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## **Australia Ratings today upgraded from “Strong” to “Very Strong” its independent assessment of La Trobe Financial Asset Management Limited in its role as the Responsible Entity for the La Trobe Australian Credit Fund.**

In its Operational Capability Assessment report, Australia Ratings commented:

*“La Trobe Financial’s Very Strong ranking reflects sound governance, risk management and compliance frameworks, and its experienced and focused staff. The upgrade also points to . . . prudent management to protect investor capital and interest, and the continued solid support from its parent and related entities within the La Trobe Financial Group of Companies.”*

Chris Andrews, Chief Investment Officer at La Trobe Financial stated *“we are delighted to receive this upgraded ranking from Australia Ratings. We know that independent Research Houses, like our investors, value rigorous asset selection and careful portfolio construction and management. The performance of our \$1.4 billion Credit Fund is testament to the enduring value that an experienced, well-resourced team can bring to an asset class.”*

Jason Gidman, Head of Fund Portfolio Management at La Trobe Financial added *“Our key performance metric will always be the outcomes we deliver for investors. We pride ourselves on the capital-stable returns we have continued to achieve across the economic cycle.”*

La Trobe Financial’s 12 Month Account has also been rated by other independent Rating Houses such as Lonsec - **Recommended**; Zenith - Investment Partners - **Recommended** and SQM Research – **Superior 4 ¼ Stars**.

La Trobe Financial also operates Australia’s largest Peer-to-Peer investment portfolio as rated by SQM Research - Superior 4 Stars.

Each of the Research Houses has identified the strong capability of the experienced Credit team, highlighting the demonstrated and consistent track record of performance through various economic cycles.

Complementing our upgraded ranking, International Finance Magazine recently recognised La Trobe Financial in two international finance awards for **Best Investment Management Company** – Australia and **Best Mortgage Fund** – Australasia. This is the third consecutive year that La Trobe Financial has been honoured with these Awards.

La Trobe Financial will be making further announcements shortly.

To view the awards and rating visit [latrobefinancial.com](http://latrobefinancial.com)

### **About La Trobe Financial**

La Trobe Financial is one of Australia’s leading non-bank organisations providing real estate mortgage funding and retail investment solutions to a diverse range of customers since 1952. The group is independently rated, operates Australia’s largest retail Credit Fund with over 14,000 investors and \$1.4 Billion, plus several separately managed institutional investment mandate accounts totalling \$2.2 Billion, and is a regular issuer of Residential Mortgage Backed Securities (RMBS) via the capital markets to local and overseas investors. La Trobe Financial is a proven and trusted investment partner for institutional and retail investors alike with over 65 years’ experience, managing cumulative investment mandates in excess of A\$12 billion covering 130,000 customers.

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