

## **La Trobe Financial's Chief Lending Officer receives prestigious Mortgage Global Top 100 award**

**Wednesday, 17 November 2021** – Mortgage Global Top 100 recognises La Trobe Financial's Chief Lending Officer Cory Bannister, for the third consecutive year. This award recognises leadership in the industry for exceptional talent in making a positive difference and helping drive change across the sector.

The assessment for these awards includes making an incredible advancement within their own organisation, the industry, associations and also championing the key issues confronted by the industry.

Cory Bannister commented, "It's an honour to be recognised as a Mortgage Global Top 100, and I am very humbled to receive such a prestigious award. We believe that today, more than ever, the non-bank sector plays a pivotal role in supporting the financial needs of Australians."

"La Trobe Financial was established in 1952 to provide superior service for the under-served market and it has been inspiring to see the dedication of our 470 staff throughout the pandemic period. Despite the challenging environment, the team have remained utterly focused on assisting our customers. For me, it is a privilege to serve alongside them."

"You need a team to help drive change, and together we are making a genuine difference to people's lives. It's the reason that we are in this business. Our team are experienced, deeply knowledgeable and above all, they care. They are truly committed and I'd like to dedicate this award to them", Bannister added.

La Trobe Financial is one of Australia's longest standing credit Asset Managers. With seven decades of experience, La Trobe Financial has been built and refined over time and that is the reason we are able to offer one of Australia's broadest product ranges in this sector. La Trobe Financial has shown remarkable innovation especially in the new products it has developed, often as a market leader. The strong management DNA gives it a culture of openness, transparency and accountability borne from years of scrutiny.

### **About La Trobe Financial**

Established in 1952 and with \$13.5 billion of assets under management, La Trobe Financial is one of Australia's oldest credit asset managers, specialising in credit investment solutions and real estate finance. La Trobe Financial has been a proven and trusted investment partner for institutional and retail investors for seven decades, operating Australia's largest retail Credit Fund with over \$6.5 billion in assets under management and 55,000 retail investors. La Trobe Financial has 5,100 distribution points across its two divisional arms - Wealth products are distributed through 1,600 advice practices and real estate credit finance is distributed through 3,500 brokers. La Trobe Financial employs 470 staff over 4 offices.

La Trobe Financial is 80% owned by Blackstone and 20% owned by management.

The Blackstone Group Inc. (together with its affiliates, "Blackstone") is one of the world's leading investment firms. Blackstone is based in New York, with 27 additional offices around the world. Blackstone's alternative asset management businesses include investment vehicles focused on private equity, real estate, hedge fund solutions, credit, secondary funds, opportunistic, growth, infrastructure, insurance solutions and life sciences. The firm was founded in 1985 by Stephen A. Schwarzman, its current Chairman and CEO, and Peter G. Peterson. As of June 30, 2021, Blackstone employed over 3,400 people, including 185 senior managing directors and has US\$731 billion of AUM. Blackstone's 260 portfolio companies generate approximately \$136 billion in revenue and employ approximately 500,000 people.

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