

PERPETUAL CREDIT INCOME TRUST

ASX: PCI

Investment update

April 2024

Investment objective

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

Portfolio snapshot

As at 30 April 2024	Amount
ASX unit price	\$1.130
NTA per unit ¹	\$1.106

¹ Daily Net Tangible Asset (NTA) is available at www.perpetualincome.com.au
All figures are in Australian dollars (AUD), unless otherwise stated. All figures are unaudited and approximate. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. NTA figures are calculated as at the end of day on the last business day of the month.

Key information

As at 30 April 2024

ASX code:	PCI
Structure:	Listed Investment Trust
Listing date:	14 May 2019
Market capitalisation:	\$453 million
Units on issue:	401,109,986
Distributions:	Monthly
Management costs:	0.88% p.a. ²
Manager	Perpetual Investment Management Limited
Responsible Entity:	Perpetual Trust Services Limited

² Estimate inclusive of net effect of GST.

Investment performance ³

As at 30 April 2024	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs p.a.	5 yrs p.a.	Since incep. p.a.
PCI Investment Portfolio (net)	0.8%	2.6%	5.2%	10.1%	5.7%	-	5.0%
Target Return ⁴	0.6%	1.9%	3.9%	7.7%	5.6%	-	4.9%
Distribution Return	0.6%	1.8%	3.8%	8.1%	5.8%	-	4.9%
RBA Cash Rate	0.4%	1.1%	2.2%	4.3%	2.2%	-	1.6%

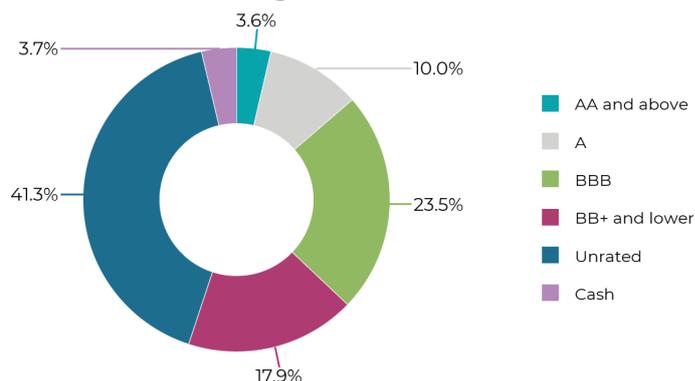
³ Investment returns have been calculated on the growth of Net Tangible Assets (NTA) after taking into account all operating expenses (including management costs) and assuming reinvestment of distributions on the ex-date. Distribution return has been calculated based on the PCI investment portfolio return less the growth of NTA. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Since inception return is from allotment on 8 May 2019. The comparison to the RBA Cash Rate is not intended to compare an investment in PCI to a cash holding. The PCI investment portfolio is of higher risk than an investment in cash.

⁴ Target Return is RBA Cash Rate + 3.25% p.a. (net of fees) through the economic cycle. This is a target only and may not be achieved.

Portfolio summary

As at 30 April 2024	Amount
Number of holdings	123
Number of issuers	83
Running yield	8.1%
Portfolio weighted average life	2.7 years
Interest rate duration	30 days

Ratings breakdown



Source: Standard & Poor's and Perpetual Asset Management Australia. Data is as at 30 April 2024. All figures are unaudited and approximate.

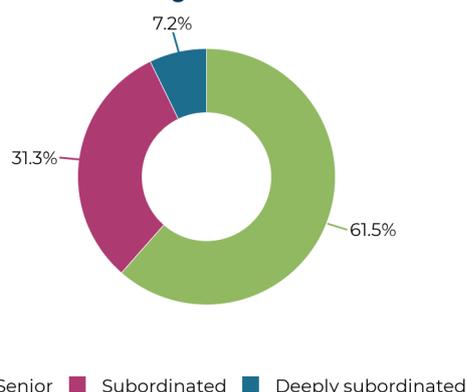
Distributions CPU ⁵

The table below shows the distribution in cents per unit for each distribution period in the respective financial year.

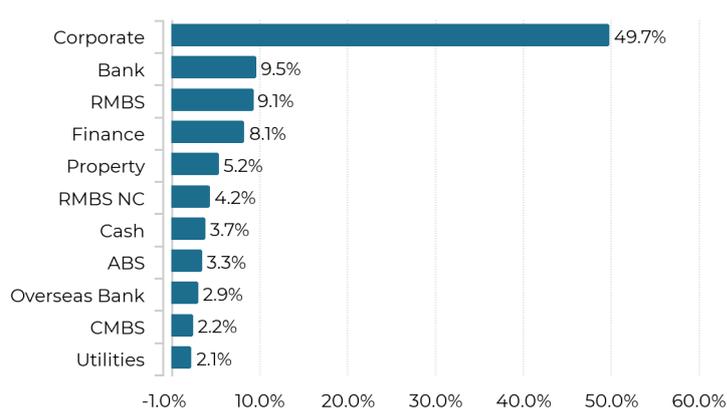
As at 30 April 2024	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FYTD
FY2020	0.40	0.40	0.39	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.37	0.35	0.33	0.30	0.31	0.30	4.26
FY2021	0.32	0.32	0.30	0.31	0.28	0.30	0.30	0.27	0.30	0.29	0.33	0.32	3.63
FY2022	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.32	0.31	0.35	0.35	0.36	0.41	0.39	0.46	0.49	4.38
FY2023	0.42	0.47	0.47	0.51	0.52	0.56	0.56	0.53	0.60	0.61	0.70	0.97	6.90
FY2024	0.67	0.68	0.67	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.64	0.69	0.67	-	-	6.73

⁵ Distributions are stated as cents per unit and have been rounded to two decimal places. Detailed distribution announcements are available on the [PCI website](#) and are stated in Australian dollars rather than cents per unit. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

Seniority breakdown [^]



Sector allocation [^]



[^] Source: Bloomberg and Perpetual Asset Management Australia. Data is as at 30 April 2024. All figures are unaudited and approximate. Allocations may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Portfolio update

PCI's floating rate exposure continues to mitigate the impact of ongoing bond yield volatility associated with the uncertain path of monetary policy. Bond yields rose globally during April, precipitating a small selloff in global equities. Revision of monetary policy expectations was the key factor with sticky inflation and resilient growth data causing expectations for central bank easing to be pushed further out. Expectation of 2024 US Fed rate cuts have shifted substantially from up to 7 cuts predicted in January to only one by April month end. A similar pattern has been observed domestically with futures markets pricing another RBA hike by year end.

During a month where fixed rate bonds and equities underperformed, domestic credit spreads were resilient. On aggregate, spreads traded in a relatively tight range however subordinated spreads in the domestic bank and securitised sectors were notably strong performers. Allocation to non-financial corporate, domestic and offshore banks were the key contributors to performance for the PCI portfolio. Mining exposures were rewarded reflecting surging commodity prices including iron ore and coal. PCI's small allocation to major bank subordinated debt performed well after an early April upgrade by S&P (from BBB to A-) saw bank subordinated debt outperform.

The most substantial contributing factor to return remains the robust running yield of the PCI portfolio which was 8.1% at month end. Income return was broad based, with robust contributions from non-financial corporates, financials and securitised sectors.

Primary market activity was orderly during April and highlighted by continued strong demand which has been a hallmark of the year to date. The Manager remains very selective in adding new names to the portfolio.

The outlook for credit was neutral at month end, delicately balanced between supportive macro and technical indicators and marginally negative valuation indicators. The portfolio remains defensively positioned, retaining the capacity to take advantage of relative value opportunities as they arise.

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Target return

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

Investment strategy

The Perpetual Credit Income Trust invests in a diversified and actively managed portfolio of credit and fixed income assets.

The Trust will typically hold 50 to 100 assets.

30% - 100%	Investment grade assets
0% - 70%	Unrated or sub-investment grade assets
70% - 100%	Assets denominated in AUD
0% - 30%	Assets denominated in foreign currencies (which are typically hedged back to AUD)
0% - 70%	Perpetual Loan Fund
< 5%	Perpetual Securitised Credit Fund

The Trust will diversify exposure and will have maximum exposure limits to issuers.

Typical investments will include corporate bonds, floating rate notes, securitised assets and private debt (for example, corporate loans).

About the manager

The Trust's investment portfolio is managed by Perpetual Investment Management Limited, part of the Perpetual Group, who believes the key to investing in credit and fixed income assets is constructing a well diversified portfolio of quality assets. Its experienced and highly regarded investment team actively manages investments based on fundamental research and analysis of quality, value and risk.

Portfolio managers



Michael Korber
Managing Director, Credit & Fixed Income

Portfolio manager:
Perpetual Credit Income Trust
Perpetual Pure Credit Alpha

Michael has over 41 years' experience, having been involved in credit markets since their development in Australia during the 1990's. Unlike many other fixed income portfolio managers in this market, Michael has a background in lending and banking, understanding credit risk in a fundamental way.



Michael Murphy
Senior High Yield Analyst

Portfolio manager:
Perpetual Loan Fund

Michael is an experienced credit markets specialist, having previously worked in high yield, private debt and leverage finance roles. As portfolio manager of the Perpetual Loan Fund, Michael has a focus on sourcing and assessing higher yielding income opportunities.

For more information

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