

### **ASX Release**

# Qualitas Real Estate Income Fund (ASX: QRI) Investment Update

**1 October 2019** - As announced on 11 September 2019, the 1-for-1 Accelerated Non-Renounceable Entitlement Offer (**Entitlement Offer**) to raise up to \$266 million of new capital for the Qualitas Real Estate Income Fund (**Trust** or **QRI**) continues, with the Retail Entitlement and Shortfall Offers currently open. Approximately \$40m in additional units were issued on 26 September 2019 under the Wholesale Entitlement Offer and Early Retail Entitlement Offer.

QRI Manager Pty Ltd (**Manager**), the investment manager of the Trust, is pleased to announce that the Trust committed \$39m of the new capital into the Qualitas Senior Debt Fund (**QSDF**) on 30 September 2019. As a result, the Trust's capital is now 98% deployed as of today.

The Manager continues to see strong demand for commercial real estate loans, with a current pipeline worth approximately \$450m. The majority of these opportunities are suitable, or earmarked for investment by the Trust directly or the QSDF (in which QRI invests).

Investment allocations and approvals are being progressed for mandated<sup>1</sup> deals, which comprise approximately 30% of this pipeline. Subject to completion of due diligence, investment approvals and the Trust and/or QSDF being allocated these deals for investment, the Manager expects that the majority of the mandated deals will reach settlement by the end of this year.

"We are currently in a very busy period for the market and we continue to see strong underlying demand for real estate loans across all sectors, which is evidenced by a robust pipeline. We consider demand to be significantly higher compared to the period when QRI listed on the Australian Securities Exchange, almost a year ago," said Mr Tim Johansen, Managing Director, Global Head of Capital, Qualitas.

#### Ends

# **About the Offer**

The Entitlement Offer is an accelerated, non-renounceable, pro rata offer of one new fully paid ordinary unit for every one existing unit in the Trust to existing eligible unitholders at an Offer Price of \$1.60 per new unit (**Entitlement Offer**). If there is a shortfall under the Entitlement Offer, the shortfall may be placed at the discretion of the Responsible Entity to new wholesale and retail investors.

The Product Disclosure Statement ("PDS") for the Offer has been lodged with ASIC and is available from the ASX or the Trust's website <a href="https://www.qualitas.com.au/listed-investments/entitlement-offer-2019/">https://www.qualitas.com.au/listed-investments/entitlement-offer-2019/</a> The PDS was dispatched to eligible retail unitholders as at the record date (7pm AEST on 13 September 2019) who were not invited to participate in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mandated deals are those where the Borrower has formally engaged Qualitas to provide a facility on agreed terms and to proceed with formal investment approvals.

Wholesale Entitlement Offer. Investors should consider the PDS in deciding whether to acquire, or continue to hold, units in the Trust.

#### **About Qualitas Real Estate Income Fund**

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

### **About the Manager**

QRI Manager Pty Ltd is the Manager of the Trust, and is wholly owned by the Qualitas Group ("Qualitas").

Established in 2008, Qualitas has an 11-year track record in the real estate sector and currently manages approximately \$2.3 billion in committed capital. Comprising over 70 investment and fiduciary professionals, Qualitas has a disciplined approach to generating strong risk-adjusted returns for its investors.

# **About the Trust Company (RE Services) Limited**

The Responsible Entity of the Trust is The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited, a wholly owned member of the Perpetual Group ("Perpetual"). Perpetual has been in operation for over 130 years and is an Australian public company that has been listed on the ASX for over 50 years.

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