

# Economic Update

24 August 2023





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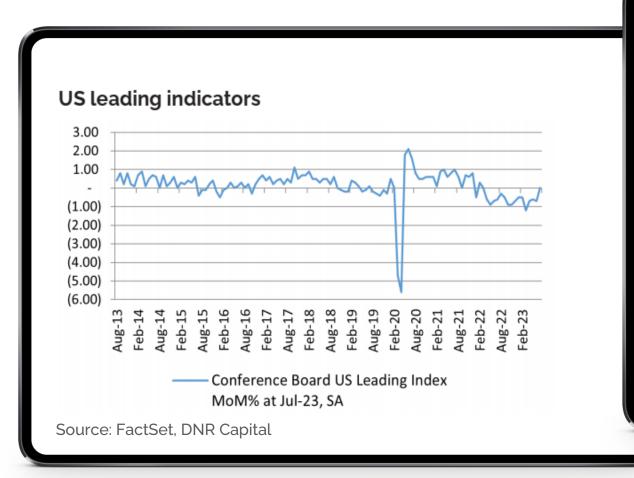
## Market Update

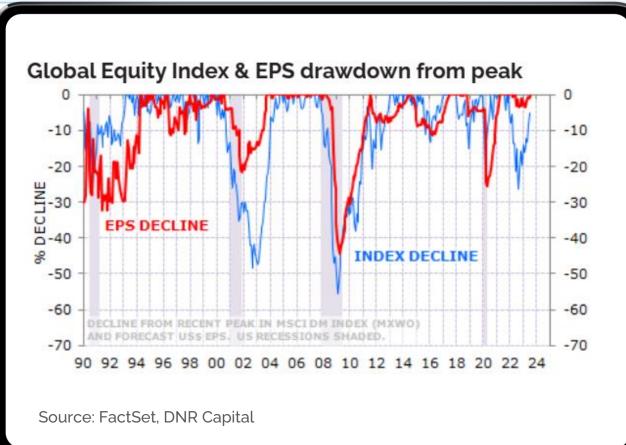
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#### The economy has surprised to the upside



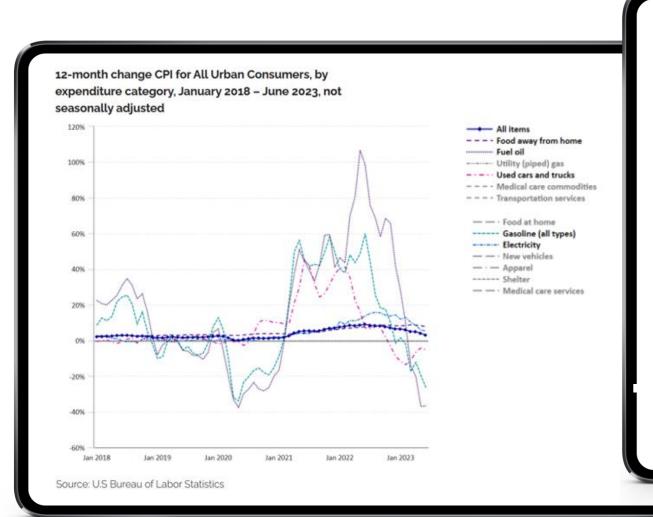


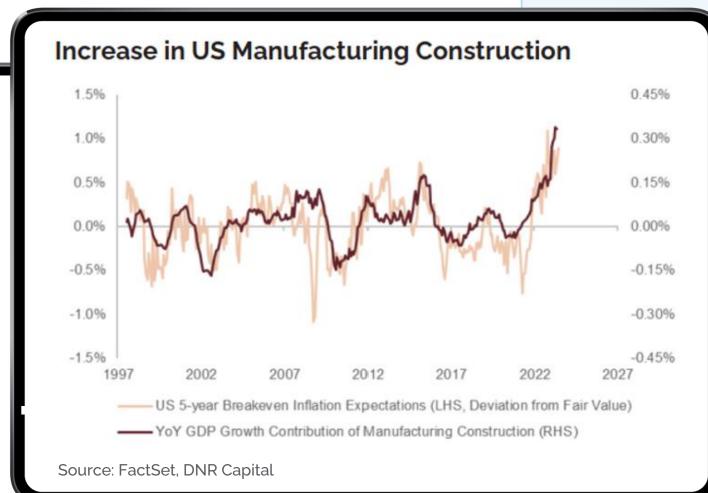


- We have been waiting for the economy to stagger in the face of a substantial lift in interest rates.
- Globally it has remained surprisingly resilient.
- Unemployment has remains low.
- Confidence has begun to rebound in the US raising the possibility of a softer landing for the economy.
- Earnings have held up better than expected and the market has bounced as a result.

#### Inflation easing but remains sticky







We continue to see a positive and negative drivers of inflation:

- Ageing population should cause softening demand in spending over time.
- The trend for onshoring drives move manufacturing into higher cost regions.
- Technology innovation such as artificial intelligence (AI) should improve productivity.
- The ongoing spend as we transition to a net zero.

#### Market strength

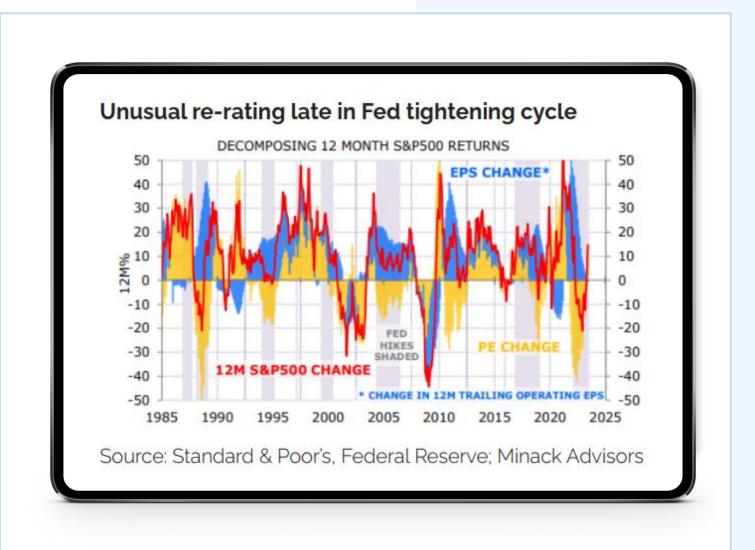




- Despite bond yields rising, the Nasdaq in particular has displayed strength in response to excitement regarding AI.
- The entirety of the global and US equity rallies has been about higher valuations.
- Over the last 25 years only twice have we seen more year-todate multiple expansion.

#### Unusual Fed tightening cycle

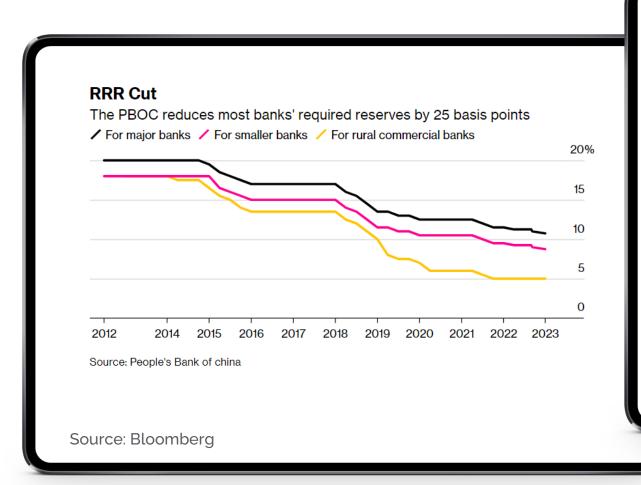


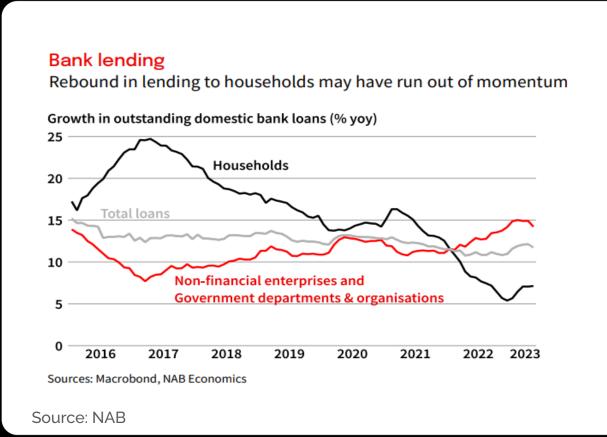


- The direction of inflation has been important driver of market multiples.
- If later this year the market begins to see inflation remaining stickier, then it is likely to impact valuations particularly of growth stocks.
- A recession is not priced but nor is a soft landing: if the Fed can get inflation back to target without a recession, then there is likely to be substantial equity upside.
- We see interesting opportunities to buy quality businesses that have de-rated.
- We continue to have some balance across the portfolio given the broader uncertain climate.

#### China reopening has been disappointingly weak





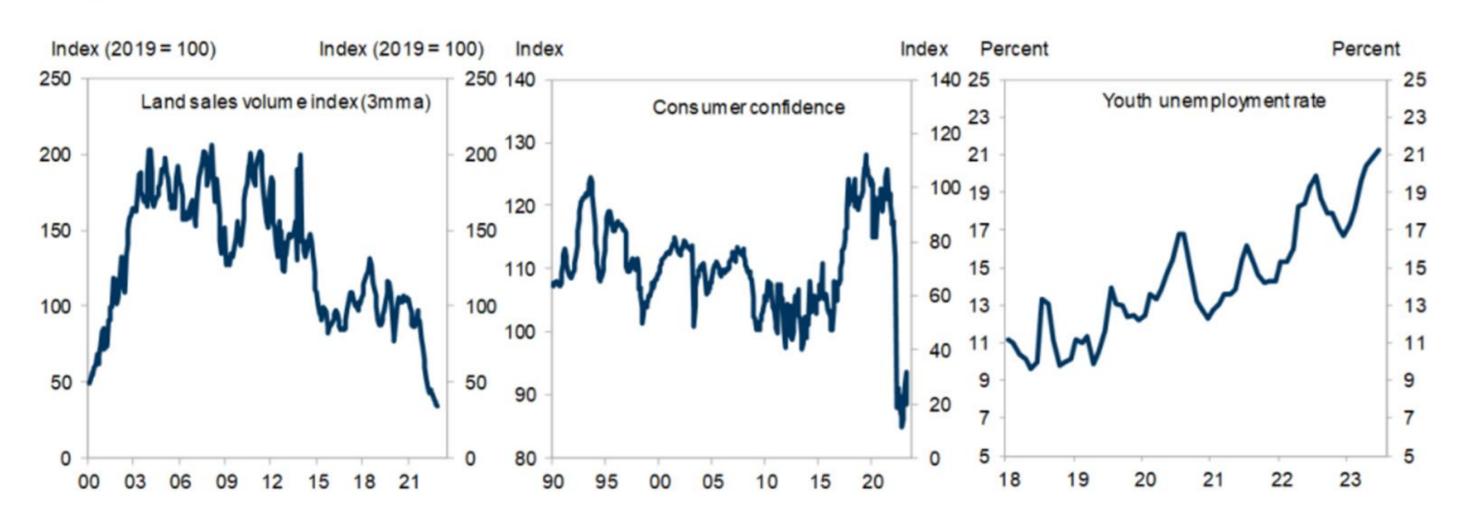


- The PBoC has cut the reserve ratio but has failed to stimulate mortgage growth
- Central to the Chinese economy is property, and housing start very been weak
- Australia highly leverage to the future response, or lack thereof, from the Chinese policy makers.
- The standard playbook of fiscal stimulus is more difficult given existing leverage

#### China has stopped publishing certain data points



Exhibit 7: The NBS stopped publishing data on falling land sales, subdued consumer confidence, and the elevated youth unemployment rate



## Portfolio positioning High Conviction

**DNR**Capital

Opportunity	Example portfolio holdings							
Market leaders Franchise companies taking share	Seek  ARISTOCRAT  Iress  MACQUARIE  Domino's  CSI  CSI  Seco  Seco							
Defensive With bottom up drivers	Ramsay Health Care  The Lottery Corporation  SCENTRE GROUP							
Bottom up / value	Computershare							
Commodities exposure	Woodside BHP RioTinto							

#### **Australian Equities**

#### High Conviction Portfolio



#### **Gross annualised performance**

as at 31 July 2023

	1mth	3mth	1yr	3yr	5yr	<b>7</b> yr	10yr	15yr	Inception*	
	%	%	%	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.	
DNR Capital	3.82%	3.17%	12.00%	17.85%	10.47%	11.24%	11.76%	11.10%	12.44%	
S&P/ASX 200 Total Return Index	2.88%	2.04%	11.67%	11.99%	7.47%	8.44%	8.32%	7.19%	9.01%	
Outperformance	0.94%	1.13%	0.33%	5.86%	3.00%	2.80% 3.44% 3.9		3.91%	3.43%	
Tracking error	n/a	n/a	2.93	4.65	5.39	4.82	4.55	4.38	4.69	
Information ratio	n/a	n/a	0.11	1.26	0.56	0.58	0.76	0.89	0.73	

<sup>\*</sup>Since Inception date October 2002

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## Property Update

Michael Watson (La Trobe Financial)



# ECONOMIC & RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY UPDATE KDM FINANCIAL

**Brookfield** 

August 2023



#### **Michael Watson**

Michael joined La Trobe Financial's Melbourne office in May 2013 and currently holds the role of Director, Head of Distribution.

With twenty years experience, Michael's career has included leading teams across the diverse disciplines of credit, operations and distribution. At La Trobe Financial, Michael's roles have focussed on the strategic growth of the La Trobe Australian Credit Fund across each of its distribution channels. Michael presents to local and international groups on a range of topics and is a regular contributor to trade publications.

Michael has completed an MBA, a Bachelor of Business (Economics & Marketing), a Diploma of Financial Planning and a Certificate IV in Mortgage Broking.

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#### **BUSINESS SUMMARY**

\$17 billion

500+

Assets Under Management

employees

One of the

Asia-Pacific's

Broadest

Best Wealth Manager

**Product Ranges** 

2022 Strategic Partnership

La Trobe

NYSE Listed USD \$725bn

**Brookfield** 

7+ Decades

of service

240,000+

customers since 1952

\$85 billion

loan originations backed by retail and institutional mandates 85+

awards

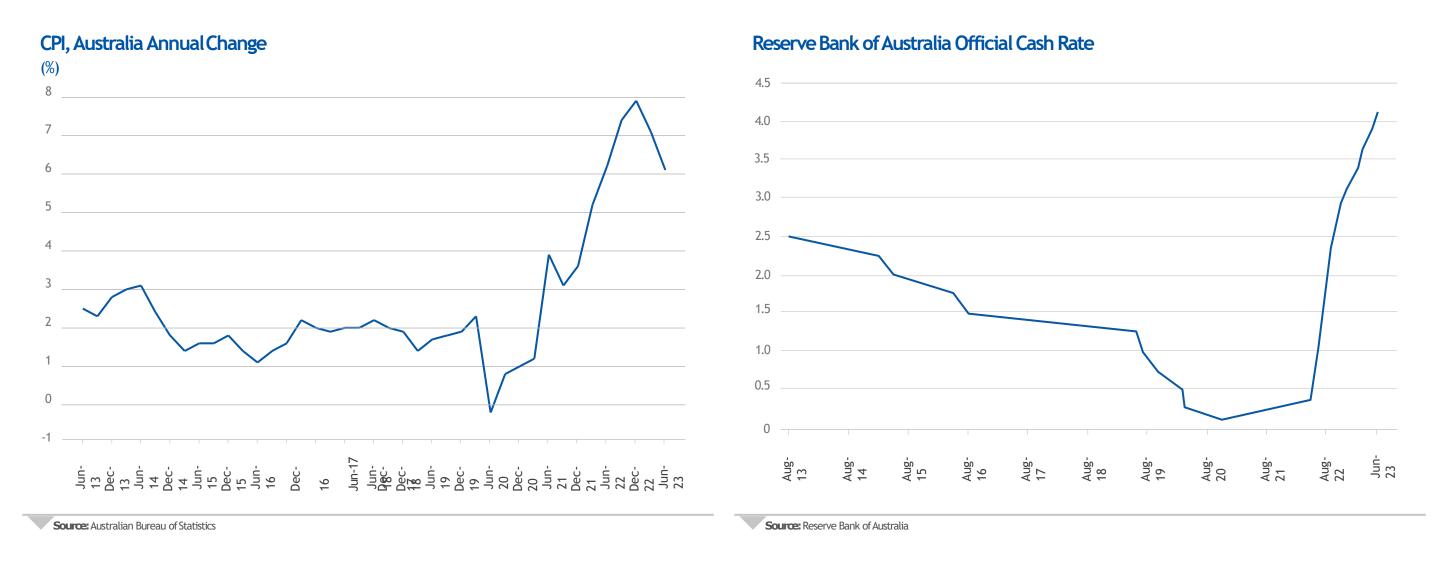
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Non-bank Lender of the Year -Money magazine 2023

Best Credit Fund,
Mortgages in Australia Money magazine forthe
12 Month TermAccount
14 years running



## INFLATION STILL THE NAME OF THE GAME AS CASH RATERISES



#### **Key Points**

- Post COVID Economic Rebound creating supply-side disruptions
- Russia's invasion of Ukraine exacerbated fuel, food inflation
- Global rate hiking cycle enacted to cutinflation



#### ECONOMISTS FORECASTING A SOFT LANDING

**GDP** 

"Some further tightening of monetary policy may be required to ensure that inflation returns to target in a reasonable timeframe, but that will depend upon the data and the evolving assessment of risks."

- Philip Lowe, 1 August 2023		2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2	023	2024
Organisation	Analyst	2.3	3%	3.	5%	6.0%		-3.4%		4.10%		<b>0</b> %
RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA	SOMP August 2023	1.00%	1.75%	4.00%	4.50%	4.75%	3.75%	-	-		-	-
	World Economic Outlook, April '23	1.60%	1.70%	4.00%	4.10%	4.00%	3.00%	-	-		-	-
Australian Government The Treasury	Budget May 2023	3.25%	1.50%	3.50%	4.25%	6.00%	3.25%	-	-		-	-
	Bill Evans	1.00%	1.40%	3.80%	4.70%	3.90%	3.20%	Peak to Troug -10%	n/a	4	.10%	01-Jun-23
Commonweelth Bank	Stephen Halmarick	1.40%	1.40%	4.20%	4.50%	3.80%	3.80%	3.00%	5.00%	4	.10%	01-Jun-23
🌞 nab	Alan Oster	0.50%	0.90%	4.20%	5.00%	4.60%	3.10%	4.50%	no data	4	.60%	01-Sep-23
Goldman Sachs	Andrew Boak	1.90%	1.80%	5.50%	4.20%	5.60%	3.30%	Peak to Troug -11%	n/a	4	.35%	01-Nov-23
MACQUARIE	Justin Fabo	1.30%	0.80%	3.50%	4.00%	5.10%	3.00%	2.00%	7.00%	4	.35%	01-Nov-23
HSBC	Paul Bloxham	1.60%	1.60%	3.70%	4.50%	3.50%	3.10%	Peak to Troug -20%	n/a	4	.35%	01-Aug-23
АМР	Shane Oliver	0.90%	0.70%	4.00%	4.20%	4.00%	3.00%	0.00%	5.00%	4	.10%	01-Jun-23

Unemployment

#### **Forecast Summary**

- No recession forecast across surveyedeconomists
- Unemployment to remain within historic 'Full Employment' range
- Inflation to return towards top of RBA Target Range by December 2024

- House price bust cycleavoided
- Peak Interest Rates within reach if not already there.

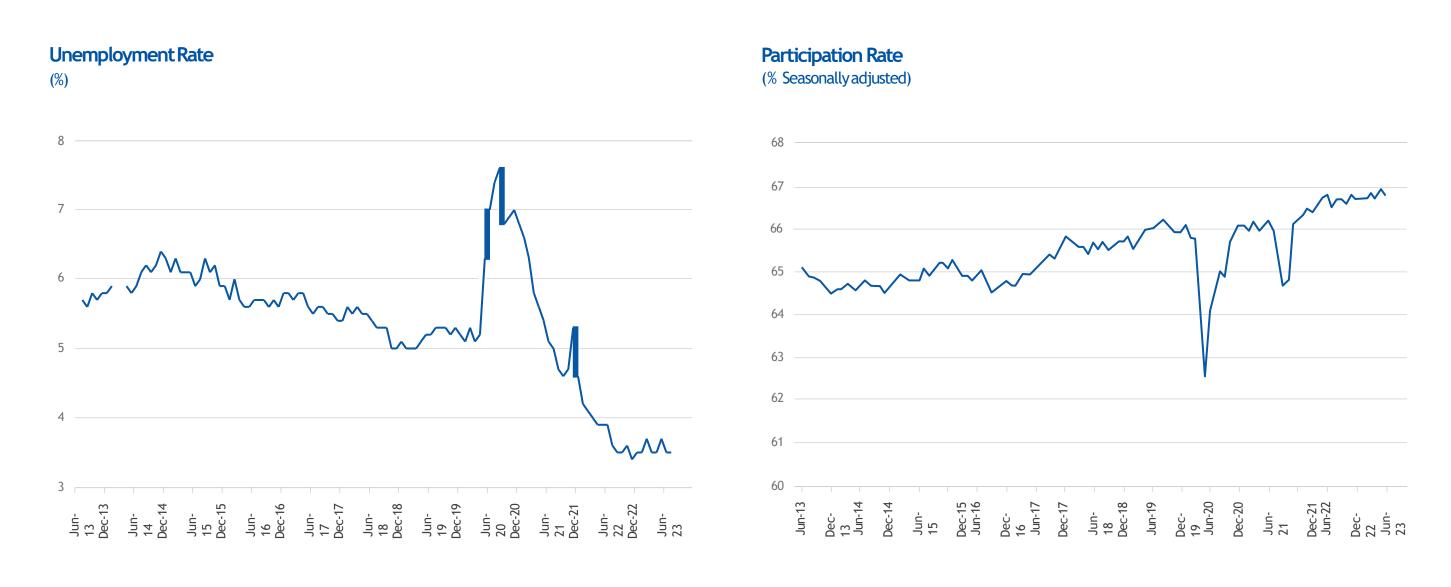
**CPI** 

**House Prices** 



Official Cash Rate

#### **EMPLOYMENT STILL OUR SHINING LIGHT**

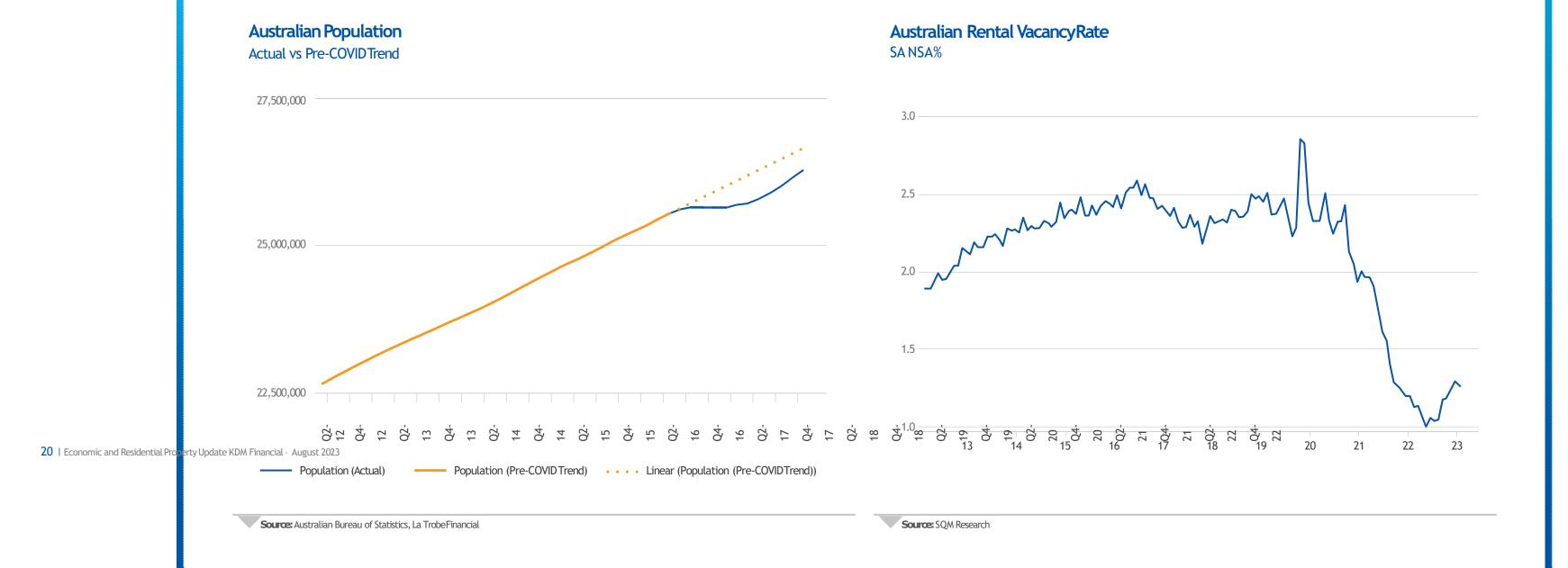


Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics



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## POPULATION GROWTH & RENTAL VACANCIES DON'T TELL THE WHOLESTORY

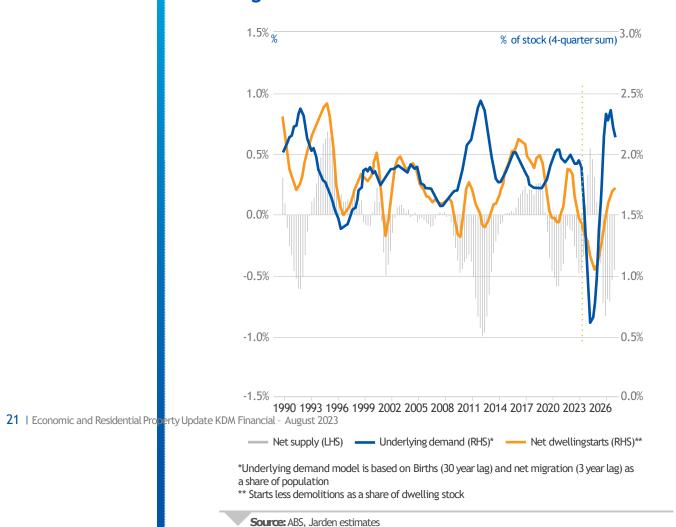




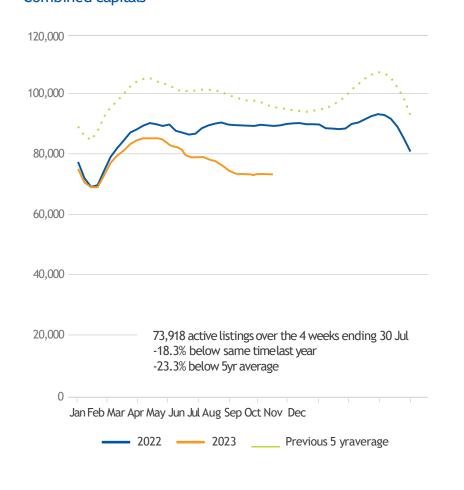
#### SUPPLY&DEMAND DRIVING OUTCOMES

(Stock, Transactions, Rental Availability)

#### Significant UnderbuildsAhead

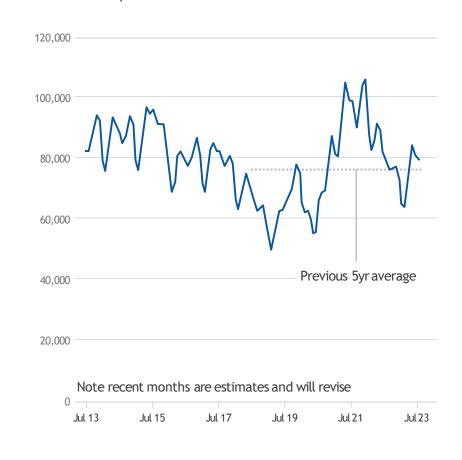


#### **Total Listings, Rolling 28-day Count**Combined capitals



#### Rolling Quarterly Volume of Dwelling Sales

Combined capitals



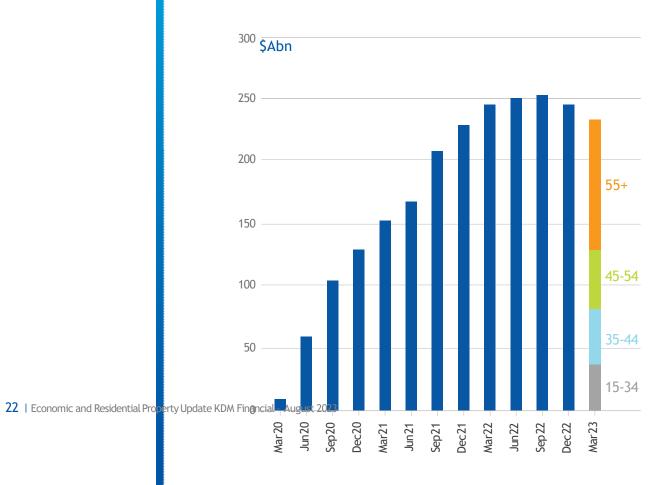
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#### ARREARS AND FIXED RATE CLIFF OVERSTATED

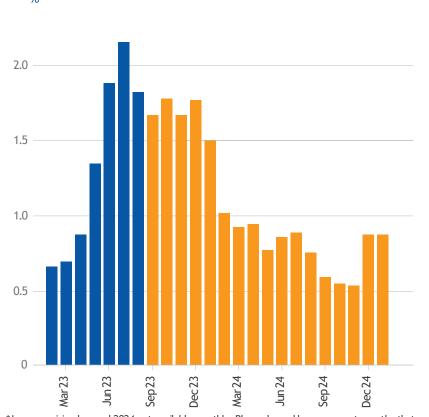
#### Australia Accumulated Household Savings



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, AMP

**Expiring Fixed-Rate Housing Loans\*** 





 $^{\star}\text{Loans}$  expiring beyond 2024 not available monthly. Blue coloured bars represent months that have already occurred

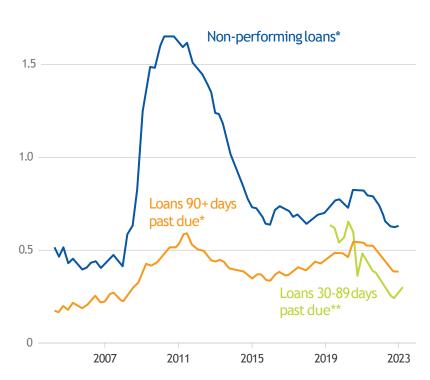
\*\* Value of major banks housing credit outstanding as at June 2023

Source: APRA, Major Banks, Reserve Bank of Australia

#### Banks' Non-Performing Loans

Domestic books





\* A loan is classed as non-performing if an oustanding repayment is more than 90 days past due or the loan is insufficiently collateralised.

\*\* Loans with an outstanding repayment 30-89 days past due

Source: APRA, Reserve Bank of Australia



#### 12MONTH TERM ACCOUNT: PRODUCT SUMMARY

#### Data asat 30 June 2023.

\$7,321.0m

Funds Under Management 6.25%

Current Return p.a. (variable)

643%

Current Return Compounded p.a.

5.94%

Bloomberg AusBond BankBill Index + 1.5%

031%

Outperformance - 12 Month Term Account Return over the Benchmark 10,028

Number of loans

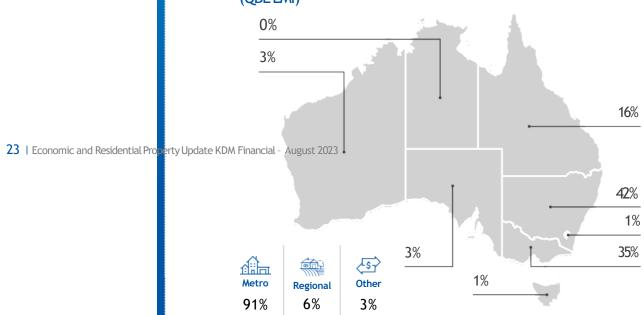
**\$722,989** 

Average Loan Investment

634%

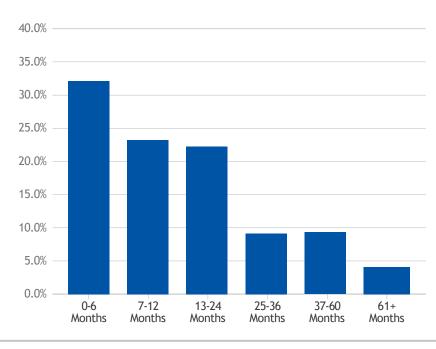
Weighted Average LVR

#### Security Location (QBELMI)



Portfolio	30/06/2022	30/06/2023			
Authorised Investments:					
Cash & Term Deposits	1.6%	1.0%			
Credit Assets	0.0%	0.0%			
Residential	71.2%	63.9%			
Vacant Land	0.6%	2.5%			
Commercial	11.6%	14.0%			
Industrial	9.9%	9.8%			
Rural	0.1%	0.1%			
Development Finance	5.0%	8.7%			
Total	100.0%	100.0%			

#### Portfolio Seasoning(%)



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Rates as at 1 August 2023



<sup>†</sup> As at 31 July2023

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### Panel Discussion



Dane Pevy
Senior Financial Adviser

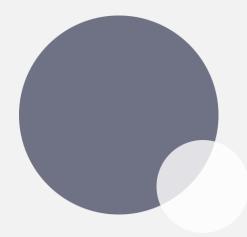
Dane has been in the financial services industry since 2009, after completing his commerce degree from Griffith University. Dane is passionate about helping clients achieve their financial and lifestyle goals.



Julian McBean
Senior Financial Adviser

Jules is an experienced financial adviser with over 10 years within the banking and financial services industry.

He provides a very personable, caring, and supportive approach to the relationship with his clients.





## Q & A



## Thank you



