



## KKR CREDIT INCOME FUND (ASX: KKC)

The KKR Credit Income Fund aims to provide Australian and New Zealand investors with attractive, risk-adjusted returns and access to a diversified portfolio of income generating alternative credit investments

# KKC Investment Update

20 May 2020

As lock-downs across the globe begin to relax and business activity resumes, KKR Credit believes CCC assets may be buoyed by confidence in the market and regain some of the lost ground relative to BB and B rated assets.

Looking at market performance Year to Date (“YTD”), KKR Credit has looked at how various components of the market have performed over three time periods:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020;
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020; and
- 1<sup>st</sup> January - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020

The table below shows the performance of the different rating groups [\[1\]](#) over these periods [\[2\]](#).

	Price (%)	1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 (Return)	23 <sup>rd</sup> March to 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 (Return)	1 <sup>st</sup> January – 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 (Return)
<b>US High Yield - Overall</b>	<b>89.09</b>	<b>3.80%</b>	<b>13.52%</b>	<b>-9.82%</b>
US High Yield - BB	95.81	4.78%	14.84%	-5.94%
US High Yield - B	91.01	3.31%	13.24%	-11.25%
US High Yield - CCC	62.89	0.54%	7.93%	-22.01%
<b>US Loans - Overall</b>	<b>86.91</b>	<b>4.50%</b>	<b>13.69%</b>	<b>-9.13%</b>
US Loans - BB	92.29	4.12%	17.34%	-7.20%
US Loans - B	87.42	4.99%	13.26%	-9.41%
US Loans - CCC	69.05	4.00%	2.60%	-19.76%

The returns shown are for the market's different rating groupings and exclude any hypothetical trading costs or bid/ask spreads. Source: Bloomberg as of 30 April 2020. Ratings as rated by one of the major Rating Agencies. Bloomberg has not consented to the inclusion of this chart in this update.

As can be seen, there has been a “*flight to quality*” in the market as buyer demand has been for the higher rated assets. This increased demand has pushed up prices of BB assets more than the other rating groups. This can be seen in the +14.84% and +17.34% increases for high yield bonds and loans respectively over the 23 March to 30 April time period.

The opposite end of the rating spectrum has seen the reverse. CCC rated assets have been slower to recover and returned just +7.93% and +2.60% for the same 23 March to 30 April time period. Since 1 January, CCC assets remain depressed and have returned -22.01% and -19.76% for high yield bonds and loans respectively.

In last week's Investment Update, KKR Credit explored potential reasons for this bifurcation, which it believes are two-fold: Investors have been quick to buy “high quality” (BBB and BB) assets they believed had traded down too far and secondly, some managers have been slow to buy CCC assets, potentially as a result of portfolio management style or portfolio limits. KKR Credit will continue to look for risk adjusted opportunities presented by this bifurcation.<sup>[3]</sup>

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**44+**

years of  
experience

**US\$207**

billion total assets  
under management<sup>1</sup>

**US\$68**

billion credit assets  
under management

**470+**

KKR Investment  
Professionals

**US\$19**

billion invested  
alongside our clients

Figures as of 31 March, 2020. Represents assets managed by KKR or its strategic partners (on a proportionate basis) as to which KKR is entitled to receive a fee or carried interest (either currently or upon deployment of capital) and proprietary general partner capital. Includes investments/commitments made by KKR's balance sheet, KKR employees and other affiliates. Investments made by current and former KKR employees are retained by those individuals personally. Includes unfunded commitments made by individuals.

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