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## **ASX Announcement**

# Qualitas Real Estate Income Fund (ASX: QRI) 1H24 Financial Results

**29 February 2024:** The Responsible Entity, The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited ACN 003 278 831 AFSL 235 150 of the Qualitas Real Estate Income Fund (**QRI** or **Trust**), is pleased to announce its result for the six months to 31 December 2023 (**1H24**) and provide the following financial and market update.

### **Financial Highlights:**

- Annualised distribution return of 8.94%<sup>1</sup> p.a. on Net Tangible Assets (NTA) in 1H24
- Annualised net return of 9.09%<sup>1</sup> p.a. on NTA in 1H24
- No leverage in QRI funds management platform
- NTA of \$1.60 per unit as at 31 December 2023 with no impairments or interest arrears.

## Portfolio and Operational Highlights<sup>2</sup>:

- 99% floating interest exposure
- 0.85 years weighted average loan maturity
- 88% of the portfolio is invested in the residential sector
- 87% of the portfolio is invested in NSW and VIC
- 66% weighted average Loan-to-Value Ratio (LVR)
- Entered the ASX300 and ASX300 A-REIT indices as the only mortgage real estate investment trust (MREIT)
- ~\$56 million of capital raised FY24 to date<sup>3</sup> driven by increased demand from passive and active listed investors.

## Head of Income Credit, Mark Power said:

"During 1H24, QRI continued to benefit from the favourable market conditions within commercial real estate (**CRE**) private credit and more specifically the residential sector, delivering an annualised distribution of 8.94%<sup>1,2</sup>. Our portfolio has remained strong with no impairments since the inception of the fund in 2018. We attribute this to our disciplined investment approach, unwavering focus on investment quality, and our allocation to the best-performing sectors."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As at 31 December 2023. The portfolio statistics are determined on a look-through basis having regard to the loans in the underlying Qualitas Funds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As at 26 February 2024.

"QRI has a longstanding differentiated strategy to build a portfolio of high-quality CRE loans without leverage in the funds management platform. The Trust provides listed investors with access to an asset class previously available to institutional investors with deep pools of capital. QRI has democratised access to CRE private credit for all investor types and has allowed listed investors to participate in large CRE private credit investments alongside other Qualitas institutional and wholesale investors. It provides a unique proposition in the ASX300 and ASX300 A-REIT indices as the only MREIT."

"Looking ahead, QRI is well positioned to capitalise on the opportunities emerging and we remain uncompromisingly disciplined in our deployment as we value the trust investors have placed in us."

## Market briefing

QRI's market briefing is at 10:00am (AEDT) today, 29 February 2024 and will be presented by Mark Power (Head of Income Credit).

#### Webcast

Please use the following link to access the webcast presentation: <a href="https://webcast.openbriefing.com/qri-hyr-2024/">https://webcast.openbriefing.com/qri-hyr-2024/</a>

## Teleconference

For participants who prefer to dial-in to the presentation, please use the following link to preregister for the call and access dial-in details:

https://s1.c-conf.com/diamondpass/10036257-hf876t.html.

A replay of the webcast will be available on the <u>QRI website</u> under the performance updates and financials section.

For any additional information please contact the QRI Investor Relations team on +61 3 9612 3939 or via email at <a href="mailto:qri@qualitas.com.au">qri@qualitas.com.au</a>.

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

The Qualitas Real Estate Income Fund (**Trust** or **QRI**) seeks to provide monthly income 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.<sup>4</sup>

For further information on QRI, <u>visit our website</u> and <u>follow us on LinkedIn</u> for the latest news and insights.

### **About QRI Manager Pty Ltd**

QRI Manager Pty Ltd is the Manager of the Trust and is wholly owned by the Qualitas Group (**Qualitas**). Qualitas Limited is an ASX-listed Australian alternative real estate investment manager with circa A\$8.1 billion<sup>5</sup> of committed funds under management.

Qualitas matches global capital with access to attractive risk adjusted investments in real estate private credit and real estate private equity through a range of investment solutions for institutional, wholesale and retail clients. Qualitas offers flexible capital solutions for its partners, creating long-term value for shareholders, and the communities in which it operates.

For 15 years Qualitas Group has been investing through market cycles to finance assets with a combined value of over A\$21 billion<sup>6</sup> across all real estate sectors. Qualitas focuses on real estate private credit, opportunistic real estate private equity, income producing commercial real estate and build-to-rent residential. The broad platform, complementary debt and equity investing skillset, deep industry knowledge, long-term partnerships, and diverse and inclusive team provides a unique offering in the market to accelerate business growth and drive performance for shareholders.

## 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 135 years and is an Australian public company that has been listed on the ASX for over 55 years.

#### **Investor Queries**

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> There is no guarantee the Trust will meet its Investment Objective. The payment of monthly cash income is a goal of the Trust only.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As at 31 December 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> As at 30 June 2023.

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