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# Lendlease Group

*Rebuilding an iconic Australian company*

*Accelerate transition to a more focused, capital efficient business*



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# Executive Summary

# We believe LLC has the potential to become one of Australia's leading global success stories

## Company overview & background

- Lendlease Group (LLC) is an Australian real estate and construction company which operates a fully integrated (i.e. own, develop & manage) model across Australia, Asia, Europe and the Americas
- LLC is midway through a five-year strategic reset (2021 to 2026) under CEO Tony Lombardo after a prolonged and severe earnings downgrade cycle (2018 to current)
- LLC is seeking to transition to an investment led company with a higher quality recurring earnings base and much greater capital efficiency in its development segment

## Current situation

- Despite its rich history, LLC is the 5<sup>th</sup> worst performing ASX200 company over the last 30 years<sup>1</sup>, with the company consistently failing to achieve its return on equity target and sustainable EPS<sup>2</sup> growth (pages 3 & 4)
- We attribute LLC's poor shareholder returns over this period to suboptimal capital allocation and the company's overly complex and diversified conglomerate business model
- LLC's share price is currently trading close to 30-year lows which in our view reflects limited investor support and growing concerns that LLC will undertake a dilutive equity raising to repair its balance sheet (page 5)
- The current share price is implying extreme asset and profit write-downs which we believe are incongruent with comparable listed and private market valuations (page 6)

## HMC Capital Investment

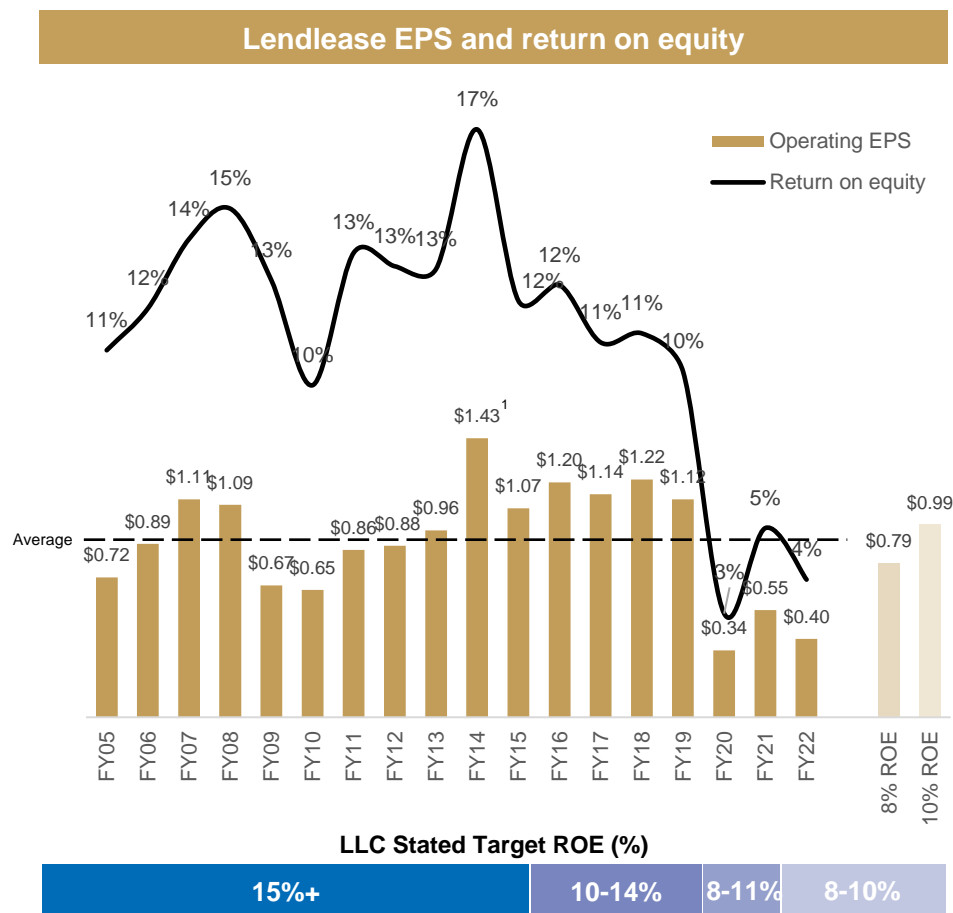
- HMC Capital (HMC)<sup>3</sup> has acquired a ~4% strategic stake in LLC at an average price below NTA backing<sup>3</sup>
- Despite the challenges currently facing LLC, we believe its shares are significantly undervalued (page 10)
- **While we broadly support the current CEO's strategy, we strongly believe LLC's transition to a more focused, high return on equity business needs to be accelerated and executed decisively (page 8)**

# Over the last three decades, LLC has been one of the most disappointing companies on the ASX<sup>1</sup>, based on shareholder returns

Total shareholder returns (TSR)			
		ASX200 <sup>1</sup>	A-REITs <sup>1</sup>
1 year	-13%	15%	5%
3 years	-27%	36%	29%
5 years	-52%	42%	21%
10 years	45%	123%	116%
20 years	114%	457%	182%
30 years	188%	1290%	740%

- LLC has materially underperformed the **S&P/ASX 200 & S&P/ASX A-REIT 200** accumulation indices over 1, 3, 5, 10, 20 and 30 years
- LLC's TSR of 188% over the past 30 years places it as the fifth worst ASX-listed<sup>2</sup> company over this period

# LLC has consistently failed to achieve its ROE targets and sustainable earnings per share growth



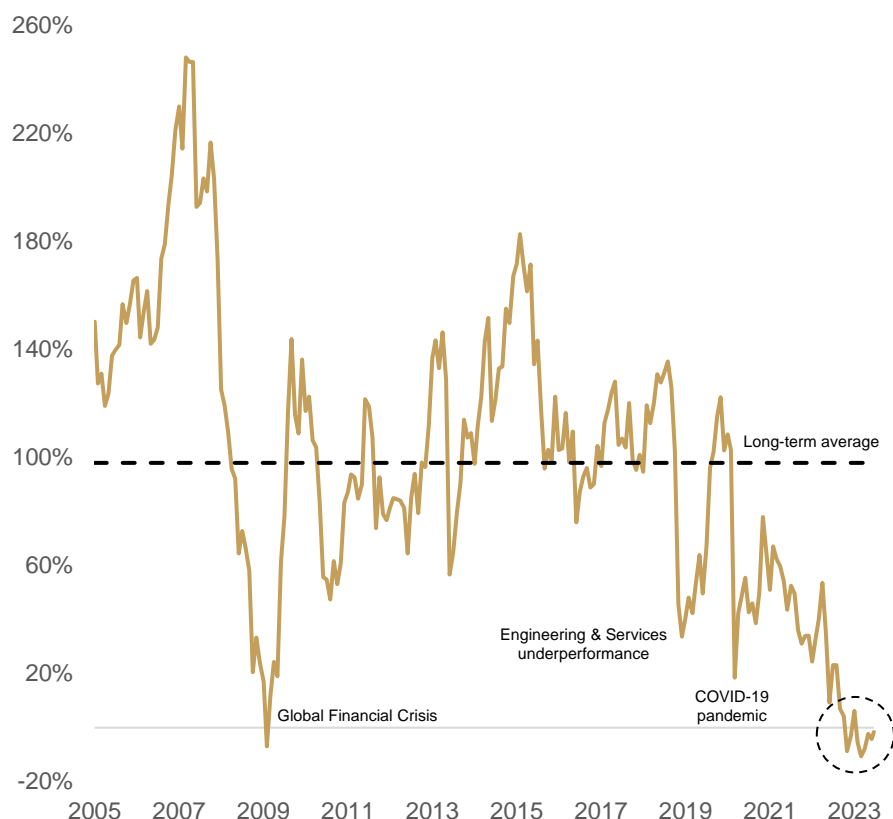
- We believe the primary reason LLC has failed to create long-term shareholder value can be attributed to its inability to sustainably grow earnings per share (EPS) over the past 20 years
- The company has also failed to consistently achieve its stated return on equity (ROE) targets, which have also been steadily reducing over the past two decades

Source: IRESS, company filings. As at 19 July 2023.

ROE based on dividing operating profit after tax over net assets at period end. FY17-22 EPS based on core business. 1. Significant one-off profit from Bluewater disposal.

# Significant value has emerged with the share price implying extreme profit and asset write-downs

Historical premium / (discount) to NTA per share



- LLC is currently trading at a **2% discount** to its net tangible assets (NTA) versus a historical average **premium of 98%**
- The only previous occasion LLC traded at a discount to NTA over the past 20 years was during the GFC which was short lived
- **NTA does not capture the value of LLC's funds management and construction businesses which generate ~\$300m<sup>1</sup> of EBITDA**

Source: IRESS, company filings. As at 19 July 2023.  
 1. Based on average Funds Management and Asset Management EBITDA and construction EBITDA over FY21 and FY22.

# Significant value has emerged with the share price implying extreme profit and asset write-downs

- We believe LLC is trading at a significant discount to its sum-of-the-parts valuation
- At the current share price, the market is pricing in extreme write-downs across LLC's investments and developments which are incongruent with comparable listed and private market valuations
- Development inventories are largely held on the balance sheet at the lower of cost or net realisable value which we believe is conservative and provides further valuation buffer

## What valuations do you need to believe to backsolve to the current share price?

	Book value (\$m)	EBITDA (\$m) <sup>1</sup>	Premium / discount (%)	Implied value	Comment
<b>Investments</b>	<b>5,037</b>		<b>-24%</b>	<b>3,846</b>	
Office	1,497		-50%	749	Office A-REITs trading at ~24% discount to book values <sup>5</sup>
Ardor Gardens, China	300 <sup>2</sup>		-40%	180	LLC looking to bring in capital partner at premium to book
Residual apartments	174		-40%	105	Predominantly unsold apartments at Lakeshore East, Chicago
Retail	200		-30%	140	Retail mall A-REITs trading at 12% discount to book values <sup>5</sup>
Retirement Living	535		-25%	401	Expected to sell at 5-10% discount to book value
Singapore REIT (SGX: JYEU)	519		-25%	389	LLC managed Singaporean REIT trading at 14% discount to NAV
Build to rent	530		-20%	424	US Apartment REITs trading at 12.6% discount to NAV <sup>6</sup>
Industrial	349		-10%	314	
Military Housing	212		n.a	423	Consistent with pricing of recent sell-down of asset management
Other	721		0%	721	
<b>Funds Management</b>		<b>126</b>	<b>7.4x</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>Represents 2% of FUM (\$47bn) vs 3% implied for CHC &amp; CNI<sup>7</sup></b>
<b>Development</b>	<b>5,542</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>5.5x</b>	<b>4,678</b>	<b>16% write-down to book value (lower of cost or net realisable value)</b>
<b>Construction</b>		<b>150</b>	<b>6.0x</b>	<b>900</b>	
Group services		-152	7.5x	-1,132	Excludes Jul-23 job cuts expected to deliver \$80-100m of annual savings
Net debt & provisions <sup>3</sup>	-3,874			-3,748 <sup>4</sup>	
Working capital	-1,128				
<b>Total equity (\$m)</b>	<b>5,577</b>			<b>5,470</b>	
<b>Equity value per share</b>	<b>\$8.09</b>			<b>\$7.94</b>	

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# Strategy Roadmap



# To reverse underperformance, LLC must go further and faster in delivery of its current strategic plan

- Our LLC investment is predicated on its competitively advantaged business model as the market leading owner, manager and developer of large-scale urban projects

## Proposed strategies to improve long-term shareholder returns

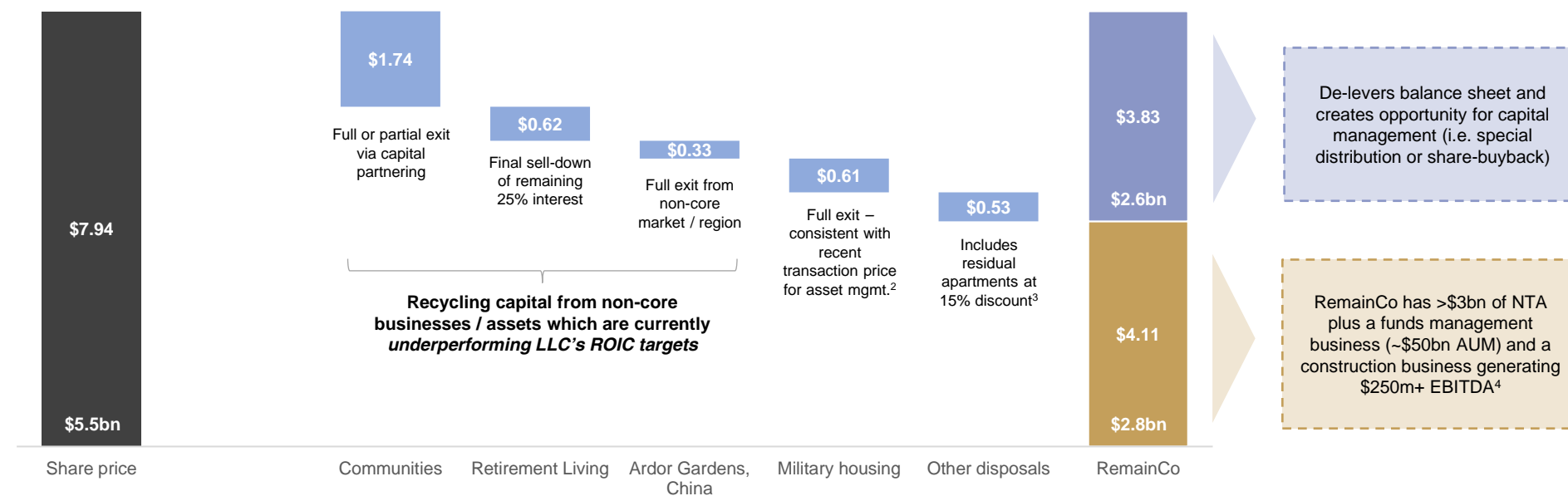
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>EXIT NON-CORE BUSINESSES</b></p>	<p><b>We want LLC to sell up to \$2.6bn of low ROE and low multiple investments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential Communities (up to 100%)</li> <li>Retirement Living (sale of remaining 25%)</li> <li>Military Housing (100% exit)</li> <li>Ardor Gardens, China (100% exit)</li> </ul> <p><b>Timeframe: 6-12 months</b></p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>RESET TARGETS</b></p>	<p><b>We want LLC to avoid compromising its balance sheet to hit its targets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reset &gt;\$8bn p.a production target post asset sales to more sustainable level</li> <li>Avoid capital intensive acquisitions to achieve \$70bn FUM target by FY26</li> </ul> <p><b>Timeframe: 6-12 months</b></p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>GEOGRAPHIC SIMPLIFICATION</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exit non-core markets (e.g. Shanghai, Malaysia, Milan)</li> <li>Reduce low margin 3<sup>rd</sup> party construction work in offshore markets</li> </ul> <p><b>Timeframe: 6-12 months</b></p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>RIGHT SIZE COST BASE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further reset of cost base following execution of steps 1, 2 &amp; 3 to improve focus, agility, and accountability as a more streamlined business</li> </ul> <p><b>Timeframe: 6-12 months</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>DOWNWEIGHT CONSTRUCTION</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over time consider options to reduce exposure to construction division (e.g. demerger with a significant retained holding)</li> </ul> <p><b>Timeframe: 12-24 months</b></p>

## Why?

- ✓ Increased focus on core competency – large-scale urban regeneration projects
- ✓ Fortify balance sheet and avoid dilutive equity raising
- ✓ Greater focus on markets where LLC has real competitive advantages and scale
- ✓ Restore confidence in LLC’s ability to hit return targets
- ✓ Greater focus on higher quality / multiple earnings streams

# Accelerate non-core asset sales to reset balance sheet and streamline business

- Potential asset sales we have identified could realise up to \$2.6bn of proceeds and reduce exposure to low multiple and low return on equity investments
- We believe LLC should be decisive and focused in executing asset sales in order to de-lever the balance sheet and avoid another dilutive equity capital raising



<b>Proceeds (\$m)<sup>5</sup></b>	\$1,200m	\$428m	\$225m	\$423m	\$365m	\$2,642
<b>Premium to BV (%)</b>	20% <sup>1</sup>	-20%	-25%	100%	-8%	
<b>Process underway?</b>	✓	✓	✓	?	✓	

Source: Company filings, HMC Capital analysis

1. Estimated book value of \$1bn as at 31-Dec-22. Analysis assumes 100% exit at 20% premium to assumed book value. 2. Includes \$212m of LLC's equity interest in Military Housing business plus estimated value of LLC's 32% interest in the asset management income stream. 3. Includes assets already sold or currently held for sale. 4. Based on average Funds Management and Asset Management EBITDA and construction EBITDA over FY21 and FY22. 5. Gross estimated proceeds.

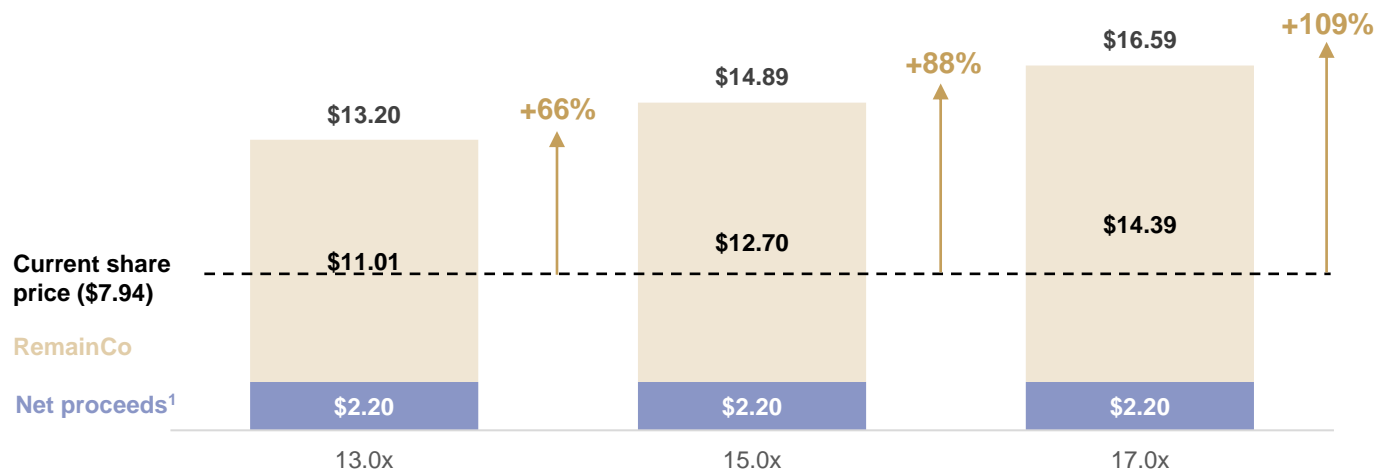
# Significant upside as a more focused and streamlined business

- If LLC can return to normalised level of profitability, significant shareholder value can be restored – with a potential share price of **~\$13.20** without a multiple re-rate
- We believe as a more focused business, LLC can command a higher P/E multiple which is more in-line with real estate fund manager peers (i.e. ~17x average<sup>1</sup> vs LLC historical average of ~13x<sup>2</sup>) – implying a share price of **~\$14.90 - \$16.60**

P/E Multiple	13.0x	15.0x	17.0x
RemainCo NPAT (normalised) (\$m) <sup>1</sup>	584	584	584
RemainCo equity value (\$m)	7,586	8,753	9,920
Net proceeds from asset sales (\$m)	1,514	1,514	1,514
<b>Total equity value (\$m)</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>10,267</b>	<b>11,434</b>

Refer to page 12 for more information

Based on gross proceeds of \$2.6bn less debt paydown of \$0.5bn, post-tax provisions of \$0.5bn<sup>3</sup> and assumed transaction costs of \$0.1bn



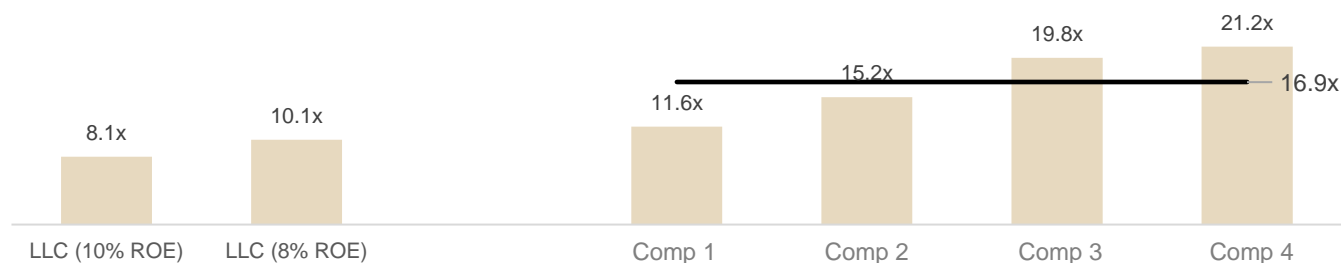
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# Supporting Information

## Comparable FY24 P/E Multiples<sup>1</sup>

### Implied P/E at target ROE



### Real Estate Fund Managers

## RemainCo assumptions (Normalised P&L)<sup>2</sup>

\$m	P&L	Balance sheet	Return assumptions	Comment
Investments	337	3,592	6.9%	6-9% target ROIC
Development	711	4,542	11.5%	10-13% target ROIC
Construction	150		2.5%	2-3% target revenue margin
Group services	-106			Includes 30% cost reduction
<b>EBITDA<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>8,133</b>		
D&A	-140			\$146m in FY22 (core business)
Finance costs	-118	-1,970	6.0%	15% gearing <sup>4</sup> at 6% cost of debt
Tax / other	-250	-1,479	30.0%	Assumed tax rate
Goodwill		1,217		As at 31-Dec-22
<b>NPAT</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>5,902</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>Return on equity</b>

Source: IRESS, HMC Capital analysis. Pricing as at 19 July 2023.

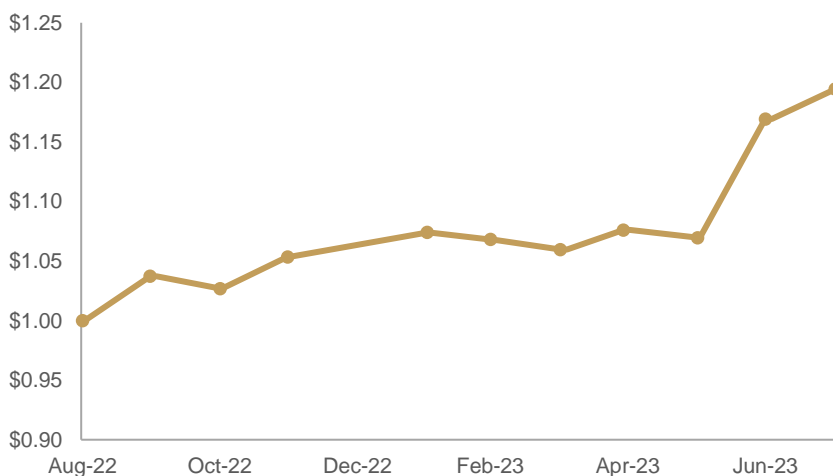
1. FactSet. 2. HMC estimates. 3. Development and investment EBITDA calculated by dividing ROIC implied returns by 70%. 4. Proforma for assumed \$527m debt paydown with asset sale proceeds.

# About HMC Capital Partners Fund 1

HMCCP Fund 1 provides a differentiated investment opportunity, looking to unlock value through a highly engaged, private equity style investment approach

- High conviction investment strategy targeting predominantly real asset backed investment opportunities in Australian and New Zealand listed equities
- The Fund seeks to invest in high quality, undervalued businesses where we can influence outcomes to unlock value
- Open ended, unlisted fund structure available to wholesale investors
  - eligible retail investors may invest in the strategy via the HMC Capital High Conviction Alternatives Fund
- For further information, refer to the Fund website at [www.hmccapital.com.au](http://www.hmccapital.com.au) or contact us at [invest@hmccapital.com.au](mailto:invest@hmccapital.com.au)

## Summary of HMC Capital Partners Fund 1 performance and holdings



- Since inception on 31 August 2022 to 31 July 2023, HMC Capital Partners Fund 1 has returned 19%<sup>1,3</sup>, outperforming the S&P/ASX 300 accumulation index by ~10%
- The Fund currently holds three positions, including:
  - a ~19% stake in Sigma Healthcare (ASX: SIG). This strategic investment is up ~35% following announcement of \$3bn contract win from Chemist Warehouse
  - a strategic stake in Lendlease
  - a third, undisclosed, high conviction investment that is current being accumulated

1. All performance figures are quoted net of fees. Figures may not sum exactly due to rounding.  
 2. Inception date 31 August 2022. Past performance should not be taken as an indicator of future performance.  
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