# PERPETUAL CREDIT INCOME TRUST

**ASX: PCI** 

# Investment update

# **July 2025**

# Investment objective

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

# Portfolio snapshot

As at 31 July 2025	Amount
ASX unit price	\$1.180
NTA per unit 1	\$1.096

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.

# **Investment performance**<sup>3</sup>

Key information					
As at 31 July 2025					
ASX code:	PCI				

Structure: Listed Investment Trust

Market capitalisation: \$574 million
Units on issue: 486,718,763
Distributions: Monthly

Listing date:

Management costs: 0.88% p.a. <sup>2</sup>

Manager Perpetual Investment
Management Limited

Responsible Entity: Perpetual Trust Services

Limited

14 May 2019

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Estimate inclusive of net effect of GST.

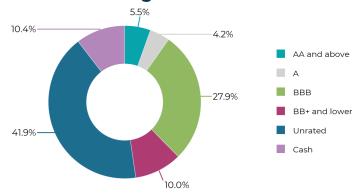
As at 31 July 2025	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs p.a.	5 yrs p.a.	Since incep. p.a.
PCI Investment Portfolio (net)	0.8%	2.4%	3.6%	7.5%	8.3%	6.6%	5.5%
Target Return <sup>4</sup>	0.6%	1.8%	3.7%	7.7%	7.4%	5.8%	5.5%
Distribution Return	0.7%	2.0%	3.8%	8.4%	7.7%	6.1%	5.6%
RBA Cash Rate	0.3%	1.0%	2.0%	4.3%	4.0%	2.4%	2.1%

<sup>3</sup> 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.

# **Portfolio summary**

As at 31 July 2025	Amount
Number of holdings	154
Number of issuers	91
Running yield	6.7%
Portfolio weighted average life	2.9 years
Interest rate duration	53 days

# Ratings breakdown



Source: Standard & Poor's and Perpetual Asset Management Australia. Data is as at 31 July 2025. All figures are unaudited and approximate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 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.

## **Distributions CPU** 5

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

As at 31 July 2025	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	FYTD
FY2025	0.68	0.69	0.69	0.68	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.66	0.69	0.68	0.68	0.76	8.28
FY2026	0.68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.68

<sup>5</sup> 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.



<sup>^</sup> Source: Bloomberg and Perpetual Asset Management Australia. Data is as at 31 July 2025. All figures are unaudited and approximate. Allocations may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

# **Portfolio Update**

July saw risk assets including credit and equities rally despite US trade concerns and uncertainty around the path of monetary policy easing. Domestic and US equities reached all-time highs, supported by robust corporate earnings results while domestic credit spreads rallied.

Credit spreads narrowed over July while trading in a relatively tight range. The contraction in spreads reflected primary market supply and demand dynamics alongside a broader risk-on sentiment with domestic and global equities also rallying. The Trust's allocation to subordinated offshore bank paper performed well with issues from HSBC, Credit Agricole, Barclays and BNP Paribas all contributing. Subordinated bank spreads rallied over the month, supported by subdued primary supply with the spread between tier 2 and senior bank paper compressing. Elsewhere, securitised sectors and domestic financials also contributed.

The Trust continues to collect a healthy premium above the RBA cash rate, predominantly attributable to non-financial corporates—including private loans—and securitised sectors. At month end, the Trust's running yield was 6.7%. The domestic yield curve flattened marginally over the month as long term yields fell despite elevated volatility early in July. The Reserve Bank of Australia defied market expectations, remaining on hold in July when a rate cut was more than 90% priced in, precipitating a sharp move higher in yields before normalising. The RBA cited upcoming Q2 inflation data as a key consideration for their next meeting, noting that inflation risks were balanced while the labour market "remains strong". At month end, futures markets had fully priced in an August rate cut.

The Manager was active in primary and secondary markets during July, adding exposure to domestic and offshore banks. The Trust increased allocation to domestic regional banks, adding a number of Bank of Queensland and Bendigo and Adelaide Bank lines in secondary. While the Manager remains selective in adding new issues to the portfolio, the Trust was able to take advantage of new issue concessions to quickly turnaround new issues from Port of Newcastle and explosives manufacturer Dyno Nobel for profit during July.

Our proprietary credit outlook score improved to positive in mid-July before declining to end the month with a neutral reading. While technical indicators are providing a near term tailwind, growth indicators continue to weigh on the outlook, reflecting uncertainty around US trade policy. Negative swap to bond spreads and soft primary market supply dynamics are also detracting from the outlook. The Trust remains defensively positioned while retaining the capacity to add risk where it is best rewarded and take advantage of relative opportunities in primary and secondary markets.

#### Investment objective

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

#### **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.



Greg Stock Head of Credit Research, Senior Portfolio Manager

Deputy Portfolio Manager: Perpetual Credit Income Trust Perpetual Pure Credit Alpha Fund

Greg has over 30 years' experience in investment management, accounting and risk management. He has researched and analysed credit markets on both the buy side and sell side for over a decade and through multiple cycles. His research role is broad, he covers the bank and financial sector and is a credit signatory.



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.

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