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# **UPDATE TO MARKET**

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# Delivering clear growth

#### Strategic goals:



**Corporate portfolios** – In FY20 four resolutions achieved in the building and construction portfolio. Four case resolutions in aviation portfolio



**Third-Party fund** - immediate scale with first close of US\$150 million



**Strategic alliance** - performance of existing global law firm alliance. Entered into second alliance in Australia



**Smoothing of earnings** - larger capital base allowing more investments and larger portfolios, combined with shorter life assigned claims will have the effect of smoothing LCM revenue line over time 9-year portfolio ROIC 134%

9-year cumulative portfolio IRR 78%

522

applications received of which

3.5% passed due diligence



# Current portfolio of direct investments

Current Portfolio as at 30 June 2020 (A\$ millions)

## \$95 million

Direct investment<sup>2</sup> portfolio

\$48 million<sup>3</sup>

LCM co-investment<sup>4</sup>

### \$57 million<sup>5</sup>

Funded

# **\$86 million**<sup>5</sup> to be deployed





#### Portfolio by industry sector (number of projects)



#### **Portfolio by region** (estimated A\$ capital commitment)<sup>1</sup>





<sup>1</sup>Capital commitment denotes the total estimated budget of the portfolio of projects <sup>2</sup>Direct investment denotes the Group's investments made 100% on-balance sheet

4 <sup>3</sup>US\$32 million

<sup>4</sup>Co-investment denotes the Group's direct investment into the matters funded together with the LCM Global Alternative Returns Fund <sup>5</sup>As at 8 July 2020, the 30 June 2020 position reflects the best preliminary estimate and is not finalised. The final figures will be disclosed in the FY20 Annual Report and may increase

# LCM Global Alternative Returns Fund

Balances as at first close on 30 June 2020 (A\$ millions)

**47%** Committed

#### \$106 million<sup>2</sup>

Fund capital commitment<sup>1</sup>

**\$119 million**<sup>3</sup> Available fund capital

#### Total Portfolio by industry sector (estimated A\$ capital commitment)<sup>1</sup>



# Total Portfolio by capital commitment

(estimated A\$ capital commitment)<sup>1</sup>



# Third party fund commitments

(estimated A\$ capital commitment)<sup>1</sup>



Committed to projects - \$106mAvailable capital - \$119m



<sup>1</sup>Capital commitment denotes the total estimated budget of the portfolio of projects as at 30 June 2020

5 <sup>2</sup>US\$71 million <sup>3</sup>US\$79 million

## Developments during the quarter ending 30 June 2020



#### **Increased demand**

LCM has observed an increase in demand for its disputes financing solutions as global economies experience instability

#### **Counter-cyclical impact**

Demand reflects the countercyclical nature of the litigation finance industry

#### **Increased commitment**

As a demonstration of that increased demand, LCM has:

- Committed \$84m during the last quarter
- Committed LCM Global Alternatives Return Fund to 47% of its capacity since the first close in March 2020



# **COVID-19: operational impact**

- The impact of COVID-19 across LCM's operations has had limited effect
- LCM moved quickly and comfortably to remote operations using its cloud-based digital networks across jurisdictions
- In many respects, LCM has operated as effectively and efficiently during this period as pre COVID-19
- LCM is observing, and expects to observe, continued positive effects upon its three investment strategies



# **Update: Single-case investments**

- We are already observing a change in sentiment from the corporate users of litigation finance products by:
  - preserving their own capital for core business
  - looking for alternative methods of meeting disputes spend
- This translates into increased demand for both single-case investments and LCM's corporate portfolio solutions





# **Update: Corporate portfolios**

Having operated through both the final years of the Asian credit crisis and the Global Financial Crisis in 2008, LCM has observed that during periods of economic instability there is a general increase in the number of disputes. As such:

- Corporates tend to preserve balance sheet cash for core operations and are far less likely to utilise their own capital towards the financing of disputes
- LCM's disputes financing solutions are a key solution for those corporates involved in or contemplating disputes finance to preserve their capital



# Update: Acquisition of claims

## **Insolvency and restructuring**

- Global economic conditions and industry forecasts suggest that there will be a significant increase in insolvency events
- Examples have already occurred including Virgin Australia Airlines, Hertz, JC Penney, Neiman Marcus, Debenhams, TM Lewin, Victoria's Secret UK and Antler
- LCM has a long history and deep experience in funding insolvencies globally from large disputes through to smaller disputes and the acquisition of claims
- We anticipate a significant increase in applications from those sectors in the near future which will extend for a number of years thereafter
- LCM has longstanding and deep referral relationships in the jurisdictions in which it operates to benefit from those opportunities



# **Update: Portfolio maturation**



- The immediate effect of COVID-19 on existing investments has been predominantly felt in the jurisdiction of Australia because:
  - LCM's oldest and most advanced investments are in the Australian jurisdiction
  - In relation to disputes which are approaching a final adjudication, the courts have struggled with seamless implementation of digital hearings
  - Whilst the legal system moved quickly, the hearings have taken longer than expected as the courts and practitioners grappled with new technology
  - This has caused the resolution of a small number of our Australian investments to be pushed into the next financial period
  - That does not result in any lost revenue, but rather the shifting of revenue from one financial reporting period to the next
- The effect of delays in the court system are unlikely to continue as courts become more familiar with digital hearings which are now largely a permanent part of the judicial system
- LCM fully expects those shifted revenues to be picked up in the following financial period

