

## **QIC Town Centre Fund Green Bond Update**

In 2019, QIC Town Centre Fund (QTCF) (formally QIC Shopping Centre Fund) issued a A\$300 million Climate Bond Initiative (CBI) certified green bond, a world-first for the retail property sector and an important milestone for QTCF, endorsing QIC Real Estate's progress and ongoing focus on sustainability. The Green Bond asset pool included three high-quality Australian retail assets which have undergone staged redevelopment programs and are part of a portfolio-wide rollout of energy efficiency program of works which will deliver further energy improvements. These assets are:



Carbon reduction initiatives implemented during the 2022 calendar year included the commencement of the installation of a 2.4-Megawatt solar PV system at Eastland, VIC. Once fully operational (expected early FY24) this system is expected to reduce annual emissions at the centre by approximately 2,300 tonnes. As previously communicated, installation of a 5.5-Megawatt solar PV system at Robina Town Centre, QLD and a 1-Megawatt system at Grand Central, QLD were completed in 2021 calendar year. These systems are now fully operational and contributes to ~5,680 tonnes in annual emissions reductions for these centres.

Other carbon reduction initiatives implemented during 2022 included energy efficient LED lighting upgrades across each of the assets and the commencement of upgrades to vertical transport systems at Robina Town Centre, QLD and Grand Central, QLD which also reduce energy use of those systems.

This QTCF Green Bond update report has received limited assurance from Sustainalytics. Their annual review letter can be viewed <a href="https://example.com/here/">here</a>.

## **Transaction Summary**

Tenor	6 years				
Issue amount	A\$300 million				
Type of Instrument	Senior unsecured A\$MTN				
Maturity Date	25 August 2025				
Use of Proceeds	The QTCF Green Bond has been issued in accordance with QIC Town Centre Fund Sustainability Financing Framework (the QTCF Framework) which has been developed to support and contribute towards meeting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and have met the criteria for certification by the Climate Bonds Initiative under the Climate Bonds Standard.  The QTCF Green Bond has also been issued in line with the voluntary process guidelines for issuing Green Bonds published by the International Capital Market Association in June 2018 (the Green Bond Principles).  The net proceeds from the issuance of the QTCF Green Bond has been fully allocated to the QTCF Green Bond asset pool for staged redevelopment of the following shopping centres:  (a) Eastland, VIC  (b) Robina Town Centre, QLD  (c) Grand Central, QLD  The staged redevelopment works for these three shopping centres, together with the QTCF portfolio-wide energy efficiency programme and solar PV rollout, will in aggregate contribute to deliver carbon emissions intensity reductions (kg CO2/m2) for each of the shopping centres that meet the minimum requirements for Climate Bond Standards certification under the Low Carbon Buildings — Property Upgrade criteria. This requires a minimum 30% carbon emissions intensity reduction for a 5-year bond increasing to a minimum of 34% for a 10-year bond.  The QTCF Green Bond has a tenor of 6 years which requires a minimum 30.8% carbon emissions intensity reduction.				

## Allocation Reporting for SFT as of 30 June 2023

Eligible Green Bond Project Expenditure	\$1,050.7m
Green Bond Proceeds (100% allocated)	(\$300.0m)

The A\$300 million QTCF Green Bond proceeds have been fully allocated to the QTCF Green Bond project pool as at 30 June 2023, which comprised expenditure incurred for staged redevelopments of Eastland, VIC, Robina Town Centre and Grand Central (both in QLD).

## **Impact Reporting for SFT**

Green Building Project		Eastland (Ringwood, VIC)	Robina Town Centre (Gold Coast, QLD)	Grand Central (Toowoomba, QLD)
QTCF Total Asset Balance (A\$ million)		505.6	248.3	296.8
Allocated Amount (A\$ million)		142.5	66.3	91.2
2022 Gross Lettable Area (GLA m2)		141,241	166,851	91,126
Carbon Emissions Intensity Reductions (Scope 1 & 2)	Baseline Monthly GHG Intensity (kgCO <sub>2</sub> /m <sup>2</sup> )	14 (2013)	9.1 (2013)	12.6 (2014)
	2019 Actual Monthly GHG Intensity (kgCO <sub>2</sub> /m <sup>2</sup> )	12.5	8.5	10.3
	2020 Actual Monthly GHG Intensity (kgCO <sub>2</sub> /m <sup>2</sup> )	8.4	8.4	8.5
	2021 Actual Monthly GHG Intensity (kgCO <sub>2</sub> /m <sup>2</sup> )	7.8	4.2	6.7
	2022 Actual Monthly GHG Intensity (kgCO <sub>2</sub> /m <sup>2</sup> )	7.4	3.3	5.8
	Actual Monthly GHG Intensity Reduction vs Baseline Year (kgCO <sub>2</sub> /m <sup>2</sup> )	6.6	5.8	6.8
	Estimated Annual GHG Avoided* (Tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> -e)	11,254.5	11,379.9	7,455.1
	Actual % Monthly GHG Intensity Reduction vs Baseline Year	47%	64%	54%
	% Monthly GHG Intensity Reduction Modelled (Baseline to Completion)	37%	42%	37%
Green Buildings Ratings Standard	NABERS Energy 2016	3.0	3.0	3.5
	NABERS Energy 2022	4.5	6.0	4.5

<sup>\*</sup>Estimation calculation based on: Final GLA (m2) x (Monthly GHG Intensity - Baseline GHG Intensity) x 12 (months/yr) /1000 (kg/tonne).

<sup>\*\*</sup>Baseline and current year performance are based on calendar year data.