

**La Trobe Financial receives international Awards for Investment Company of the Year – Asia Pacific**

**Hong Kong, Friday, 23 March 2018** - Blackstone Portfolio Company, La Trobe Financial was today awarded Investment Company of the Year - Asia Pacific by the International Alternative Investment Awards (IAIR). This is the sixth consecutive year that La Trobe Financial has been recognised on an international platform for the performance of its award-winning Credit Fund.

The IAIR Awards ceremony was held at the Sheraton Towers in the central financial district of Hong Kong and was attended by over 800 industry professionals from 125 countries, representing the “who’s who” of the global finance and investment industry. The awards recognised the world’s best wealth management, brokerage and asset management operations for innovation, excellence and leadership. Winners were chosen by the IAIR Awards judging panel from a shortlist selected by over 50,000 investors globally.

La Trobe Financial’s Head of Marketing Caterina Nesci, said on accepting the award that *“being recognised on a global platform for these awards against the world’s best shows the passion, commitment and persistence of every one of our 300 staff. We are very proud to offer both retail and institutional investors our range of award-winning products”*

Chris Andrews, La Trobe Financial’s Chief Investment Officer stated from La Trobe Financial’s Head Office in Melbourne, Australia, that *“as a team, we have worked hard for more than six decades to establish a peerless reputation for prudent management and outstanding returns for our investors. Our portfolios are built to perform regardless of market volatility and we never lose sight of the fact that we are managing other people’s money. We are pleased to have received another industry recognition of our commitment to the highest levels of investment management and are determined to continue to grow our business and build on our offering to the betterment of all of our investors – retail and institutional!”*

La Trobe Financial’s award-winning Credit Fund recently crossed \$2 billion in funds under management and opened the 1,001st investment account via its ground-breaking La Trobe Direct online investment platform.


La Trobe Financial will be making further announcements shortly.

**About La Trobe Financial**

La Trobe Financial is Australia’s largest Credit Specialist providing funding and investment solutions to a diverse range of customers since 1952. We are 80% owned by Blackstone, the world’s largest alternative asset manager, with over US\$434 Billion of Funds under Management worldwide. We are a proven and trusted investment partner for institutional and retail investors alike with over 65 years’ experience, managing investment mandates in excess of \$14 billion. La Trobe Financial holds all requisite regulatory licences: La Trobe Financial Services Pty Limited ACN 006 479 527 Australian Credit Licence 392385 and La Trobe Financial Asset Management Limited ACN 007 332 363 Australian Financial Services Licence 222213 Australian Credit Licence 222213. For further details please visit our website [www.latrobefinancial.com](http://www.latrobefinancial.com). For details of our ratings please view our Awards & Ratings link on our website.

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