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This Target Market Determination (**TMD**) is required under section 994B of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (**Act**). It describes the class of consumers that comprises the target market for the Fund Product and matters relevant to the Fund Product's distribution and review (specifically, distribution conditions, triggers to review the target market and reporting requirements). Distributors must take reasonable steps that will, or are reasonably likely to, result in distribution of the Fund Product being consistent with the most recent TMD (unless the distribution is excluded conduct). It forms part of the Issuer's design and distribution arrangements for the Fund Product.

This document is not a product disclosure statement, and is not a summary of the product features or terms of the Fund Product. This document does not take into account any person's individual objectives, financial situation or needs. Consumers interested in acquiring this Fund Product should carefully read the Product Disclosure Statement (**PDS**) for the La Trobe Australian Credit Fund (**Fund**) before deciding whether to buy this Fund Product.

## **1. Product and Issuer Description**

Fund Product	La Trobe Australian Credit Fund – 6 Month Notice Account	
Issuer	La Trobe Financial Asset Management Limited AFSL 222213, ABN 27 007 332 363	
Fund Manager	La Trobe Financial Services Pty Limited ABN 30 006 479 527	
Fund ARSN	088 178 321	
APIR Code	LTC4034AU	
TMD Version	3.0	

## 2. Description of target market for the Fund Product

The Consumer Attributes column in the table below indicates a description of the likely objectives, financial situation and needs of the class of consumers that are considering this Fund Product.

Category	Consumer Attributes
Consumer's Investment Objective	The consumer seeks an investment which offers the following choices:
	monthly interest income based on a variable rate of return (determined monthly);
	interest income to be paid monthly or reinvested at their direction;
	low volatility of returns;
	access to predominantly loans secured by first mortgages with an emphasis on diversification across asset     location and sectors within Australia; and
	<ul> <li>investments in a range of asset types – cash, term deposits, bank bills, bonds issued by a State or Federal Government or an Australian financial institution, negotiable certificates of deposit, credit instruments, medium term credit assets secured by Australian residential and commercial real property, including Australian Residential Mortgage Backed Assets (RMBA) including those issued by La Trobe Financial, i.e. Australian Residential Mortgage Backed Securities (RMBS).</li> </ul>
Consumer Risk (ability to bear loss) and Return Profile	The consumer:
	can accept no guarantee of the return of their capital or that interest payments will be paid;
	can accept variable rates of return which may be less than the rate of return disclosed on the Issuer's website;
	can accept returns that depend on the performance of the underlying loan portfolio; and
	• is willing to accept the risk that the consumer may not be able to access their capital at the end of the 180 day notice period.
Consumer Financial Situation	• The consumer has sufficient funds to invest the minimum investment amount of \$10 consistent with the consumer's intended product use (see below).
Consumer's Investment Timeframe	• The consumer has an investment timeframe of at least 180 days from the date of receipt by the Issuer of the consumer's investment (minimum notice requirement).

Consumer's Need to Access Capital	The consumer accepts that access to their capital is possible in normal operating conditions, after giving 180 days notice (but the Issuer has up to 12 months to provide access in accordance with the Constitution of the Fund) and in other conditions, the Issuer may suspend withdrawals where the Issuer is reasonably of the view that it is necessary to do so in order for it to comply with its obligations under the Law. Notice requirements apply for withdrawal (refer to the PDS).		
	The Fund Product does not provide the consumer with the right of early withdrawal of some or all of their funds invested in the Fund Product.		
		an early withdrawal request from a consumer facing exceptional nes to transfer their investment into a longer term investment in	
Consumer's Intended Product	Solution/Standalone (up to 100%)	Not in target market	
Use (% of Investable Assets <sup>1</sup> )	Major allocation (up to 75%)	Not in target market	
	Core component (up to 50%)	In target market	
	Minor allocation (up to 25%)	In target market	
	Satellite/Small Allocation (up to 10%)	In target market	
	Solution/Standalone		
	The consumer may hold the investment as up to 100% of their total investable assets <sup>1</sup> . The consumer is likely to seek a product with very high portfolio diversification <sup>2</sup> .		
	Major allocation		
	The consumer may hold the investment as up to 75% of their total investable assets <sup>1</sup> . The consumer is likely to seek a product with at least high portfolio diversification <sup>2</sup> .		
	Core Component		
	The consumer may hold the investment as up to 50%, of their total investable assets <sup>1</sup> . The consumer is likely to seek a product with at least medium portfolio diversification <sup>2</sup> .		
	Minor allocation		
	The consumer may hold the investment as up to 25%, of their total investable assets <sup>1</sup> . The consumer is likely to seek a product with at least low portfolio diversification <sup>2</sup> .		
	Satellite /Small allocation		
	The consumer may hold the investment as up to 10% of their total investable assets <sup>1</sup> . The consumer may seek a product with very low portfolio diversification <sup>2</sup> . Products classified as extremely high risk are likely to meet this category only.		
Consumers for whom the Fund	This Fund Product may not be suitable for consumers who:		
Product may be unsuitable	have an intended product use indicated as 'Not in target market' above;		
	• are seeking a capital guaranteed investment or who do not have the ability to bear any loss;		
	require a fixed rate of return on their investment;		
	• want to invest in a bank deposit or a term deposit with a bank or benefit from Australian Government's deposit guarantee scheme (the Financial Claims Scheme); or		
	• are seeking access to some or all of their funds upon request		

#### **Investable Assets**

1. Investable Assets means those assets that the consumer has available for investment, excluding the residential home.

#### Portfolio diversification

2. Very High: The product provides exposure to a large number of holdings across a broad range of asset classes, sectors and geographic markets with limited correlation to each other.

High: The product provides exposure to a large number of holdings (for example, over 50 securities) in multiple broad asset classes, sectors or geographic markets (for example, global equities).

Medium: The product provides exposure to a moderate number of holdings (for example, up to 50 securities) in at least one broad asset class, sector or geographic market (for example, Australian fixed income securities or global natural resources).

Low: The product provides exposure to a small number of holdings (for example, fewer than 25 securities) or a narrow asset class, sector or geographic market (for example, a single major commodity (e.g. gold) or equities from a single emerging market economy).

Very Low: The product provides exposure to a single asset (for example, a commercial property) or a niche asset class (for example, minor commodities, crypto-assets or collectibles).

# 3. Consistency of Fund Product's features with consumer attributes of Target Market

The Issuer has assessed the Fund Product and formed the view that the Fund Product, including its key attributes summarised below, is likely to be consistent with the likely objectives, financial situation and needs of consumers in the target market, as the features of this Fund Product, including its key attributes, summarised below are likely to be suitable for consumers with the attributes summarised in Section 2 above.

Category	Product Description including key attributes
Consumer's Investment Objective	<ul> <li>The Fund Product:</li> <li>aims to pay monthly interest income based on a variable rate of return (determined monthly);</li> <li>provides consumers with a choice of how interest income can be received, either: <ul> <li>directly credited to a bank account nominated by the consumer generally within 14 days after the end of each month; or</li> <li>reinvestment of interest into the Fund Product or the Classic Notice Account, 90 Day Notice Account or, the 12 Month Term Account or 2 Year Account (provided the consumer has an existing investment in the 12 Month Term or 2 Year Accounts);</li> <li>aims to provide investors with a reasonably stable and predictable income; and</li> <li>is invested predominately in loans secured by first mortgages;</li> <li>also has an allocation of investments in cash, term deposits, bank bills, bonds issued by a State or Federal Government or an Australian financial institution, negotiable certificates of deposit, credit instruments, medium term credit assets secured by Australian residential and commercial real property, including Australian Residential Mortgage Backed Assets including those issued by La Trobe Financial, i.e. Australian Residential Mortgage Backed Securities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Consumer Risk (ability to bear loss) and Return Profile	<ul> <li>The Issuer considers that the portfolio holdings of diversified first mortgages and an allocation to cash and deposits is supportive of ongoing, monthly income characterised by low volatility of returns.</li> <li>The Issuer considers the Fund Product: <ul> <li>has an indicative risk level (refer to PDS) of Low<sup>3</sup> (that is, over any 20-year period, the Issuer considers that the Fund Product is likely to experience between 0.5 and less than 1 year of negative annual returns);</li> <li>does not guarantee the return of capital after giving 180 days notice or thereafter (in full or in part);</li> <li>does not guarantee that interest payments will be paid to consumers;</li> <li>may provide variable rates of return which may be less than the rate of return disclosed on the Issuer's website;</li> <li>has a risk profile that depends on the performance of the underlying investments;</li> <li>has medium portfolio diversification (see Section 2 above); and</li> <li>may lead consumers to lose some of their invested capital.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Consumer's Financial Situation	The Fund Product has a minimum investment amount of \$10.
Consumer's Investment Timeframe	The consumer has a minimum investment timeframe of at least 180 days from the date of receipt by the Issuer of the consumer's investment (minimum notice requirement). The Issuer will make every endeavour to release investor funds 180 days after receiving the consumer's request however the Issuer has 12 months under the Fund's Constitution to honour that request.
Consumer's need to access capital	The Fund Product does not provide the consumer with the right of early withdrawal of some or all of their funds invested in the Fund Product. The Issuer may, <b>at its discretion</b> , consider an early withdrawal request from a consumer facing exceptional circumstances to withdraw part or whole of their investment prior to the expiry of the 180 day notice period but only where the Fund is liquid or where the consumer wishes to transfer their investment into other accounts of the Fund (other than the Classic Notice Account and the 90 Day Notice Account).
Consumer's Intended Product Use	The Issuer considers the Fund Product has medium diversification (see Section 2 above). The consumer may hold the investment as up to 50% of their total investable assets.
Consumers for whom the Fund Product may be unsuitable	<ul> <li>This Fund Product:</li> <li>does not guarantee any investment result, the return of capital, interest payments to consumers or liquidity;</li> <li>pays a variable rate of return; and</li> <li>is not a bank deposit or a term deposit, and is not covered by the Australian Government's deposit guarantee scheme (the Financial Claims Scheme).</li> </ul>

3. The Joint ASFA/FSC Guidance Paper on Standard Risk Measures provides a seven-level classification system intended to provide granularity to investors. The Standard Risk Measure is not a complete assessment of risk and potential loss. For example, it does not detail important issues such as the potential size of a negative return (including under conditions of market stress) or that a positive return could still be less than a consumer requires to meet their investment objectives/needs. The SRM methodology may be supplemented by other risk factors.

Distributors this condition applies to	Distribution Conditions	Distribution condition rationale
Issuer - Direct to Consumer	The Issuer's distribution and sales staff and Authorised Representatives of the Issuer are required to be properly trained in DDO and undergo at least annual training.	This distribution condition will make it more likely that the Issuer's sales or distribution staff or Authorised Representatives will identify if a consumer is not within the target market.
Issuer - Marketing	No Fund Product marketing, advertising or promotional materials may be sent or made available by the Issuer unless the Issuer has completed an external communications compliance checklist.	The Issuer has assessed that this distribution condition is likely to result in distribution to consumers who are likely to be in the target market because distributors using this promotional material will not be promoting the Fund Product in a way tha could misrepresent the Fund Product or likely direct marketing to potential consumers outside the target market.
Third-Party Distribution	Legal Obligations	Legal Obligations
(including Investment Platforms)	All third-party distributors must meet all ongoing regulatory and disclosure obligations relating to their position in the market. Financial advisers are also required to hold an	In relation to Investment Platforms and financial advisers, the Issuer has assessed that this distribution condition is likely to result in distribution to consumers who are likely to be in the target market because:
	Australian Financial Services License or maintain an appointment as a representative authorised to engage in activities on behalf of a financial services licensee as part of the Issuer's accreditation requirements.	<ul> <li>The issuer of each platform or approved product has its own obligations as a distributor to take reasonable steps that will or are reasonably likely to result in retail product distribution conduct being consistent with this TMD;</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>The Issuer has an arrangement with each platform provider governing their relationship noting that platform providers, as distributors, are required to take reasonable steps that will, or are likely to, result in distribution of the Fund Product being consistent with its TMD; and</li> </ul>
		• Where investments are placed under advice, the standard advice documentation process (ie the provision of advice to the consumer) will be followed.
	Marketing, Advertising & Promotion	Marketing, Advertising & Promotion
	Third-party distributors may not use marketing, advertising or promotional materials that are inconsistent with the Issuer's issued materials.	The Issuer has assessed that this distribution condition is likely to result in distribution to consumers who are likely to be in the target market because distributors using promotional material will not be promoting the Fund Product in a way that could misrepresent the Fund Product or likely direct marketing to potential consumers outside the target market.
	Distribution Agreement	Distribution Agreement
	Where a third-party distributor has entered into a distribution agreement with the Issuer, each third-party distributor must meet on an ongoing basis the Issuer's accreditation requirements and referrers and authorised representatives must comply with their respective distribution agreement with the Issuer.	The Issuer has assessed that this distribution condition is likely to result in distribution to consumers who are likely to be in the target market because requiring distributors to comply with relevant conditions of distribution aims to reinforce to the distributor that the Issuer is committed to its compliance with the DDO regime.

# 4. Distribution conditions/restrictions

## 5. Reviewing this TMD

This TMD will be reviewed on:

- a scheduled basis with reviews to be completed before the end of the maximum period for review specified below; and
- where a Review Trigger (as defined below) has occurred.

#### Mandatory TMD review periods

Reporting requirements	Maximum period for review	
Initial review	Not applicable	
Subsequent Review	18 January 2025, being 1 year and 3 months from the date of the previous TMD review.	

Note: The review period allows for the collection of data for 12 months, plus three months for the completion of the review.

#### **Review Triggers**

The events and circumstances described below (Review Triggers) will also require a review of this TMD:

- material change to the terms or attributes of the Fund Product which the Issuer reasonably considers indicates that this TMD is no longer appropriate;
- where and when the Fund Product is not being distributed and purchased as envisaged by this TMD which the Issuer reasonably considers indicates that this TMD is no longer appropriate;
- an event or circumstance that would materially change a factor considered in making the TMD for the Fund Product which the Issuer reasonably considers indicates that this TMD is no longer appropriate;
- reporting from distributors of one or more 'significant dealings', multiple distributors of 'significant dealing' (see section 6 below) in the Fund Product or numerous reports from one distributor of 'significant dealings' in the Fund Product which the Issuer reasonably considers indicates that this TMD is no longer appropriate;
- determination by the Issuer of a 'significant dealing' (see section 6 below) in the Fund Product which the Issuer reasonably considers indicates that this TMD is no longer appropriate;
- material or unexpectedly high number of complaints (as defined in section 994A(1) of the Act) about the Fund Product or the distribution of the Fund Product which the Issuer reasonably considers indicates that this TMD is no longer appropriate;
- a reportable situation (as defined in section 912D of the Act) has been reported in relation to the design or distribution of the Fund Product and which the Issuer reasonably considers indicates that the TMD may no longer be appropriate;
- regulatory inquiry by AFCA, ASIC or another regulatory authority as to the design or distribution of the Fund Product which the Issuer reasonably considers indicates that this TMD is no longer appropriate; and/or
- the use by ASIC or other regulators of Product Intervention Powers, regulatory orders or directions that affect the Fund Product which the Issuer reasonably considers indicates that this TMD is no longer appropriate.

The above Review Triggers do not limit the Issuer's obligations under section 994C(3)(ii) of the Act. When a review trigger has occurred, this TMD will be reviewed within 10 business days.

# 6. Reporting and monitoring this TMD

The following reporting requirements apply to all distributors of the Fund Product:

Reporting requirements	Reporting period
Where the distributor is aware or ought to reasonably be aware, it should report on each 'significant dealing' outside of the target market, under section 994F(6) of the Act (see guidance below) by completing the Notification of Significant Dealing Form and submitting it to: targetmarketdistribution@latrobefinancial.com.au.	As soon as practicable but no later than 10 business days after the distributor becomes aware of the 'significant dealing'.
<ul> <li>Distributors must report to the Issuer (at targetmarketdistribution@latrobefinancial.com.au):</li> <li>if required by law, whether the distributor received complaints in relation to the Fund Product during the reporting period;</li> <li>the number of complaints it received; and</li> <li>include, with its report, a copy of each complaint (as defined in section 994A(1) of the Act) (to the extent permitted under privacy and other laws), or where this is not possible, report on the content of each complaint.</li> </ul>	On a quarterly basis and for each quarter as soon as practicable but no later than 10 business days following the end of the quarter.

Section 994F(6) of the Act requires distributors to notify the Issuer if they become aware of a significant dealing in the product that is not consistent with the TMD. Neither the Act nor ASIC defines when a dealing is 'significant' and distributors have discretion to apply its ordinary meaning.

The Issuer will rely on notifications of significant dealings to monitor and review the Fund Product, this TMD, and its distribution strategy, and to meet its own obligation to report significant dealings to ASIC.

Dealings outside this TMD may be significant because:

• they represent a material proportion of the overall distribution conduct carried out by the distributor in relation to the Fund Product, or

• they constitute an individual transaction which has resulted in, or will or is likely to result in, significant detriment to the consumer (or class of consumer).

In determining whether a 'significant dealing' has occurred, La Trobe Financial expects that the following non-exhaustive list of factors may be relevant for distributors:

- the nature and risk profile of the Fund Product;
- whether a consumer outside of the target market has acquired the Fund Product; and/or
- the extent to which the acquisition of the Fund Product by the consumer outside of the target market has the potential to harm or has caused harm (including the amount of any financial loss); and/or
- the nature and extent to which the distribution of the Fund Product is inconsistent with the TMD.

The above list is not exhaustive and distributors should consider, having regard to the circumstances of their business, whether other factors or events may suggest that a significant dealing has occurred. A significant dealing may be identified through the distributor's product governance arrangements, as a result of a consumer complaint or the occurrence of a Review Trigger.

## 7. Contact Us

Please contact the Issuer at targetmarketdistribution@latrobefinancial.com.au with any questions or feedback with respect to this TMD.

Historial versions of this TMD and the Notice of Significant Dealing Form are available at https://latrobefinancial.com.au/investments/investment-solutions/tmd/.

## 8. Disclaimer

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