



### ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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# **CORRECTION TO MEDIA ARTICLES**

The Trust Company (RE Services) Limited (ABN 45 003 278 831) (**Responsible Entity**), part of Perpetual Limited, is the responsible entity for each of the:

- Metrics Master Income Trust ARSN 620 465 090 (MXT)
- Metrics Income Opportunities Trust ARSN 631 320 628 (MOT); and
- Metrics Real Estate Multi-Strategy Fund (MRE), a stapled structure consisting of the Metrics Real Estate Multi-Strategy Passive Trust ARSN 679 413 293 and the Metrics Real Estate Multi-Strategy Active Trust ARSN 679 413 695,

(MXT, MOT, MRE together the Funds)

The Responsible Entity wishes to issue a clarification as to matters that have been reported in recent media articles in respect of a loan asset to which each of MXT, MOT and MRE were previously indirectly exposed as a result of units held by these funds in the MCP Real Estate Debt Fund (**REDF**).

Certain media articles have suggested that Metrics Credit Partners Pty Ltd (**Metrics**), the investment manager of each Fund as well as certain underlying funds to which the Funds are exposed, following the default of a borrower on its loan, has been forced to assume control of a \$750 million real estate construction project in inner-city Melbourne.

The Responsible Entity wishes to clarify the following:

- Perpetual Corporate Trust Limited in its capacity as custodian for the trustee of MCP Real Estate Debt Fund (REDF) provided a land loan (Loan) which was senior secured and included, as part of standard security arrangements for such a loan, a first registered mortgage over various properties (Property). The aggregated area of the future development site, which was the subject of the security, comprises an area in excess of 14,000m<sup>2</sup> of predominately vacant land and benefits from certain planning permits for the future potential construction of 6 separate buildings on the land;
- The \$41 million Loan represented a loan to value ratio of approximately 60% against the independent assessed market value at the time the loan was originally provided to the borrower in 2022. The loan amount outstanding on the repayment date in December 2024 increased as a result of the accrual of interest and fees less funds that were repaid via the introduction of a new subordinated loan facility provided by another third-party lender to the borrower;
- at no point has any commitment been provided by any Metrics fund in relation to the provision of additional funding for the proposed future development or construction of buildings on this land;
- following a default on the Loan, receivers were appointed and enforced on the security held and a sales process was conducted;
- prior to completion of the acquisition, a number of independent third-party valuations were obtained which provided valuations in the range of \$50 million to \$71 million;
- Metrics and its associates manage a number of funds, including individual institutional mandates, which have the investment mandate to invest in commercial real estate equity;
- A number of these funds, including funds to which MOT has an indirect exposure in line with its investment mandate, contributed equity to establish a special purpose corporate entity which

bid in the sale process managed by the receiver and successfully acquired the Property for a purchase price of \$53.350 million (excluding GST);

• the loan principal, interest, fees, exit fees and costs owing by the defaulted borrower to REDF were repaid in full from the sale proceeds.

At no time did REDF enter into a facility to finance the construction of this project and it was not forced to take control of a construction project. Under the action taken, REDF recovered 100% of the amounts owed to it under the loan facility.

Metrics confirms that the governance process which included the appointment of independent parties to manage the enforcement and sales process was undertaken in strict compliance with obligations under s420A of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

The assets held in all Funds are subject to daily unit pricing which is disclosed to investors and released to the ASX each day. All financial results in relation to these transactions have been taken to account in the Funds' financial accounts and disclosed in the calculation of the daily unit price. There has been no impact on distributions paid and Metrics funds reflect the correctly assessed carrying values of its assets with the carrying value of the acquired property assets held at the acquisition cost.

Metrics confirms that all income generated from the Loan has been distributed to investors and assets held are subject to the usual monthly independent assessment of market pricing and impairment testing as disclosed in the Product Disclosure Statements of each of the respective Funds.

### Authorised for release by the Responsible Entity.

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#### Disclaimer

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Before making an investment decision about any Fund, individuals should read and consider the product disclosure statement for:

- MXT lodged with the ASX on 24 January 2020 and supplementary product disclosure statement lodged with the ASX on 12 March 2020;
- MOT lodged with the ASX on 10 February 2022; and
- MRE dated 2 September 2024 and lodged with the ASX as at 14 October 2024,

(each, a **PDS**), carefully and in its entirety, consider the appropriateness of the information and whether an investment in the relevant Fund is appropriate having regard to their objectives, financial situation and needs, and obtain advice from an appropriate financial adviser. Each PDS is available at (for MXT) <u>www.metrics.com.au/mxt/</u>, (for MOT) <u>www.metrics.com.au/mxt/</u>, and (for MRE) <u>www.metrics.com.au/MRE</u>

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