currency exposure. However, hedge accounting has not been applied.

Credit default index swap is a credit derivative used to hedge credit risk or to take a position on a basket or credit entities (index). It is an agreement between two parties whereby one party pays the other a fixed coupon for the specified term of the agreement. The other party makes no payment unless a specified credit event occurs.

### Risk exposures and fair value measurements

Information about the Trust's exposure to financial risks and the methods and assumptions used in determining fair values is provided in note 17. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the reporting period is the carrying amount of the derivative financial instruments.

## 20 Segment information

The Trust is organised into one main operating segment with only one key function, being the investment of funds predominantly in Australia together with opportunistic investments globally.

## 21 Significant events during the year

On 1 November 2023, Alexis Dodwell was appointed as Director of the Responsible Entity and Richard McCarthy resigned as Director of the Responsible Entity.

On 13 November 2023, the Trust transitioned its unit registry from Automic Pty Limited to Link Market Services Limited.

On 22 January 2024, the Responsible Entity reinstated the Distribution Reinvestment Plan (DRP) for the Trust following its suspension on 25 October 2022.

On 8 May 2024, Perpetual Limited announced it had entered into a Scheme Implementation Deed with an affiliate of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. (together with its affiliates, "KKR") who will acquire 100% of the businesses and entities comprising Wealth Management and Corporate Trust from Perpetual Shareholders via a Scheme of Arrangement, for total cash consideration of A\$2.175 billion ("Scheme"). If the Scheme is implemented, Perpetual Trust Services Limited entity will be acquired by KKR.

## 21 Significant events during the year (continued)

The Scheme is subject to satisfaction of a number of conditions precedent set out in the Scheme Implementation Deed as well as approvals including court, regulatory and the requisite shareholder approval with implementation expected to occur in late February or early March 2025.

There were no other significant events during the year.

## 22 Events occurring after the reporting period

On 9 July 2024, the Trust announced a capital raising via a placement to wholesale investors (Placement) and a unit purchase plan (UPP) to eligible unitholders (collectively, referred to as the Offers). The proceeds from the Offers intended to enable the Investment Manager to actively pursue additional investments in accordance with the Trust's investment strategy and approach.

Under the Placement, the Trust raised \$66,199,282 and issued 60,181,166 fully paid ordinary units at an issue price of \$1.10 per unit on 17 July 2024.

Under the UPP, the Trust raised \$26,843,407 and issued 24,403,500 fully paid ordinary units at an issue price of \$1.10 per unit on 9 August 2024.

On 29 July 2024, the Responsible Entity announced a distribution of 0.6783 cents per ordinary unit which amounted to \$3,130,461 and was paid on 14 August 2024.

On 26 August 2024, the Responsible Entity announced a distribution of 0.6875 cents per ordinary unit which amounted to \$3,340,626 and payable on 6 September 2024.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (i) the operations of the Trust in future financial years; or
- (ii) the results of those operations in future financial years; or
- (iii) the state of affairs of the Trust in future financial years.

## 23 Contingent assets, liabilities and commitments

There were no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

# Directors' declaration

For the year ended 30 June 2024

In the opinion of the Directors of Perpetual Trust Services Limited, the Responsible Entity of Perpetual Credit Income Trust:

- (a) the financial statements and notes, set out on page 16 to 43, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
  - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Trust's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date;
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- (c) note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards and Interpretations as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board; and
- (d) the directors have been given the declarations required by Section 295A of the *Corporation Act 2001* for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Perpetual Trust Services Limited.



Phillip Blackmore  
Director

Sydney  
26 August 2024



# Independent auditor's report to the unitholders



## Independent Auditor's Report

To the unitholders of Perpetual Credit Income Trust

### Opinion

We have audited the **Financial Report** of Perpetual Credit Income Trust (the Trust).

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Report of the Trust gives a true and fair view, including of the Trust's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, in compliance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

The **Financial Report** comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024;
- Statement of comprehensive income, Statement of changes in equity, and Statement of cash flows for the year then ended;
- Notes, including material accounting policies; and
- Directors' Declaration.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report.

We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Report in Australia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

### Key Audit Matters

Key Audit Matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the Financial Report of the current period.

This matter was addressed in the context of our audit of the Financial Report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on this matter.

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Valuation and existence of financial assets (\$428.6m) and financial liabilities (\$0.158m) at fair value through profit or loss	
Refer to Notes 2(b), 9, 10, 17(d) and 18 to the Financial Report	
The key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
<p>The Trust's financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) comprise investments in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unlisted unit trusts – these unlisted unit trusts predominantly hold investments in the Perpetual Loan Fund;</li> <li>• debt securities;</li> <li>• equity securities;</li> <li>• derivative assets (futures and swaps);</li> <li>• derivative liabilities (swaps).</li> </ul> <p>The Trust outsources certain processes and controls relevant to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recording and valuing investments to the investment administrator;</li> <li>• Maintaining custody and underlying records of investments to the custodian;</li> <li>• Initiating and executing the purchase and sale of investments to the investment manager.</li> </ul> <p>Valuation and existence of financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL is a key audit matter due to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall size of the Trust's portfolio of investments which are significant to its financial position. The Trust's investments in unlisted unit trusts and debt securities comprise 49% and 45%, respectively, of the Trust's total assets at year-end;</li> <li>• Importance of the performance of these investments in driving the Trust's investment income and capital performance, as reported in the Financial Report;</li> <li>• Various types of investments held by the Trust. We focussed our assessment on the reasonableness and authoritative sources used by the Trust to value them.</li> </ul> <p>As a result, this was the area with greatest effect on our overall audit strategy and allocation of senior resources in planning and performing our audit. In assessing this Key Audit Matter, we involved our valuation specialists, who understand the Trust's investment profile and business</p>	<p>Our procedures included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We assessed the appropriateness of the accounting policies applied by the Trust, including those relevant to the fair value of investments, against the requirements of the accounting standards.</li> <li>• We obtained and read the Trust's custodian's and investment administrator's SOC 1 (System and Organization Controls 1) assurance reports for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 to understand the processes and assess the controls relevant to the:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Custodian – to maintain custody and underlying records of the Trust's investments; and</li> <li>• Investment Administrator – to record and value the Trust's investments.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We obtained and read the Trust's custodian's and investment administrator's bridging letters over the period not covered by the SOC1 assurance reports. We compared processes and controls in the bridging letters for consistency with those in the SOC1 assurance reports.</li> <li>• We obtained and read the Trust's investment manager's GS007 (Guidance Statement 007 Audit Implications of the Use of Service Organisations for Investment Management Services) assurance report for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 to understand the processes and assess controls relevant to the investment manager's initiation and execution of the purchase and sale of the Trust's investments.</li> <li>• We assessed the reputation, professional competence and independence of the auditors of the GS007 and SOC1 assurance reports.</li> <li>• We checked total unit holdings in the unlisted unit trusts to underlying unit holding information. With the involvement of our valuation specialists, we checked the valuation of the underlying investments in the</li> </ul>



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<p>and the economic environment it operates in.</p>	<p>unlisted unit trusts which drive their Net Asset Values using independently sourced market data for observable inputs, such as published credit spreads and margins. We compared these Net Asset Values to the fair value of unlisted unit trust investments recorded by the Trust at year-end.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the involvement of our valuation specialists, we compared the valuation of the Trust's debt securities and equity securities, as recorded in the general ledger to independently sourced market prices at year-end.</li> <li>• With the involvement of our valuation specialists, we performed an independent valuation of the Trust's derivative assets and liabilities by using independently sourced market data for observable inputs, such as interest rates and foreign exchange rates. We compared this to the fair value of derivative assets and liabilities recognised by the Trust at year end.</li> <li>• We checked the existence of investments being the ownership and quantity held to external custody reports as at year-end.</li> <li>• We evaluated the Trust's disclosures of investments, using our understanding obtained from our testing, against the requirements of the accounting standards.</li> </ul>
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**Other Information**

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in Perpetual Credit Income Trust's annual report which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. The Directors of Perpetual Trust Services Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the Financial Report does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Report, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.



### Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of Perpetual Trust Services Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for:

- preparing the Financial Report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Trust, and in compliance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*;
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Trust, and that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objective is:

- to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the Financial Report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report is located at the *Auditing and Assurance Standards Board* website at: [https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar121\\_2020.pdf](https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar121_2020.pdf) This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

KPMG

Andrew Reeves

Partner

Sydney

26 August 2024



# ASX additional information

Additional information required by the Australian Securities Exchange Limited Listing Rules and not disclosed elsewhere in this report is as follows. The information is current as at 31 July 2024 unless otherwise indicated.

## A. Corporate governance statement

Refer to the annual report.

## B. Substantial unitholders

There are no substantial unitholders.

## C. Classes of units

Refer to the financial statements, note 7.

## D. Voting rights

Voting rights which may attach to or be imposed on any unit or class of units is as follows:

- (a) on a show of hands each unitholder has one vote; and
- (b) on a poll, each unitholder has one vote for each dollar of the value of the total units they have in Trust.

## E. Distribution of units

Analysis of numbers of unitholders by size of holding:

Size of holding	Number of holders	Total units	Percentage
1 - 1,000	179	64,916	0.01%
1,001 - 5,000	546	1,758,211	0.38%
5,001 - 10,000	796	6,693,850	1.45%
10,001 - 100,000	6,104	232,501,226	50.38%
100,001 and over	750	220,467,612	47.78%
	<b>8,375</b>	<b>461,485,815</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The number of unitholders holding less than a marketable parcel is 91 and they hold 2,544 units.

## F. Twenty largest unitholders

The names of the twenty largest unitholders are listed below:

Unitholders	Numbers of units	Percentage
Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	11,185,612	2.42%
HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	10,279,380	2.23%
BNP Paribas Nominees Pty Ltd	9,966,139	2.16%
IOOF Investment Services Limited	9,245,145	2.00%
Netwealth Investments Limited (Super Services A/C)	8,308,255	1.80%
Netwealth Investments Limited (Wrap Services A/C)	5,334,612	1.16%
Gresham Partners Capital Ltd	2,700,000	0.59%
First Samuel Ltd	2,660,255	0.58%
J P Morgan Nominees Australia Pty Limited	1,909,755	0.41%
Realee Pty Ltd	1,900,000	0.41%
The Art Gallery Board	1,874,289	0.41%
Stuart-oldbury Pty Limited	1,825,000	0.40%

**ASX additional information (continued)****F. Twenty largest unitholders (continued)**

<b>Unitholders</b>	<b>Numbers of units</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
The Corporation Of The Trustees Of The Order Of The Sisters Of Mercy In QLD	1,754,545	0.38%
Geat Incorporated (Geat-Preservation Fund A/C)	1,718,100	0.37%
BEZF Pty Ltd	1,272,727	0.28%
Mercantile Investments Pty Ltd	1,140,000	0.25%
The Law Society Of SA Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund	1,139,523	0.25%
Miss Patricia Anne Mercer	1,088,767	0.24%
Zeosk Pty Ltd	1,063,772	0.23%
Woodlands Enterprises Pty Ltd	980,000	0.21%

**G. Stock exchange listing**

The Trust's units are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and are traded under the code PCI.

**H. Voluntary escrow**

There are no restricted units in the Trust or units subject to voluntary escrow.

**I. Unquoted units**

There are no unquoted units on issue.

**J. Review of operations and activities for the reporting period**

Refer to the Directors' report contained within the annual report.

**K. On-market buy back**

There is no current on-market buy back.

**L. Cash and Assets used**

During the year ended 30 June 2024, the Trust invested in accordance with the investment objective and guidelines as set out in the latest Product Disclosure Statement of the Trust dated 8 March 2019 and in accordance with the Trust's Constitution.

**M. List of investments held by the Trust at 30 June 2024**

	<b>Fair value</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Unlisted unit trusts</b>	
Perpetual Loan Fund	207,008
Perpetual Securitised Credit Fund	14,849
<b>Total Unlisted unit trusts</b>	<u>221,857</u>
<b>Equity security</b>	
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited Capital Note	2,024
<b>Total Equity security</b>	<u>2,024</u>

**M. List of investments held by the Trust at 30 June 2024 (continued)**

	Fair value \$'000
<b>Debt Securities</b>	
Ampol Limited	4,948
Apollo Trust	1,256
Arc Infrastructure WA Pty Limited	3,593
Aurizon Network Pty Limited	2,711
AusNet Services Holdings	5,982
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	7,144
Bank Of Queensland Limited	5,216
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank	3,098
BNP Paribas	7,886
BPCE S.A.	3,521
Centuria Capital 2 Fund	10,148
Challenger Life Company Limited	4,696
ConQuest Trust	177
Cooperatieve Rabobank UA	4,864
Dexus Finance Pty Limited	4,018
Driver Australia Eight Trust	1,416
Driver Australia Nine Trust	1,800
Emeco Pty Limited	6,514
GPT Wholesale Office Fund No.1	2,066
Heritage Bank Limited	2,317
IMB Limited	3,774
Insurance Australia Group Limited	5,086
Kingfisher Trust	5,311
Latitude Australia Credit Card	902
Lendlease US Capital Inc.	4,346
Liberty Funding Pty Limited Srs 2023-1	6,083
Liberty Funding Pty Limited Srs 2023-1SME	3,085
Light Trust	2,041
Lion Trust	1,306
Lloyds Banking Group	3,904
Macquarie Bank Limited	9,180
MAFG Finance Pty Limited	3,026
Mineral Resources Limited	5,242
National Australia Bank	8,395
Pacific National Finance	3,348
Panorama Auto Trust 2023-3	506
Panorama Auto Trust 2024-1	904
Peet Limited	4,254
Pepper Residential Securities Trust	5,602
Pepper SPARKZ Trust No.4	467
Pepper SPARKZ Trust No.7	717

**M. List of investments held by the Trust at 30 June 2024 (continued)**

	Fair value \$'000
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<b>Debt Securities (continued)</b>	
Pepper SPARKZ Trust No.8	701
Perenti Finance Pty Limited	3,503
Progress Trust	170
QBE Insurance Group Limited	3,892
Resimac RAF Trust	602
Salute Trust Srs 2021-1	604
Salute Trust Srs 2024-1	1,322
Scentre Group Trust 2	6,640
SMHL Srs 2020-1	1,173
Suncorp Group Ltd	3,177
The Superannuation Members Srs 2019-1	2,171
Think Tank Trust Srs 2023-2	6,907
Think Tank Trust Srs 2023-3	1,645
Think Tank Trust Srs 2024-1	1,861
Torrens Trust Srs 2019-1	2,919
Torrens Trust Srs 2021-1	1,664
Worley Financial Services Pty Ltd	<u>3,747</u>
<b>Total Debt Securities</b>	<u>203,548</u>
<b>Derivatives</b>	
Futures	89
Swaps	<u>876</u>
<b>Total Derivatives</b>	<u>965</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>428,394</u>

**N. Investment transactions**

The total number of transactions entered during the year ended 30 June 2024 was 639. The total brokerage paid during the year was \$9,836.

**O. Total Management Fees paid or accrued during the year**

Refer to the financial statements, note 15.



# Directory

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## Responsible entity

Perpetual Trust Services Limited  
ABN 48 000 142 049  
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## Registered office

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Vicki Riggio (Alternate)

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