



# ASIC Benchmark and Disclosure Principles: Cromwell Ipswich City Heart Trust – 04 March 2021

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### Important Notice and Disclaimer

As responsible entity of the Cromwell Ipswich City Heart Trust ARSN 154 498 923 (ICH or the Trust), Cromwell Funds Management Limited ABN 63 114 782 777, AFSL 333214 (CFM) is the issuer of this ASIC Benchmarks and Disclosure Principles guide (Guide) which should be read in conjunction with the attached Product Disclosure Statement for the Trust dated 16 December 2011 (PDS). As at the date of this Guide, the Trust is closed to new investments. The Trust's original 7-year term expired in December 2018. Trust unitholders voted to extend the term of the Trust by four and a half years, until 28 June 2023, during which unitholders have no right to withdraw.

Updates on the Trust are available at [www.cromwell.com.au/ich](http://www.cromwell.com.au/ich).

The information in this Guide is general information only and does not take into account your objectives, financial situation or needs. Therefore, before deciding whether to acquire or continue to hold an investment you should consider the PDS and updates to them carefully and assess, with or without your financial or taxation advisor, whether the Fund fits your objectives, financial situation or needs.

## Scope of this Guide

The Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) issued RG 46 in September 2008 and updated in March 2012. RG 46 sets out particular benchmarks and disclosure principles designed to provide improved disclosure to retail investors to help them compare risks and returns across investments in the unlisted property sector.

Set out below are tables which list each disclosure principle and benchmark and where the relevant information is included in this Guide and, if applicable, the attached PDS.

Disclosure Principles	Guide Reference	PDS Reference
1 Gearing Ratio	Section 4.3	Section 1.7 (4, 6 and 11 are also relevant)
2 Interest Cover Ratio	Section 4.4	Section 1.7 (4 and 10.17 are also relevant)
3 Scheme Borrowing	Section 4	Section 1.7 (4 and 10.7 are also relevant)
4 Portfolio Diversification	Section 1	Section 1.1 (3 and 4 are also relevant)
5 Related Party Transactions	Section 7	Section 1.9 (5 is also relevant)
6 Distribution Practices	Section 5	Section 1.4 (4 and 6.3 are also relevant)
7 Withdrawal Arrangements	Section 6	Section 8.4 (4 is also relevant)
8 Net Tangible Assets	Section 2	Section 6 (11 is also relevant)

Benchmarks	Guide Reference	PDS Reference
1 Gearing Policy – The Trust meets the benchmark. The Trust maintains and complies with a written policy that governs the level of gearing for the Trust.	Section 4.1	Section 1.7 Sections 4, 6 and 11 are also relevant
2 Interest Cover Policy – The Trust meets the benchmark. The Trust maintains and complies with a written policy that governs the level of interest cover for the Trust.	Section 4.1	Section 1.7 Sections 3 and 10.10 are also relevant
3 Interest Capitalisation – The Trust meets the benchmark. The interest expense of the Trust is not capitalised.	Section 4.4	Section 1.7
4 Valuation Policy – The Trust meets the benchmark. The Trust maintains and complies with a written valuation policy.	Section 3	Section 1.5 Section 11 is also relevant
5 Related Party Transactions – The Trust meets the benchmark. The Trust maintains and complies with a written policy on related party transactions, including the assessment and approval processes for such transactions and arrangements to manage conflicts of interest.	Section 7	Section 1.9 Section 5 is also relevant
6 Distribution Practices – The Trust meets the benchmark. The Trust will only pay distributions from cash available from its operations (excluding any borrowings).	Section 5	Section 1.4 Sections 4 and 6.3 are also relevant

All statistics and amounts in this Guide are as at 31 December 2020 unless stated otherwise.

CFM may update this Guide from time to time and it is recommended unitholders refer to our website at [www.cromwell.com.au/ich](http://www.cromwell.com.au/ich) for these updates. A paper copy of this Guide or any updated information will be given to you on request and without charge.

From time to time, CFM may become aware of information that is material to unitholders but not covered by a disclosure principle. Any such material information will be provided to unitholders in continuous disclosure notices on our website [www.cromwell.com.au/ich](http://www.cromwell.com.au/ich).

# 1. Portfolio Diversification

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## 1.1 Trust Investments

The Trust owns a single property situated at 117 Brisbane Street, Ipswich, QLD (“the Property”). The Property is in the commercial sector of the property market.

The Trust is not expected to acquire any other properties during its investment term. As a result, the Trust is not currently, and is not expected to be, diversified by investment class, geographic location or property sector.

Currently, the only significant non-direct property asset of the Trust is cash. As at 31 December 2020, the Trust held cash of \$2,983,000.

## 1.2 Property Valuation

The most recent valuation of the Property is summarised in the following table.

Property	Valuation	Sector	Valuation Date	Market Cap Rate <sup>1</sup>	Occupancy <sup>2</sup>	Valuer
117 Brisbane Road, Ipswich, QLD	\$128,500,000	Commercial	June 2020	6.75%	99.0%	Independent

In the Trust’s audited Half Year Financial Report as at 31 December 2020, the Property was valued at \$128,500,000, in line with the most recent independent valuation.

At 31 December 2020 the Trust had total assets of \$131,573,000. Therefore, at 31 December 2020, the Property represented 98% of the Trust’s total assets.

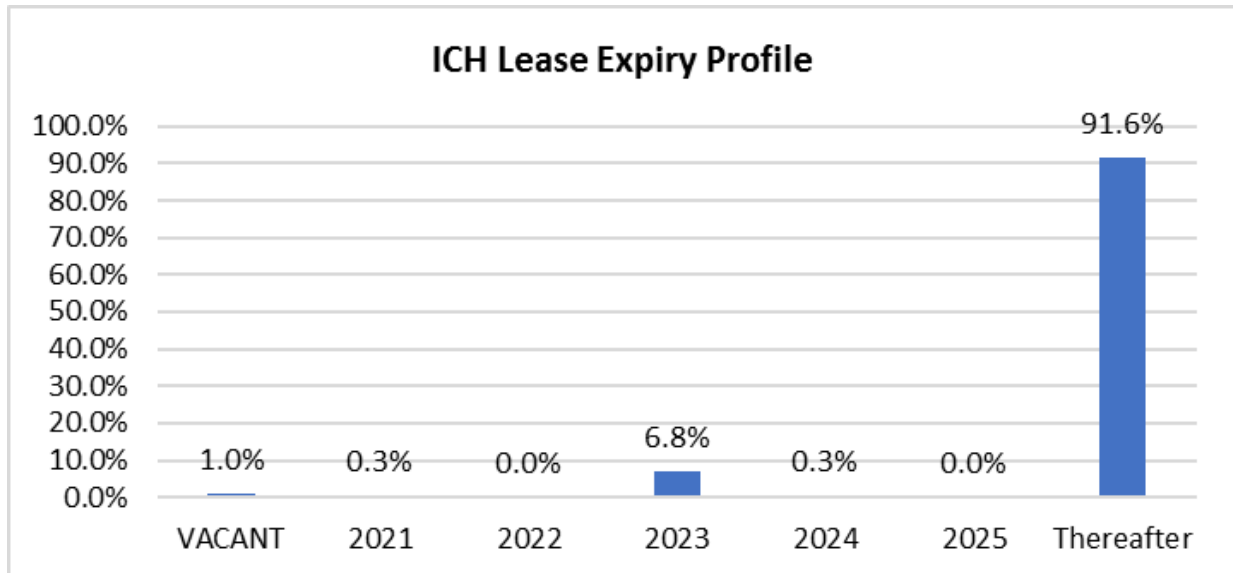
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<sup>1</sup> The market capitalisation rate (cap rate) is the capitalisation rate used to value a property, assuming it is fully leased at reasonable and current market rent rates.

<sup>2</sup> Calculated by vacant space over total net lettable area.

### 1.3 Lease Expiry Profile

The following chart shows the lease expiry profile for the Property in yearly periods calculated on the basis of the Trust's income.



The initial term of the Trust expired in December 2018. Unitholders voted to extend the term of the Trust by four and a half years, until June 2023.

The main lease, to the Queensland Government (Department of Public Works), which provides 92.5% of the rental income of the Property, expires in 2029.

### 1.4 Vacancy Rate

The lease vacancy rate for the Property 1.0% as at 31 December 2020. The vacancy rate represents the portion of the Property which is not subject to a lease or an agreement for lease.

### 1.5 Tenants

The Property's tenants (by percentage of gross income) as at 31 December 2020 are:

Tenant	% of Gross Income
Queensland Department of Public Works	92.5%
National Disability Insurance Scheme	4.7%
IPN Medical Centres	2.2%
Ashley Institute of Training	0.3%
Queensland Bulk Water Supply Authority	0.3%

The Trust's Weighted Average Lease Expiry (WALE) by income as calculated in the Trust's most recent financial management accounts at 31 December 2020, is 7.3 years.

The Trust's WALE is calculated as follows:

$$\text{WALE} = \frac{\text{Remaining passing income}}{\text{Gross passing income}}$$

WALE is used to measure the overall tenancy risk of a particular property to assess the likelihood of a property being vacated. WALE of a property is measured across all tenants' remaining lease term (in years) and is weighted with the tenants' income against total combined income.

## 2. Net Tangible Assets

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The net tangible assets ("NTA") of the Trust can be calculated on a per unit basis. This amount can be used as an approximate measure of what a unitholder could expect to receive per unit held if the assets of the Trust were sold at that particular point in time. However, it does not make any allowance for the cost of selling the Property and winding up the Trust. Therefore, to the extent that the NTA at any time is less than the price paid for a unit, it is also an approximate measure of the risk of a capital loss.

NTA is calculated using information from the Trust's audited Half Year Financial Report as at 31 December 2020 and in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{NTA} = \frac{\text{Net assets}^3 - \text{intangible assets} +/- \text{other adjustments}}{\text{Number of units on issue}}$$

As at 31 December 2020, the Trust had NTA per unit of \$1.51 (before tax) including interest rate swaps and \$1.55 excluding interest rate swaps.

## 3. Valuation Policy

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- a) CFM has, and complies with, a valuation policy for the Trust. Amongst other things, the policy provides that the Property will be independently valued each year. The next independent valuation is expected to occur in June 2021;
- b) all valuations are to be carried out by appropriately qualified valuers, independent of CFM, who are registered in Queensland and have a minimum of five years' relevant experience;
- c) valuers are to be instructed to undertake their valuation in accordance with industry standards and to outline their valuation methodology within the valuation report; and
- d) the same valuers will not undertake more than two consecutive full valuations of the Property.

CFM believes that using independent valuers (with valuers being required to confirm their independence as part of their valuation report) and ensuring that the valuers used in relation to any one property are rotated in accordance with the valuation policy will best address any potential conflicts of interest that might arise. However, relevant staff are also aware of CFM's conflict of interest arrangements and are required to report any actual or potential conflicts of interest of which they become aware so that the conflicts can be appropriately managed and/or monitored.

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<sup>3</sup> No acquisition costs are embedded in the calculation of net assets. CFM writes off acquisition costs immediately upon the acquisition.

Unitholders can obtain a copy of the valuation policy by calling Cromwell's Investor Services Team on 1300 268 078.

## 4. Trust Borrowing

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### 4.1 Borrowing Policy

CFM has, and complies with, a written policy that governs the level and nature of the Trust's borrowings and, in particular, the level and nature of the Trust's gearing and the level and nature of its interest cover.

The policy provides that the Trust's gearing will not exceed 55%, with gearing being calculated as the Trust's total borrowings divided by the most recent valuation of the Property.

Further, CFM will not undertake any borrowing for the Trust which would cause the interest cover ratio of the Trust to fall below 2 times.

No interest is capitalised on debt facilities.

There are risks involved in investing in a geared Trust as gearing magnifies profits, losses, capital gains and capital losses. See "Borrowing Risk" in Section 4.3.2 of the PDS for further information.

### 4.2 Borrowing Facilities

Most property funds use a combination of borrowings and unitholders' funds to acquire properties. Borrowings enhance distributions when the cost of the borrowings is less than the return from the property and increase the potential for capital gain when property values are rising. However, they can also lead to reduced distributions when the cost of borrowings is greater than the return from the property or to a larger capital loss when property values are falling.

The Trust has a single loan facility ("Bank Loan") for a total amount of \$48,000,000. Following the recent extension of the Trust's term, the existing bank loan was varied to extend the expiry date to June 2023, and as at 31 December 2020 was fully drawn.

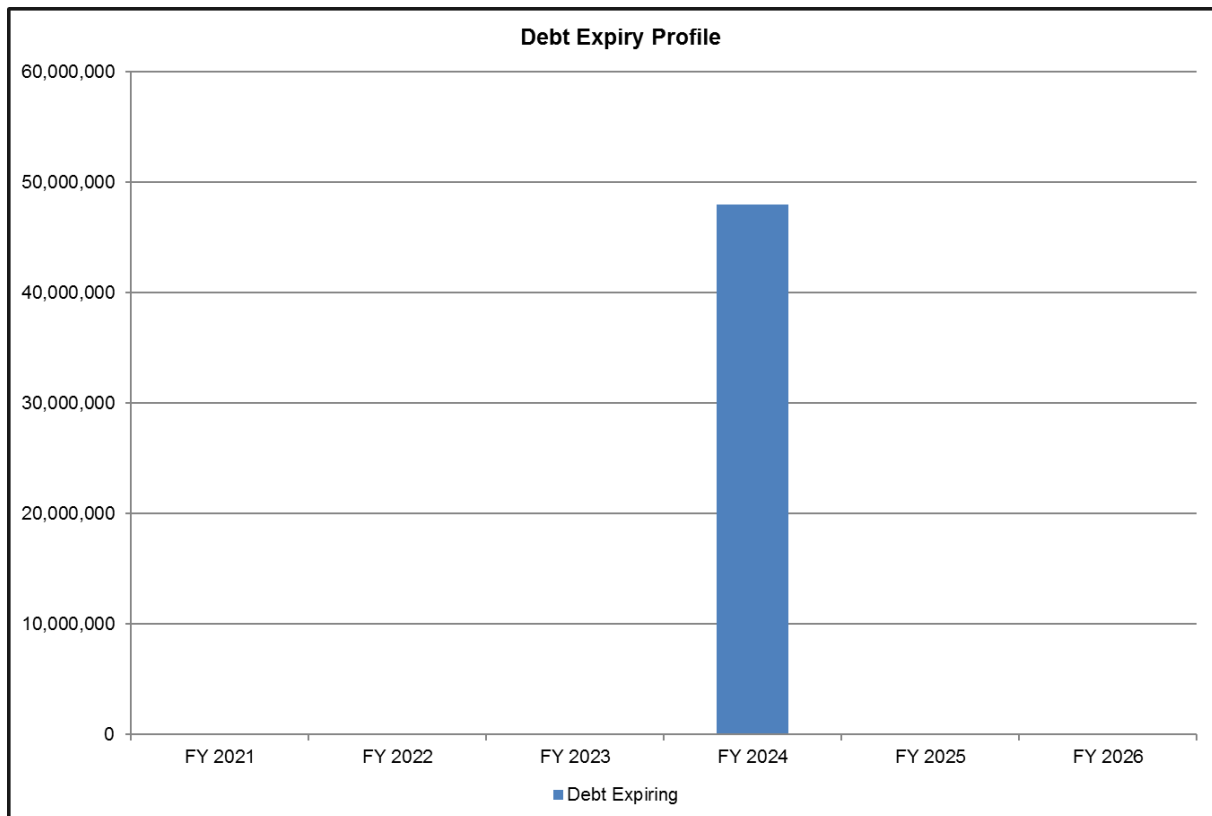
The Bank Loan is secured against the Property. This means that repayment of the Bank Loan ranks ahead of unitholders' interests in the Trust.

New credit terms were negotiated as part of the recent debt variation, and from 9 January 2019, the interest rate of the Bank Loan was 3.61% per annum. The interest rate comprises a fixed margin rate and a variable market interest rate. The Trust has entered into hedging arrangements which have the effect of fixing the variable market interest rate until June 2023. See Section 4.6 below for further information on interest rate hedging.

The interest rate including the amortisation of front end establishment fees is 3.72%.

The interest expense incurred by the Trust is not capitalised. Interest is paid as and when due from available cash reserves.

The maturity profile of the Trust's borrowing facilities are as follows:



The Trust's constitution and the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) give unitholders certain powers. In particular, the requisite number of unitholders can call a meeting of unitholders to consider resolutions to amend the Trust constitution, terminate the Trust or remove CFM as responsible entity. The exercise of those powers without the consent of the bank may lead to events of default under the Bank Loan and in certain circumstances will give the bank rights to, amongst other things, call for immediate repayment of the amounts outstanding.

### 4.3 Gearing Ratio

The gearing ratio indicates the extent to which the Trust's assets are funded by interest bearing liabilities (i.e. its borrowings).

The ratio gives an indication of the potential risks faced by the Trust as a result of its borrowings due to, for example, an increase in interest rates or a decrease in property values. Generally, the higher the gearing ratio the greater the risks faced by the Trust as a result of its borrowings.

The Trust's gearing ratio is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Gearing ratio} = \frac{\text{Total interest bearing liabilities}^4}{\text{Total assets}}$$

The gearing ratio for the Trust as at 31 December 2020 was 36.5%.

<sup>4</sup> Interest bearing liabilities are detailed under non-current liabilities within the Consolidated Balance Sheet in the Trust's audited Half Year Financial Report. They include the Trust's bank loans, less unamortised loan transaction costs which have been excluded for the purposes of this calculation.

The gearing ratio for was calculated using information from the Trust's audited Half Year Financial Report as at 31 December 2020.

The Trust does not have any off balance sheet financing.

#### 4.4 Interest Cover

Interest cover measures the ability of the Trust to meet the interest payments on its borrowings from its earnings. The level of interest cover gives an indication of the Trust's financial health. It is a key measure of the Trust's ability to meet its interest payment obligations. Generally, the higher the interest cover the easier it will be for the Trust to continue to meet its interest payments if earnings decline.

Interest cover is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Interest cover ratio} = \frac{\text{EBITDA} - \text{unrealised gains} + \text{unrealised losses}}{\text{Interest expense}}$$

EBITDA means earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation. In the latest audited Half Year statements "EBITDA - unrealised gains + unrealised losses" is represented in the Trust's audited Half Year Financial Reports as profit from operations plus interest expense.

The Trust's interest cover for the year ended 31 December 2020 was 5.0 times. The ratio was calculated based on information from the Trust's audited Half Year Financial Report as at 31 December 2020.

#### 4.5 Loan Covenants

The Bank Loan has various financial covenants which must be complied with. The Trust is in compliance with all covenants.

Under the terms of the Bank Loan, the 'loan to value' ratio must be at or below 50%. The 'loan to value' ratio is the amount of the Bank Loan divided by the value of the Property and was 37.4% at 31 December 2020. The Property would need to fall in value by 32.1% from its 31 December 2020 valuation for this covenant to be breached.

The interest cover ratio must be greater than or equal to 2.0 times. The interest cover ratio is the Trust's net income divided by the Bank Loan's interest costs and was 5.0 times as at 31 December 2020. Net Trust income would need to fall by 64.7% or the interest expense would need to increase by 183% for this covenant to be breached.

#### 4.6 Hedging

Hedging is a means by which the variable component of the Trust's interest payments (other than the margin, which is generally agreed for the term of the Bank Loan) is fixed for a certain period.

This provides the Trust with certainty as to its interest expense for the hedging period. While this is of benefit to the Trust should interest rates rise, it would be disadvantageous to the Trust if interest rates fall below the level at which the Trust's interest rate was hedged.

CFM maintains and complies with a borrowing policy for the Trust, which incorporates the extent to which the Trust will hedge its interest rate expense.



All of the Trust's borrowings are hedged until June 2023. CFM may further extend the hedge profile of the Trust in the future where it is considered prudent or cost effective to do so.

If held to maturity, the interest rate derivatives in the Trust's audited Half Year Report as at 31 December 2020 will reduce to zero.

The mark to market value of interest rate derivatives as at 31 December 2020 was a liability of \$2,457,000.

## 5. Distribution Practices

A calculation of the profit available for distribution is set out below. The Trust may retain part of this amount to pay for capital expenditure and leasing costs where CFM does not consider it prudent to fund these costs from other sources.

CFM considers the Trust's distributions to be sustainable from the Trust's available cash resources for at least 12 months into the future.

The following calculation reconciles Trust net profit to the total distribution payable for the first half of the 2020 – 2021 financial year, as per the audited Half Year Financial Report as at 31 December 2020.

		\$'000
	<b>Profit for the half year</b>	<b>3,686</b>
Less	+/- Valuation changes	
	Investment properties	84
	Derivative financial instruments	-302
	Non-cash property investment income/(expenses)	8
	Amortisation of loan transaction costs	26
Equals	<b>Distributable Earnings</b>	<b>3,502</b>
	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>3,018</b>

## 6. Withdrawal Arrangements

The Trust is expected to expire in June 2023. No withdrawal facility is expected to be offered prior to this date.

## 7. Related Party Transactions

CFM recognises it is important that related party transactions are appropriately managed because of the inherent risk that they may be mutually assessed and then reviewed less vigorously than transactions with external parties.

CFM has, and complies with, written policies with regard to related party transactions. The policies cover, amongst other things, the assessment and approval processes for related party transactions as well as how those transactions are managed. All related party transactions require Board approval and the Board will only approve transactions if they are satisfied the transactions are on arm's length or

better terms to the Trust. Otherwise, unless another exception is available under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), the transaction would be subject to approval by the Trust's unitholders.

Any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest (which includes but is not limited to a related party transaction) is managed in accordance with Cromwell's Conflict of Interest Policy.

Compliance with the Related Party and Conflict of Interest Policies is tested at least annually by Cromwell's legal and compliance team. To date, the policies have been complied with by CFM.

CFM has appointed some related entities to provide services to the Trust. Like CFM, those related entities are all wholly owned subsidiaries of the Cromwell Corporation Limited. They include Cromwell Property Services Pty Ltd (which provides property, facility management and leasing services to the Trust), Cromwell Project & Technical Solutions Pty Ltd (which provides project management services to the Trust in relation to the direct property assets), Cromwell Capital Pty Ltd (which provides finance arrangement services to the Trust) and Cromwell Operations Pty Ltd (which provides accounting and other administrative services to the Trust). Cromwell Property Services Pty Ltd was paid \$202,692 in fees, Cromwell Operations Pty Ltd was paid \$32,400 and Cromwell Project & Technical Solutions Pty Ltd was paid \$1,905 for the half year ending 31 December 2020. Cromwell Capital Pty Ltd did not receive any fees for the half year ending 31 December 2020. Related party arrangements are reviewed annually and are entered into on arm's length terms. For further information, please refer to Section 5.2.2 of the PDS (regarding fees paid to CFM and its related parties for services provided to the Trust) and Section 10.12 of the PDS (regarding the related party arrangements that relate to the Trust).