

Leveraged Direct Investment Loan

Product Guide

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Documentation for the Leveraged Direct Investment Loan comprises the Leveraged Direct Investment Loan Product Disclosure Statement dated 9 November 2023 or later (Direct Investment Loan PDS), this Product Guide, the Facility Terms and Conditions (**Facility Agreement**) dated 9 November 2023 or later, and the Application Form dated 9 November 2023 or later or its electronic equivalent (together the Product Documentation). In addition to this Product Guide and the Facility Agreement, the Direct Investment Loan PDS will help you to assess the suitability of the Leveraged Direct Investment Loan for your circumstances. Information contained in the Product Documentation may change from time to time. The Lender may not always supplement or replace a document to reflect the change. To find out about any up to date information contact us or visit the Lender's website.

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Examples

Examples in the Product Documentation are for illustrative purposes only and do not indicate any view of, or expectation about, a Direct Investment Loan or any investment or transaction. The examples do not cover all the possible outcomes of using a Direct Investment Loan or any investment. The examples are not intended as a recommendation, are simplified and may not reflect actual outcomes, market prices or movements, or taxation treatment.

Risks

You should refer to section 5 in this Product Guide for the details of some of the significant risks associated with a Direct Investment Loan. In particular, borrowing to invest magnifies losses as well as gains. As well as the risks associated with using a Direct Investment Loan you should consider the risks associated with your investment choices and how those investments fit in your overall financial circumstances and objectives.

No warranty or guarantee is given by the Lender, any other party named in any Product Documentation or any of their respective bodies corporate for the performance of the Leveraged Direct Investment Loan, any investment acquired using money borrowed through or in connection with a Direct Investment Loan or held as part of the Secured Portfolio, anything on a list of Acceptable Investments of the Lender.

You should also consider how borrowing through a Direct Investment Loan fits with other loans you may have, your capacity to pay amounts as they become due and how it fits in your overall personal financial circumstances. A Direct Investment Loan may not be suitable for all investors. A Direct Investment Loan is not a traditional loan and may involve some extra risks. You should not apply for a Direct Investment Loan unless you understand and are comfortable with the risks and have read and understood all of the Product Documentation. You must regularly monitor your Direct Investment Loan. Cooling-off rights may not be available in respect of the Direct Investment Loan.

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Overview

A Direct Investment Loan may have benefits for some investors, but it is important to understand how it works, how to use it and the associated risks. This section is an introduction to the more detailed information in this Product Guide.

1.1 What is a Direct Investment Loan?

A Direct Investment Loan allows you to borrow money which you use, in addition to your own money, to invest. To secure your obligations you offer to mortgage investments to the Lender. Even though you mortgage investments to the Lender you remain the owner of those investments in most circumstances.

The Lender regularly publishes a list of investments that it may accept as security for a Direct Investment Loan. The list includes the amount, expressed as a percentage of Market Value, that you may be able to borrow against an investment. These investments are called Acceptable Investments and the percentage of Market Value is called the investment's Lending Ratio. The investments mortgaged to the Lender become part of the Secured Portfolio.

Acceptable Investments may include certain shares, exchange traded products and listed investment companies. The current list of Acceptable Investments and Lending Ratios is available on the website or by contacting us.

Unlike other loans there is no set date to repay the money you borrow. However, events, such as a fall in Market Value or change in Lending Ratio, can result in some or all of your loan becoming due for payment in a short time including immediately depending on the nature of the event. Refer to section 3.4 in this Product Guide for further information about Margin Calls and section 3.8 for information about Gearing Adjustment, Default and Termination.

1.2 Possible Investors

Whether a Direct Investment Loan is suitable for you will depend on your financial situation and objectives. Investors who may like to consider whether a Direct Investment Loan is suitable for them include:

- Investors who plan to borrow to buy a portfolio of Acceptable Investments because they expect the net return on their investments to exceed the cost of borrowing over their planned investment horizon;
- Investors who already own a portfolio of Acceptable Investments and who would like to supplement or diversify their portfolio without selling; or
- Investors who need a flexible loan facility that works with their overall investment arrangements.

Borrowers must be at least 18 years old. Borrowers can be individual or up to 3 individuals jointly. You should consider how a Direct Investment Loan fits with other loans you may have, your capacity to pay amounts as they become due or to pay amounts at unexpected times if certain events occur.

1.3 Potential Benefits

Increase the amount you have available to invest

Borrowing to acquire an asset is called gearing or leverage. The net return on an investment includes growth in its value plus distributions less transaction costs and taxes. If, over your planned investment horizon, the net return on your investment exceeds your borrowing costs then by borrowing to invest you will generally earn a higher after-tax return than if you had invested without borrowing.

Diversify an existing portfolio without selling

You may be able to borrow against a portfolio of Acceptable Investments that you already own. You can then use the borrowed money to acquire other investments without selling your existing portfolio. These investments may be in a different range of asset classes, industries and companies. Investing in a range of different assets is called diversification and it is a financial technique that may reduce the risks associated with investing. Whether diversification changes your risk depends on your investment and borrowing decisions and your particular circumstances.

Manage your investments with the help of a flexible facility

There is no set date to repay the money you borrow although events may occur that result in your loan becoming due for payment in a very short period. Refer to section 3.4 in this Product Guide for details about Margin Calls and section 3.8 for details about Gearing Adjustment, Default and Termination. The Direct Investment Loan has a number of flexible features including:

- a variety of ways to pay interest;
- a variety of Acceptable Investments including shares, exchange traded products and listed investment companies;
- apply as an individual or up to 3 individuals jointly;
- you can use one or more Broker of your choice;

You may be entitled to claim an income tax deduction for some or all of your borrowing costs depending on your individual circumstances. Refer to section 3.10 in this Product Guide for information about taxation.

1.4 Significant Risks

Changes in the value of investments and interest rates

Borrowing to invest magnifies gains as well as losses. It is possible that the performance of your investments or an interest rate increase may result in you earning a lower return or incurring a larger loss than if you had not borrowed to invest. Section 5.2 in this Product Guide describes some of the market risks and risks of leverage.

Events may occur that result in the loan becoming due for payment in a very short period

It is possible for certain events to occur, at any time, that result in some or all of the loan being due for payment in a short period including immediately depending on the nature of the event. These events include Margin Calls, Market Disruption, Default and Termination. Section 5.3 in this Product Guide describes the risks associated with these events.

Net proceeds may not cover the loan

It is possible for any net sale proceeds from the Secured Portfolio to be less than the Total Amount Owing. You are required to pay the Total Amount Owing when declared due irrespective of any net sale proceeds. Incurring losses under your Direct Investment Loan may make it harder for you to repay any other debt obligations you may have. Section 5.5 in this Product Guide describes the full recourse nature of a Direct Investment Loan.

Mismatch of cash flows and limits on ability to deal in investments

It is possible for interest and other charges to become due for payment before or to be larger than any distribution paid on your investments. Certain events, such as a corporate action, may result in the Lender requiring that part of the Secured Portfolio be transferred to the Nominee. This may limit your ability to deal with that part of the Secured Portfolio. If any part of the Secured Portfolio is transferred to the Nominee you remain the beneficial owner. Refer to section 3.9 in this Product Guide for information about the Nominee. Section 5.4 in this Product Guide provides more details about these risks.

Reliance on the Lender, Nominee and Sponsor

You are reliant on the operations, policies and procedures of the Lender, Nominee and Sponsor.

Powers of the Lender, Nominee and Sponsor and legislative changes

You give the Lender, the Nominee and the Sponsor a power of attorney to do certain acts in relation to your Direct Investment Loan and the Secured Portfolio. It is important that you read and understand the effect of giving this power of attorney. The Lender also has a number of discretions. For example, the Lender may change the Lending Ratio applicable to any part of the Secured Portfolio. It is possible that any such change by the Lender will adversely impact your ability to operate your Direct Investment Loan in a way that suits your circumstances and meets your financial objectives. Changes in legislation and taxation policies may also impact your Direct Investment Loan and the net after-tax return you expect to earn on your investments. Section 5.7 in this Product Guide provides further details about these risks.

More complex than a traditional loan

A Direct Investment Loan is different to a traditional loan because there is no specified date for repayment (although repayment on short notice may be required in certain circumstances). Also the value of the Secured Portfolio can change by a larger degree and in a shorter time than other assets such as residential property and the Direct Investment Loan is subject to Margin Calls. Typically, you will contribute money as well as borrow through your Direct Investment Loan to invest. It is possible to use a facility, such as a home loan, to borrow the money contributed to the investment. This financial strategy is called double gearing. It is possible that the net return on any investment made through your Direct Investment Loan will not be sufficient to cover the higher borrowing costs from double gearing. Further, it is possible that when you have to repay money borrowed under your Direct Investment Loan that you will have to sell not only the Secured Portfolio but also other assets. Section 5.8 in this Product Guide provides further details about these risks.

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Key Features at a Glance

Feature	Summary	Reference
What can I invest in?	<p>If you don't own an investment portfolio when you apply, you will borrow money, in addition to your own money, to invest in a portfolio of Acceptable Investments. Acceptable Investments include shares, exchange traded products and listed investment companies.</p> <p>A current list of Acceptable Investments, including the Lending Ratio for each, is available on the website or by contacting us.</p>	Section 3.1 in this Product Guide
What Credit Limit can I apply for?	<p>The minimum Credit Limit you can apply for is \$20,000.</p> <p>The maximum Credit Limit you may be able to apply for is \$500,000. This will depend on various factors including for example the characteristics of the portfolio you propose to mortgage to the Lender, and your financial circumstances including your income and expenses and other liquid assets you own.</p> <p>Based on information provided by you and other information the Lender obtains, the Lender will make an assessment, having regard to the requirements of the government regulation, of whether the Direct Investment Loan with the Credit Limit you are applying for is unsuitable for you. The Lender may base its assessments on other factors depending on the size of the Credit Limit you are applying for.</p> <p>The assessment by the Lender is separate to any personal financial advice you may receive from your financial adviser. If the Lender agrees to open a Direct Investment Loan for the Credit Limit you have requested then this is not, by itself, an indication that a Direct Investment Loan is or will be in fact suitable for you in your specific circumstances and for your specific financial objectives.</p>	Section 3.6 in this Product Guide
How much can I borrow?	<p>After establishing a Direct Investment Loan, your borrowing capacity depends on your Credit Limit, the Lending Ratio and Market Value of each investment held as part of the Secured Portfolio. Your borrowing capacity will be the lesser of the Credit Limit and the Security Value.</p> <p>Example A: Borrowing against an existing portfolio of Acceptable Investments</p> <p>If the Lending Ratio for an investment is 70 per cent and the Market Value of your holding of that investment is \$100,000 then your borrowing capacity is up to \$70,000 which is the Security Value (\$100,000 multiplied by 70 per cent) provided your Credit Limit is equal to or higher than this amount.</p> <p>Example B: Borrowing to acquire a portfolio of Acceptable Investments</p> <p>You intend to acquire Acceptable Investments with a Lending Ratio of 75 per cent and have \$10,000 of your own money. This means you can potentially invest up to \$40,000 (\$10,000 divided by 25 per cent which is 100 per cent minus the 75 per cent Lending Ratio) in Acceptable Investments. This means you can borrow up to \$30,000 (\$40,000 minus \$10,000) provided your Credit Limit is equal to or higher than this amount.</p> <p>Your borrowing capacity will continually change as the Market Value changes. A change in Lending Ratio can also affect your borrowing capacity. Changes in Market Values and Lending Ratios do not affect your Credit Limit which is a set amount. The maximum amount you can borrow is the lesser of your Credit Limit and your Security Value.</p>	Sections 3.3 and 3.6 in this Product Guide
Can I borrow money for other purposes?	<p>If you have borrowing capacity then you may be able to borrow through your Direct Investment Loan. You must use some of the money borrowed to acquire financial products (for example shares or exchange traded products).</p>	Section 3.1 in this Product Guide

Feature	Summary	Reference
<p>What is the security for my Direct Investment Loan?</p>	<p>To borrow money through a Direct Investment Loan you offer to mortgage investments to the Lender. The investment portfolio mortgaged to the Lender is called the Secured Portfolio. The Secured Portfolio can comprise Acceptable Investments held through the Sponsor or Nominee, other investments held through the Sponsor and Nominee and other investments that may be accepted by the Lender.</p> <p>If you don't meet your obligations the Lender can sell the Secured Portfolio, to repay some or all of the Total Amount Owing. You remain responsible for paying the Total Amount Owing irrespective of any net sale proceeds from the Secured Portfolio.</p>	<p>Section 3.1 in this Product Guide Clauses 26 to 32 (Section 3 - Security terms)</p>
<p>When do I repay the amounts I borrow?</p>	<p>Subject to certain events (see the next topic), there is no set date by which you must repay the Total Amount Owing.</p> <p>You may repay your Facility Balance at any time although a fee may apply if you repay the total Facility Balance within 4 months of the start of your first drawing or accepted borrowing request. Also restrictions may apply if you have a Fixed Rate Loan under your Direct Investment Loan.</p> <p>To repay the Total Amount Owing you can arrange to sell or redeem the Secured Portfolio or use other funds and retain ownership of the Secured Portfolio. Your obligations under your Direct Investment Loan continue and the mortgage over the Secured Portfolio will not be released until the Total Amount Owing is repaid in full irrespective of any net sale proceeds from selling the Secured Portfolio.</p>	<p>Section 3.6 in this Product Guide</p>
<p>What events can result in the loan becoming due for early repayment?</p>	<p>Certain events may result in some or all of the Total Amount Owing becoming due for payment in a short period, including immediately, depending on the nature of the event. These events include Margin Calls, your Facility Balance exceeding your borrowing capacity (the lesser of the Security Value + Buffer and the Credit Limit), Market Disruptions, Default and Termination by you or the Lender. These events may be outside your control, may be the result of actions by the Lender, and can occur at any time.</p> <p>You must resolve a Margin Call by the time specified in the Lender's record of Margin Call which will generally be 24 hours after the Lender records the Margin Call. For example, if the Lender records a Margin Call at 10am on Monday then you will have at least until 10am on Tuesday to resolve the Margin Call. All times are Sydney local time.</p> <p>Subject to certain conditions, you may terminate your Direct Investment Loan by giving at least thirty (30) days notice to the Lender. And if you are not in Default, the Lender may terminate your Direct Investment Loan by giving at least sixty (60) days' notice to you. If this occurs the Total Amount Owing must be repaid at the end of the notice period.</p> <p>Your obligations continue and the Lender's security interest over the Secured Portfolio will not be released until the Total Amount Owing is fully repaid by you.</p>	<p>Sections 3.4 and 3.8 in this Product Guide Clause 5 (Margin Calls) of the Agreement Clause 8 (Gearing Adjustment) of the Agreement Clauses 46 to 51 (Section 6 – Default, termination and consequences) of the Agreement Clauses 26 to 32 (Section 3 - Security terms) of the Agreement</p>

Feature	Summary	Reference
<p>How is interest charged?</p>	<p>A Variable Rate applies to money borrowed under your Direct Investment Loan unless you arrange for a Fixed Rate Loan. Variable interest accrues daily and becomes due for payment on the last calendar day of each month. The Lender can change the Variable Rate applicable to your Direct Investment Loan at any time.</p> <p>If the Lender agrees, you can arrange to fix the interest rate on some or all of your Facility Balance for a set term. This is called a Fixed Rate Loan. You can have more than one Fixed Rate Loan, typically at different fixed rates, under your Direct Investment Loan.</p> <p>Interest on a Fixed Rate Loan accrues daily and there are a number of ways to pay interest. For example, you can pay 12 months of interest on your Fixed Rate Loan in-advance at the start of the 12 month period. You can also choose to pay interest monthly in-arrears. In this case, interest on your Fixed Rate Loan becomes due for payment on the last calendar day of each month.</p> <p>If you change or break a Fixed Rate Loan before the end of the fixed term then you will incur Break Costs and the Lender will usually not refund any interest paid in-advance.</p> <p>You will not earn credit interest on any excess funds held in your Loan Account. For example, if you arrange a Fixed Rate Loan and don't draw the funds from your Loan Account, you will not earn credit interest or any offset to the interest charged on the Fixed Rate Loan. To earn credit interest you can place any excess loan funds in a Linked Investment Account which is part of the Secured Portfolio.</p> <p>The Lender may charge an interest rate (the Overdue Money Rate) that is higher than the Variable Rate on any overdue money. The Lender does not pay interest on any credit balances.</p> <p>To pay interest you can arrange for the Lender to debit your Nominated Account when interest becomes payable or you can ask the Lender to capitalise interest to your Loan Account.</p>	<p>Section 3.5 in this Product Guide</p>
<p>Who owns the investments mortgaged to the Lender?</p>	<p>A Security Owner can be one or more Borrower who mortgages investments to the Lender as part of the Secured Portfolio. Each Security Owner is always the beneficial owner of their part of the Secured Portfolio even though it is mortgaged to the Lender.</p> <p>The Lender may require the Security Owner to hold or deal with their part of the Secured Portfolio in a particular way. For example, the Lender may require the Security Owner to transfer an investment to the Nominee if a corporate action is declared. The Nominee holds the investment as part of the Secured Portfolio on behalf of the Security Owner and the Security Owner remains the beneficial owner.</p> <p>! At no time does the Lender, Nominee or Sponsor lend any part of the Secured Portfolio to any other party.</p>	<p>Section 3.9 in this Product Guide</p>

Feature	Summary	Reference
<p>Can I lose my contribution to the investments?</p>	<p>There are risks involved in investing through a Direct Investment Loan which may result in you losing some or all of the capital or Secured Portfolio contributed to the Direct Investment Loan, earning a return less than expected or required to meet your financial objectives or that may limit a Security Owner's ability to deal with their investments.</p> <p>When considering risks it is important to think about the likelihood of any event or series of events occurring and your ability to cope with and respond to the impact of the event or circumstance. It is also important to understand that risk is not constant. The likelihood of any event occurring and its impact may change over time.</p> <p>! You are always responsible for your investment choices, whether they are suitable for your circumstances and financial objectives and whether borrowing to acquire those investments will meet your return requirements.</p> <p>Borrowing money through a Direct Investment Loan includes the following risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Borrowing money to invest magnifies investment losses as well as investment gains. · Events can result in some or all the money borrowed becoming due for payment in a short period of time, including immediately. · The timing of cash inflows can be different to outflows and some events can restrict your ability to deal with an investment. · You are required to repay the Total Amount Owing when due irrespective of any net sales proceeds from the Secured Portfolio. This means it is possible that you will need to sell other assets to pay the Total Amount Owing. · You are reliant on the operations of the Lender and any other entity involved in the operation of your Direct Investment Loan. · Changes by the Lender and legislative changes can impact your Direct Investment Loan and your ability to use it to meet your financial objectives. 	<p>Section 5 in this Product Guide</p>
<p>Can I use my own Broker?</p>	<p>You can nominate a Broker of your choice. A Broker facilitates buy and sell transactions on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX). The Lender will not act as a Broker and does not give personal financial advice.</p>	<p>Section 3.7 in this Product Guide</p>
<p>What are the operating fees?</p>	<p>You will incur Break Costs if you change or terminate a Fixed Rate Loan before the end of its fixed term. You will incur a fee if you repay the total Facility Balance within 4 months of the start of your first drawing or accepted borrowing request.</p> <p>Your Broker may charge fees for service and to execute transactions. The Lender may charge fees to settle transactions through your Direct Investment Loan. The Lender, Nominee or Sponsor will also charge for any taxes, fees or stamp duty they incur in relation to your Direct Investment Loan.</p> <p>The Lender and the financial institution that holds a Nominated Account or Linked Investment Account may charge transactions fees (for example a fee to transfer funds or if a direct debit is dishonoured). The Lender may charge fees if you ask for additional account services (for example retrieving historical information).</p>	<p>Section 4 in this Product Guide</p>
<p>What is Rewards Plus?</p>	<p>Rewards Plus is a feature that allows you to potentially earn Qantas Frequent Flyer award points based on your daily Facility Balance. You will need to be a member of the Qantas Frequent Flyer Program to apply. Rewards Plus may not be available on all Direct Investment Loan Facilities.</p>	<p>Section 3.14 in this Product Guide</p>
<p>Can I manage my loan by linking a cash account to my Facility?</p>	<p>Linking a cash management account to a Direct Investment Loan may suit investors who want to target a Facility Balance. The Lender periodically sweeps money between a Linked Investment Account and your Loan Account to achieve a Facility Balance close to your target. This may help you manage the amount borrowed. This feature is only available with certain cash management accounts and may not be available on all Direct Investment Loan Facilities.</p>	<p>Application Form, Clause 14 of the Agreement</p>

Direct Investment Loan Facility Details

This section explains how your Direct Investment Loan operates, gives worked examples and highlights some of the key provisions in the Agreement.

3.1 Direct Investment Loan Facility

Your Direct Investment Loan is made up of:

- investments mortgaged to the Lender (the Secured Portfolio); and
- the amount you have borrowed (your Facility Balance) and other amounts owing for example accrued interest and transactions yet to be processed and settled. Your Facility Balance plus these other amounts is generally the Total Amount Owning.

Acceptable Investments includes shares, exchange traded products and listed investment companies. The current list of Acceptable Investments, including Lending Ratios, is available on the website or by contacting us. The Lending Ratio is an indication of the maximum amount you may be able to borrow against a particular Acceptable Investment. The Lender sets each Lending Ratio having regard to its own risks and it is not a recommendation or indication about any investment.

You can acquire a portfolio of Acceptable Investments by borrowing through your Direct Investment Loan in addition to your own money. You may also use an existing portfolio of Acceptable Investments to borrow money through your Direct Investment Loan if you have borrowing capacity. You must use some of the money borrowed to buy financial products such as shares or exchange traded products.

To secure your obligations under the Direct Investment Loan you offer to mortgage investments to the Lender. Typically, the mortgaged investments will be one or more of the Acceptable Investments but the Lender may accept other types of investments. Investments mortgaged to the Lender become part of the Secured Portfolio. All investments held through the Sponsor and Nominee, irrespective of whether they are Acceptable Investments or not, are part of the Secured Portfolio.

Example 3.1 A
Borrowing to acquire a portfolio

In this example, a share and an ETF make up the Secured Portfolio.

	Share A	ETF	Total
Market Value	\$28,000 (14,000 units at a price of \$2.00)	\$50,000 (10,000 units at a price of \$5.00)	\$78,000
Lending Ratio	75%	60%	
Security Value (Market Value x Lending Ratio)	\$21,000	\$30,000	\$51,000
Funds you contribute (Market Value less Security Value)	\$7,000	\$20,000	\$27,000

3.2 Why use a Direct Investment Loan?

Borrowing to acquire an asset is called leverage or gearing. Typical users are either:

- People who expect the net return on their investments to exceed borrowing costs over their planned investment horizon. By borrowing to invest the investor can acquire a larger portfolio than if they had used their own funds alone. If their return expectations are achieved then they will earn a larger net after-tax return than if they had not borrowed. Conversely, if their net return is less than their borrowing costs then they will incur a lower net after-tax return or larger loss than if they had not borrowed; or
- People who already own a portfolio of Acceptable Investments and who would like to borrow to supplement or diversify their portfolio without selling their existing investments.

Example 3.2 A

Comparing investing with and without borrowing

This example is based on the information in example 3.1 A. For simplicity, it excludes interest, taxes and transaction fees such as brokerage.

	With a Direct Investment Loan	Without a Direct Investment Loan
Your funds	\$20,000	\$20,000
Loan	\$40,000	\$0
Market Value of Secured Portfolio	\$60,000	\$20,000
Market Value after 10% assumed increase	\$66,000	\$22,000
Your capital after loan repayment	\$26,000	\$22,000
Gain as percentage of funds you invested	30%	10%
Market Value after 10% assumed decrease	\$54,000	\$18,000
Your capital after loan repayment	\$14,000	\$18,000
Loss as percentage of funds you invested	(30%)	(10%)

3.3 Amount you may be able to borrow

The amount you may be able to borrow (called borrowing capacity or available funds) through your Direct Investment Loan, depends on:

- your Credit Limit (refer to section 3.6 in this Product Guide for information about Credit Limits);
- the Lending Ratio (if any) assigned by the Lender to each part of the Secured Portfolio; and
- the Market Value of each part of the Secured Portfolio.

You may be able to borrow up to the lesser of your Credit Limit and Security Value. Your Security Value is a total across all of the Secured Portfolio. It is calculated by multiplying each investment's Market Value by its Lending Ratio (which may be zero) and adding the results.

Example 3.3 A

Calculate the Security Value

	Share	ETF	Total
Market Value	\$28,000	\$50,000	\$78,000
Lending Ratio	75%	60%	
Security Value (Market Value x Lending Ratio)	\$21,000	\$30,000	\$51,000

Determine your borrowing capacity

Your borrowing capacity is the lesser of your Credit Limit and Security Value.

	Credit Limit	Security Value	Borrowing Capacity
Security Value is lowest	\$100,000	\$51,000	\$51,000
Credit Limit is lowest	\$35,000	\$51,000	\$35,000

! You are responsible for ensuring that the Facility Balance does not exceed your borrowing capacity.

If at any time your Facility Balance is greater than your borrowing capacity then:

- the amount of the excess does not form part of the Credit Limit;
- the amount of the excess is immediately due and payable; and
- your Direct Investment Loan will become subject to Gearing Adjustment. Refer to section 3.8 for information about Gearing Adjustment.

As a result, you must monitor your Balance and the possible impact of any proposed transactions to ensure you don't exceed your borrowing capacity. The Lender will not be liable if the Facility Balance exceeds your borrowing capacity even if this occurs because the Lender continued to settle your transactions.

Example 3.3 B

Understanding the Gearing Ratio

In this example the weighted average Lending Ratio is 65 per cent (\$51,000 Security Value divided by the \$78,000 Market Value). Assume your Credit Limit is greater than \$51,000 and you borrow \$51,000 then your Gearing Ratio is also 65 per cent. If instead you only borrow \$36,000 then your Gearing Ratio will be 46 per cent (\$36,000 divided by \$78,000) which is less than the weighted average Lending Ratio.

Example 3.3 C

Total available for investment

Assume you have \$10,000 of your own money to invest. You decide to invest in a share which currently has a Lending Ratio of 70 per cent. In this case, you may be able to invest a maximum of \$33,000 (\$10,000 divided by 30 per cent which is 100 per cent minus the 70 per cent Lending Ratio) in the share. Your investment will comprise \$10,000 of your own funds and \$23,000 borrowed through your Direct Investment Loan.

A change in any of the following factors can impact your borrowing capacity:

- your Credit Limit;
- the Lending Ratio (if any) assigned by the Lender to each part of the Secured Portfolio; and
- the Market Value of each part of the Secured Portfolio.

Example 3.3 D

Changes to borrowing capacity when Market Value decreases

This example follows on from example 3.3 A and shows a drop in Market Value of both the share and ETF.

	Share	ETF	Total
Market Value after prices fall	\$26,040 (14,000 units at a price of \$1.86)	\$45,000 (10,000 units at a price of \$4.50)	\$71,040
Lending Ratio	75%	60%	
Security Value (Market Value x Lending Ratio)	\$19,530	\$27,000	\$46,530

Your borrowing capacity decreases to \$46,530 compared to \$51,000 in example 3.3 A (assuming your Credit Limit is greater than \$51,000).

3.4 Margin Calls

When do Margin Calls occur?

A Margin Call occurs whenever the Total Amount Owing exceeds the Security Value plus Buffer. The Buffer is the aggregate of the Market Value of each part of the Secured Portfolio multiplied by its buffer percentage (if any) assigned by the Lender. During a typical day, as Market Values change the Security Value moves up and down within a small range. The purpose of the Buffer is to allow for small intraday fluctuations in Security Value without triggering a Margin Call.

! The Buffer does not represent additional borrowing capacity.

When a Margin Call occurs, the Lender may record a Margin Call. A Margin Call is a demand from the Lender for you to reduce the Total Amount Owing. You may be able to resolve a Margin Call in other ways and this is explained below.

Typically, the Lender checks if the Total Amount Owing exceeds the Security Value plus Buffer after the close of business each day and makes any Margin Calls the following morning. However, the Lender can check for Margin Calls at any time and may make a Margin Call at any time. This means it is possible for you to have more than one Margin Call outstanding at any time.

A Margin Call can occur because either the:

- Security Value decreases
Refer to section 3.3 in this Product Guide for information about calculating the Security Value. The Security Value changes as Market Values change and Market Values change constantly. The Security Value may also decrease if the Lender decreases a Lending Ratio applicable to any part of the Secured Portfolio;
- The Lender decreases or removes a buffer percentage applicable to any part of the Secured Portfolio; or
- Total Amount Owing increases
The Total Amount Owing increases as you borrow money, including when interest or fees are capitalised to your Loan Account. The Total Amount Owing decreases when you repay borrowed money.

! A Margin Call can occur at any time, unexpectedly and can be the result of events outside your control including actions by the Lender.

Example 3.4 A

A Margin Call has not occurred

Assume the Total Amount Owing equals \$50,000.

	Share	ETF	Total
Market Value	\$28,000	\$50,000	\$78,000
Lending Ratio	75%	60%	
Security Value (Market Value x Lending Ratio)	\$21,000	\$30,000	\$51,000
Percentage buffer	10%	10%	
Buffer (Percentage buffer x Market Value)	\$2,800	\$5,000	\$7,800

In this case, the Total Amount Owing (\$50,000) is less than \$58,800 (Security Value of \$51,000 plus Buffer of \$7,800) and a Margin Call has not occurred.

In the buffer

Assume the Total Amount Owing remains at \$50,000 but the Market Value of both investments in the Secured Portfolio decrease by 10 per cent.

	Share	ETF	Total
Market Value (A fall of 10%)	\$25,000	\$45,000	\$70,200
Lending Ratio	75%	60%	
Security Value (Market Value x Lending Ratio)	\$18,900	\$27,500	\$45,900
Percentage buffer	10%	10%	
Buffer (Percentage buffer x Market Value)	\$2,520	\$4,500	\$7,020

In this case, the Total Amount Owing exceeds the Security Value by \$4,100 (\$50,000 minus \$45,900) but this is less than the Buffer of \$7,020. Your Direct Investment Loan is "in the buffer" and a Margin Call has not yet occurred but may be imminent.

Example 3.4 A continued

Margin Call

Assume the Total Amount Owing is still \$50,000 but the Market Value of both investments in the Secured Portfolio decreases by 20 per cent.

	Share	ETF	Total
Market Value (A fall of 20%)	\$22,400	\$40,000	\$62,400
Lending Ratio	75%	60%	
Security Value (Market Value x Lending Ratio)	\$16,800	\$24,000	\$40,800
Percentage buffer	10%	10%	
Buffer (Percentage buffer x Market Value)	\$2,240	\$4,000	\$6,240

In this case, the Total Amount Owing is greater than \$47,040 (Security Value of \$40,800 plus Buffer of \$6,240). A Margin Call has occurred and the short fall amount is \$9,200 (Total Amount Owing of \$50,000 minus Security Value of \$40,800).

How is a Margin Call made?

After recording the occurrence of a Margin Call, the Lender will take reasonable steps to notify the Borrower of the Margin Call in addition to updating the status flag on the Online Service. In most circumstances, the Lender will take reasonable steps to contact all Borrowers directly affected by a Margin Call.

As the Borrower, you can indicate a preference for receiving a Margin Call via email or a short text message (sms) alerting you to the Margin Call and where you can obtain the complete notice. The Lender may attempt to contact you in other ways if, for example the mobile phone network is disrupted at the time the Lender attempts to send you an sms.

If the Lender takes reasonable steps to send the notice to any of the points of contact nominated by you, then you are deemed to have received the Margin Call even if you don't read it. For example, your internet service provider doesn't deliver an email to your inbox in a timely manner. This delay does not change the time by which you are required to respond to the Margin Call. If you elect to receive an sms alert then you will need to take additional steps to obtain the complete Margin Call notice, by downloading it from the Online Service or by contacting us. The time needed to obtain the full message may delay your ability to respond to the Margin Call.

The notice of Margin Call will contain information for resolving the Margin Call including the short fall amount, the time by which you must resolve the Margin Call and the consequences if you do not resolve it. This means a Margin Call (and any sms alert) will contain personal information.

Example 3.4 B

Margin Call

Following on from example 3.4 A, assume the Lender checked for Margin Calls as at the close of business on Monday and determined that the Direct Investment Loan was in short fall by \$9,200. On Tuesday at 9am the Lender records the Margin Call and takes reasonable steps to notify you. The Margin Call notice requires you to pay \$9,200 in cleared funds into your Loan Account by 9am Wednesday. The Margin Call notice may specify a later time. Refer below for more information about resolving a Margin Call.

Example 3.4 C

Multiple Margin Calls

Assume the market continues to decline and that on Tuesday afternoon the Lender determines that the total shortfall is \$12,000. On Tuesday at 5pm the Lender records a second Margin Call and takes steps to contact you. The second Margin Call requires you to pay an additional \$2,800 (\$12,000 total shortfall minus \$9,200 from the first Margin Call in example 3.4 B) in cleared funds into your Loan Account by 5pm Wednesday. In this case, you must resolve the first Margin Call in example 3.4 B by no later than 9am Wednesday and the second Margin Call by no later than 5pm Wednesday.

It is very important that you:

- Regularly monitor your Direct Investment Loan. It may be appropriate for you to take action, or plan a response, if you believe a Margin Call appears likely to occur.
- Ensure that the contact details the Lender has for you remain current.
- Give the Lender points of contact for Margin Calls (email address or a mobile phone for an sms alert) that you regularly monitor.

When and how to resolve a Margin Call

If a Margin Call occurs you must act promptly. The Margin Call will include the time by which you must resolve the Margin Call. This will be no less than 24 hours after the Lender records the Margin Call. For example, if the Lender records the Margin Call at 10am on Monday then you will have until at least 10am on Tuesday to resolve the Margin Call.

To resolve a Margin Call you must pay the short fall amount

specified in the Margin Call. The short fall is set by the Lender so that, after the Margin Call is resolved, the Total Amount Owing will be at a level acceptable to the Lender. Generally, this means paying an amount to reduce the Total Amount Owing to less than or equal to the Security Value calculated by the Lender at the time it records the Margin Call. The Lender may set a larger amount if for example it expects the Security Value to continue to decline in the short term or it is aware of unsettled transactions that are expected to increase the Total Amount Owing before the Margin Call is resolved.

It is possible for the Security Value to continue to decline after the Lender makes a Margin Call. This means that even though you pay the short fall amount specified in the Margin Call notice, the Lender may determine that another Margin Call has occurred and record another Margin Call. This may happen at any time including before you have had an opportunity to resolve the first Margin Call.

The Lender may, but is not obliged to, accept other ways to resolve a Margin Call. For example:

- You may be able to add investments to the Secured Portfolio. The amount you will need to contribute will depend on the Market Value and Lending Ratio for those investments.
- You may be able to sell part of the Secured Portfolio and use the net sale proceeds to reduce the Total Amount Owing. The amount you will need to sell will depend on the Market Value and Lending Ratio of those investments.

You must transfer into your Loan Account the short fall amount specified in the Margin Call in cleared funds and by the time specified in the Margin Call. The Lender may accept other evidence of your actions to resolve a Margin Call, for example a contract note from your Broker to sell some of the Secured Portfolio.

Before repaying borrowed money or selling any investments in the Secured Portfolio you should consider the impact on any Fixed Rate Loan (refer to section 3.5 in this Product Guide).

The following examples are based on example 3.4 A "Margin Call". The Total Amount Owing is \$50,000, the Market Value is \$62,400, the Security Value is currently \$40,800 and the Buffer is \$6,240. In this example, the Lender issues a Margin Call notice for the \$9,200 short fall (\$50,000 minus \$40,800).

Example 3.4 D

Reduce the Total Amount Owing using other funds

You decide to transfer \$9,200 from another bank account into your Loan Account and this reduces the Total Amount Owing to \$40,800 which equals the current Security Value. To transfer money into your Loan Account you can contact us or use the Online Service to arrange a direct debit from a Nominated Account. Alternatively, your financial institution may be able to transfer funds directly into your Loan Account.

Example 3.4 E

Add investments to the Secured Portfolio

This example assumes you hold investments outside your Direct Investment Loan or have other funds with which to acquire the investments. In this example, a Margin Call has been recorded and not yet resolved. This means you have no borrowing capacity and can't buy investments through your Direct Investment Loan.

You decide to transfer Acceptable Investments to your Direct Investment Loan to become part of the Secured Portfolio. Assume the Acceptable Investments you transfer have a Lending Ratio of 70 per cent. In this case, you will need to add Acceptable Investments with a Market Value of at least \$13,200 (\$9,200 divided by 70 per cent). The aggregate Market Value of the Secured Portfolio increases to \$75,600 and the Security Value increases to \$50,020. This is higher than the Total Amount Owing and, if your actions are acceptable to the Lender, you have resolved the Margin Call.

Example 3.4 F

Sell part of the Secured Portfolio and apply the net sale proceeds to your Loan Account

Selling part of the Secured Portfolio will cause the Security Value and Buffer to fall. This means the amount you need to sell to resolve a Margin Call will depend on your circumstances, the investments you intend to sell and its Lending Ratio.

In this example you decide to sell \$25,000 of your shares. This reduces the Market Value to \$37,400, the Security Value to \$28,800 and the Total Amount Owing to \$25,000. The Total Amount Owing is less than the Security Value and, if your actions are accepted by the Lender, you have resolved the Margin Call. This example assumes no brokerage fee and does not take into account any other fees or taxes that may arise from selling part of the Secured Portfolio. Refer to section 3.6 for information about selling investments in the Secured Portfolio.

What happens if you don't resolve a Margin Call?

If you do not resolve a Margin Call by the required time and in a manner acceptable to the Lender then your Direct Investment Loan automatically becomes subject to Gearing Adjustment. The Lender will take reasonable steps to notify you if your Direct Investment Loan is subject to Gearing Adjustment. Refer to section 3.8 in this Product Guide for information about Gearing Adjustment.

If your Direct Investment Loan becomes subject to Gearing Adjustment the Lender is entitled to sell some or all of the investments in the Secured Portfolio to ensure that the Total

Amount Owing is reduced to a level that is acceptable to the Lender. Generally, the Lender will reduce the Total Amount Owing to an amount less than or equal to the prevailing Security Value which may be more than the shortfall amount in the Margin Call.

If your Direct Investment Loan becomes subject to Gearing Adjustment, it is important to understand the following points:

- The Lender may sell some or all of the investments in the Secured Portfolio even though there are other outstanding Margin Calls at the time your Direct Investment Loan became subject to Gearing Adjustment;
- If the Lender considers it prudent to protect its interests the Lender may sell more of the Secured Portfolio than required to reduce the Total Amount Owing by the short fall amount in any Margin Call. The Lender may continue to sell the Secured Portfolio until your Direct Investment Loan is no longer subject to Gearing Adjustment;
- The Lender will decide which parts of the Secured Portfolio to sell that best protects its interest.
- Any decision, action, delayed action or inaction by the Lender may not have the same result as if you had resolved the Margin Call yourself and this may affect your financial objectives and strategies.

Other important points

- Although the Lender may take reasonable steps to notify the Borrower of a Margin Call the Lender will not confirm that the Borrower has in fact read or received the notice. You may not receive or read a Margin Call if, for example, you don't regularly monitor the point of contact you nominated as your preferred method for receiving Margin Calls, the point of contact is no longer active or your internet service provider fails to transmit the Margin Call to your email account in a timely manner. If the Lender has taken reasonable steps to notify you then you are obliged to resolve the Margin Call within the time specified;
- The Buffer is used to determine whether a Margin Call has occurred. To resolve the Margin Call you must pay the short fall amount specified in the Margin Call. The Lender will usually set the short fall amount so that, after the Margin Call is resolved, the Total Amount Owing will be less than or equal to the Security Value calculated at the time and the Lender recorded the Margin Call. The Buffer is not taken into account when setting the short fall amount and doesn't represent additional borrowing capacity; and/or
- Other events, including a failure to resolve any Margin Call, can result in your Direct Investment Loan becoming subject to Gearing Adjustment. These events can occur at any time including before you resolve any outstanding Margin Calls. These events may be the result of actions outside your control including actions by the Lender. Refer to section 3.8 in this Product Guide for information about Gearing Adjustment, Default and Termination.

3.5 Interest

A Variable Rate applies to your Facility Balance unless you arrange a Fixed Rate Loan under your Direct Investment Loan. The Lender can change the Variable Rate applicable to your Direct Investment Loan at any time.

The Lender will set the standard variable rate after considering its costs and the risks associated with its overall business operations and capital requirements. The Lender's costs are affected by the general level of interest rates in financial markets which may or may not be related to the Reserve Bank of Australia's cash rate target. Interest rates in financial markets can change at any time.

The Lender will usually notify you of a change to the standard variable rate through the Online Service but it may notify you of a change to the standard variable rate in other ways.

A change to the Variable Rate applicable to your Direct Investment Loan does not depend on you receiving or reading the notice of change. The Lender may charge a rate higher than its standard variable rate on any overdue money. The Lender does not pay credit interest or allow any off-set of interest on any excess funds held in your Loan Account.

Paying Interest

Interest on your Loan Account accrues daily and there are a number of payment options.

Interest Rate	Payment Option
Variable Rate	Payable in-arrears on the last calendar day of each month.
Fixed Rate	Payable in-advance at the start of each interest period. You may be able to pay up to 12 months of interest in-advance. Payable in-arrears on the last calendar day of each month.

The Lender may agree to other interest payment options.

You can pay interest by transferring money into your Loan Account or by authorising the Lender to debit a Nominated Account. You may be able to capitalise interest to your Direct Investment Loan. Your election to capitalise interest will cease if and to the extent that capitalising the interest would cause the Facility Balance to exceed your borrowing capacity. Capitalising interest to your Loan Account means interest will be charged on the capitalised interest. It may also result in a Margin Call or increase the likelihood of a Margin Call.

Fixed Rate Loan

You may arrange for a Fixed Rate Loan. This means you fix the interest rate that will apply to some or all of your Facility Balance for an agreed period. The Lender will determine the fixed rate at the start of the fixed term and will not change the fixed rate during that fixed term. You don't earn credit interest on any excess funds held in your Loan Account. If you arrange a Fixed Rate Loan and don't use all the funds borrowed under the Fixed Rate Loan immediately, you will not earn credit interest or any offset to the fixed rate charged on the full Fixed Rate Loan. To earn credit interest you can place the excess funds in a Linked Investment Account which is part of the Secured Portfolio.

At the end of the fixed term you may request a new Fixed Rate Loan. In this case the Lender will determine a new fixed rate. If you do not arrange for a new Fixed Rate Loan then that portion of your Facility Balance becomes subject to the variable interest rate.

You may request a Fixed Rate Loan at any time. Each Fixed Rate Loan under your Direct Investment Loan may be for a different fixed term and each Fixed Rate Loan will likely have a different fixed rate. This means that a variety of interest rates may apply to different portions of your Facility Balance at different times.

You may not repay or terminate a Fixed Rate Loan or change the agreed interest payment terms before the end of the fixed term unless the Lender agrees. Making a change is called "breaking" the Fixed Rate Loan and you will incur Break Costs.

A Fixed Rate Loan may impact your choices for resolving a Margin Call. For example, assume your entire Facility Balance is subject to a Fixed Rate Loan and you receive a Margin Call. If you want to resolve the Margin Call by paying the short fall amount then you will need to ask the Lender to break the Fixed Rate Loan. In this case, rather than breaking the Fixed Rate Loan you may be able to resolve the Margin Call by transferring funds into a Linked Investment Account which is part of the Secured Portfolio. Refer to section 3.4 in this Product Guide for other ways you may be able to resolve a Margin Call.

! If the Lender does agree to break a Fixed Rate Loan you will incur Break Costs. Refer to section 4.1 in this Product Guide for further information about Break Costs. If you have paid interest in advance the Lender may not refund any portion of the prepaid interest.

3.6 Operating your facility

Before initiating any transaction on your Direct Investment Loan you should check that the transaction will not cause a Margin Call or your Facility Balance to exceed the lesser of your Credit Limit and your Security Value (in other words you should check that you have sufficient borrowing capacity).

Borrowing Money

To borrow money through your Direct Investment Loan you must give a valid Borrowing Request to the Lender. A Borrowing Request will typically be part of an instruction to buy an investment or sent by you through the Online Service.

If the Lender receives a valid Borrowing Request before 2pm (Sydney time), the borrowed money is to be paid to a Nominated Account and you have sufficient borrowing capacity then you can usually borrow money on the same day.

Circumstances can arise where the Lender may not be able to process a Borrowing Request on the same day. For example;

- Your borrowing capacity changes due to fluctuations in the Market Value between the time you send a Borrowing Request and the Lender processes your instruction;

- The Lender receives an unusually large number of time critical instructions and requests from its clients; and/or
- The inter-bank payment system fails unexpectedly.

! You should submit a Borrowing Request at least one (1) Business Day before the day on which you would like to borrow money to minimise the inconvenience of any processing delays.

Buying, Selling or Transferring Investments

A Security Owner can instruct the Lender on a variety of transactions related to their part of the Secured Portfolio. The Lender will not act as the Security Owner's Broker. This section provides a summary of a few typical transactions. Procedures may change from time to time and depend on the nature of your Direct Investment Loan and the type of transaction. Refer to the Online Service or contact us for further information or to obtain the relevant forms.

Before selling any part of the Secured Portfolio you should always check that the investment is held in your name. For example, you may need to confirm that the investment hasn't been transferred to the Nominee (refer to section 3.9 in this Product Guide for further details).

Type of Investment	Action
Listed Securities	<p>Buying or Selling</p> <p>You place an order with your Nominated Broker. You may not be able to cancel an order once placed. You must tell your Nominated Broker to settle the transaction through your Direct Investment Loan and instruct them to contact the Lender. Your Nominated Broker may have arrangements that allow it to electronically send instructions to the Lender. Net proceeds from any sale will be paid into your Loan Account. After settlement of a buy transaction you may receive correspondence from the registry for the Securities. For example, the registry may confirm your transaction and ask you to provide dividend payment instructions.</p> <p>Transfers</p> <p>If there is sufficient borrowing capacity the Security Owner may ask the Lender to release its Security Interest over the Security Owner's listed Securities. If the Lender agrees then the listed Securities will no longer be part of the Secured Portfolio, the Security Value will decrease and the Lender will transfer the listed Securities to another HIN or Issuer Sponsored account (identified by a Security Reference Number (SRN)). This may increase the likelihood of a Margin Call if you don't also reduce your Facility Balance and it will affect your borrowing capacity.</p> <p>A Security Owner can ask the Lender to transfer its listed Securities into a HIN associated with your Direct Investment Loan. All investments held through the Sponsor are part of the Secured Portfolio irrespective of whether they are Acceptable Investments or not.</p>

Repaying

Unless certain events occur (refer to section 3.4 and 3.8 in this Product Guide for further information) there is no regular repayment schedule and no set date on which you must repay the Total Amount Owing. If you decide to repay some or all of the money borrowed then:

- You may repay by selling some or all of the investments in the Secured Portfolio and paying the net sale proceeds into your Loan Account; and/or
- You may repay by transferring money from other accounts into your Loan Account and retain ownership of the investments in the Secured Portfolio.

Before repaying any money borrowed you should consider the following points:

- You will incur a fee if you repay all of the Balance within 4 months of the start of the first drawing, or accepted borrowing request;
- You may not be able to repay a Fixed Rate Loan until the end of the fixed term. Refer to section 3.5 in this Product Guide for more information about breaking a Fixed Rate Loan;
- If you pay more than the Facility Balance you will not earn interest on any excess money held in your Loan Account; and/or
- Repaying money does not mean that your obligations under your Direct Investment Loan are terminated. Refer to section 3.8 in this Product Guide for information about terminating your Direct Investment Loan.

Receiving Distributions on Secured Portfolio

Dividends and cash distributions earned on the Secured Portfolio are paid to the Security Owner by the registry or investment issuer if the investments aren't held by the Nominee. If you wish to have dividends or cash distributions paid into your Loan Account you will need to give the registry or investment issuer the banking details for your Direct Investment Loan. These banking details can be obtained via the Online Service. Where the Secured Portfolio is held under CHES with the Sponsor (refer to section 3.9 Sponsorship and Nominee) the Security owner can give these instructions directly to the Sponsor to notify the registry. Investments obtained under a Dividend or Income Reinvestment Plan become part of the Secured Portfolio if the investment paying the distribution is part of the Secured Portfolio. You can elect to participate in these plans if they are offered by contacting the registry or investment issuer.

Credit Limit and Facility Reviews

When you apply you nominate the Credit Limit that will apply to your Direct Investment Loan. Your Credit Limit impacts your borrowing capacity.

If your Facility Balance does exceed the lesser of your Security Value (plus Buffer) and your Credit Limit, the amount of the excess is immediately due and payable and your Direct Investment Loan will become subject to Gearing Adjustment. Refer to section 3.8 in this Product Guide for information about Gearing Adjustment.

You may apply to increase your Credit Limit. All Borrowers must agree to all requests to increase your Credit Limit. The Lender will conduct an assessment of your request to increase your Credit Limit. Refer to section 3.12 (Processing your application) in this Product Guide for information about how the Lender conducts this assessment. The Lender bases its assessment on information and documents provided by you at the time you apply for the increase or other information the Lender obtains or calculates. The Lender does not give personal financial advice and its assessment is separate to any financial advice you may receive from your financial adviser about the suitability of a Direct Investment Loan. The Lender may decrease your Credit Limit at any time. If the Lender does change your Credit Limit, this is not an indication that a Direct Investment Loan with that Credit Limit is or will be in fact suitable to meet your financial objectives.

The Lender may periodically conduct reviews of your Direct Investment Loan including reviewing the financial characteristics of the Secured Portfolio. This review is for the benefit of the Lender only and the Lender does not give personal financial advice. To complete its review the Lender may require you to provide additional information or verify statements made by you. Unlike any financial advice you may receive from your financial adviser, the Lender may not take into account your individual circumstances and may only take into account its own security position, risks and interests. The Lender will not take into account your financial objectives, the suitability of a Direct Investment Loan to your circumstances and financial objectives or the appropriateness of your financial and borrowing arrangements to your risk appetite. You should not consider the outcome of any review of your Direct Investment Loan as financial advice on either your Direct Investment Loan or any investment held through your Direct Investment Loan.

Corporate Actions

Corporate actions are events such as takeovers, rights issues, bonus issues, company restructures, returns of capital, buy backs, the exercise of options, share purchase plans and partly paid call payments. In most circumstances, the Security Owner is the registered owner of its investments in the Secured Portfolio. This means that the issuer or registry for an investment affected by a corporate action will contact the Security Owner directly.

If you would like the Lender to arrange payment on your behalf for any corporate action, you will need to send a Borrowing Request with the relevant corporate action form to the Lender. You will need to allow sufficient time for the Lender to receive and process your request and forward it to the registry. The Lender takes no responsibility for late receipt of any request by a registry.

The Lender may require the Security Owner to transfer an investment that is part of the Secured Portfolio and that is affected by a corporate action to the Nominee until the corporate action is complete. Generally, this will occur in the event of a takeover or a buy back to ensure that any proceeds are paid into your Loan Account. It is recommended that you seek financial advice regarding any particular corporate action.

3.7 Other people attached to your facility

You can nominate one or more brokers to have view access to your Direct Investment Loan and the Secured Portfolio. They may be able to do this via the Online Service or by requesting information (given verbally, in writing or electronically) from the Lender. You can change this authority by completing a relevant form and returning it to the Lender.

3.8 Gearing Adjustment, Default and Termination

Gearing Adjustment

Your Direct Investment Loan may become subject to Gearing Adjustment for any of the following reasons.

Event	Outcome
Failure to resolve a Margin Call	Your Direct Investment Loan automatically becomes subject to Gearing Adjustment at the time and date specified or described in the notice of the Margin Call you failed to resolve. This may occur even if there are other Margin Calls outstanding at that time. If you fail to comply with a notice and as a consequence, your facility automatically becomes subject to Gearing Adjustment, the Lender will not send you another notice to tell you that your Direct Investment Loan is now subject to Gearing Adjustment.
Market Disruption	The Lender will notify you if your Direct Investment Loan is subject to Gearing Adjustment due to Market Disruption. The notice will set out or describe the date and time when your facility will automatically become subject to Gearing Adjustment if you do not make the required payment. The date and time will depend on the nature of the Market Disruptions and can be as short as a few hours or even immediately. If you fail to comply with a notice and as a consequence, your facility automatically becomes subject to Gearing Adjustment, the Lender will not send you another notice to tell you that your Direct Investment Loan is now subject to Gearing Adjustment.
Your Facility Balance exceeds or is likely to exceed the lesser of your Credit Limit or Security Value + Buffer.	Any amount in excess of the lesser of your Credit Limit or Security Value plus Buffer is immediately due and payable. Your Direct Investment Loan will automatically become subject to Gearing Adjustment if you fail to pay the excess amount by the time and date set out or described in the notice. If you fail to comply with a notice and as a consequence, your facility automatically becomes subject to Gearing Adjustment, the Lender will not send you another notice to tell you that your Direct Investment Loan is now subject to Gearing Adjustment.

A Market Disruption occurs when, in the reasonable opinion of the Lender, market events adversely impact the Lender's ability to manage its risks, operate its business or a feature of a Direct Investment Loan and these events are expected to persist. The following are examples of Market Disruptions:

- A significant fall (relative to their usual percentage movement) in the All Ordinaries Index, similar market index or price of a particular investment in any 24 hour period. For instance, a fall of 10% would clearly be significant;
- An Acceptable Investment or class of investments are withdrawn from trading or becomes illiquid; or
- The volatility of the All Ordinaries Index, similar market index or particular investment remains more than 2 standard deviations above its historical average for more than 1 day.

The Lender may publish other factors it considers when determining if a Market Disruption has occurred.

! The Lender will only consider factors that are relevant to its interests. You remain responsible for your investment choices and should make your own assessment about the impact of any extraordinary market events on you.

While your Direct Investment Loan is subject to Gearing Adjustment;

- The Lender may enforce any of the mortgages and sell some or all of the investments in the Secured Portfolio owned by the Borrower;
- If it considers it prudent to protect its interest, the Lender may sell more of the Secured Portfolio than the minimum required to meet the obligations arising from the event that triggered the Gearing Adjustment (for example the short fall amount on a Margin Call you failed to resolve);
- The Lender may take these actions at various times until your Direct Investment Loan is no longer subject to Gearing Adjustment. Your Direct Investment Loan continues to be subject to Gearing Adjustment until the Lender is satisfied that the event or condition that caused your Direct Investment Loan to become subject to Gearing Adjustment no longer exists or has been resolved;
- The Lender may take these actions even if there are outstanding Margin Calls or other Notices that you intend to resolve in the manner specified in the Margin Call or Notice; and/or
- The Lender will follow its internal guidelines to determine which investments in the Secured Portfolio to sell.

The Lender will determine when your Direct Investment Loan is no longer subject to Gearing Adjustment. If your Direct Investment Loan is subject to Gearing Adjustment for more than 30 days, the Lender may declare that a Default has occurred (if a Default has not already occurred).

Default

Events giving rise to a Default include events that may be outside your control and may arise because of actions by the Lender or any entity that holds the Secured Portfolio on your behalf (for example if a wrap, platform or custodian fails to register and maintain the Lender's Security Interest).

Clause 46 of the Agreement sets out the Defaults and Clause 47 of the Agreement sets out the actions the Lender may take if a Default occurs. Generally, if a Default occurs the Lender may:

- declare that some or all of the Total Amount Owing is due for immediate payment;
- enforce any of the mortgages and sell some or all of the Secured Portfolio;
- terminate your Direct Investment Loan.

Termination

Termination of your Direct Investment Loan may occur in one of three ways:

- You give the Lender at least 30 days notice of your intention to terminate your Direct Investment Loan. You will incur a fee if you terminate your Direct Investment Loan within 4 months of the start of the first drawing or accepted borrowing request. The Total Amount Owing is payable at the end of the notice period;
- The Lender gives you notice of its intention to terminate your Direct Investment Loan. Provided no Default has occurred the Lender must give you at least 60 days notice of its intention to terminate (although if the Loan Balance is nil or in credit, the Lender may terminate the facility immediately on giving you notice). The Total Amount Owing is payable at the end of the notice period; or
- The Lender declares that a Default has occurred and is terminating your Direct Investment Loan (the Lender may take other action as a result of a Default). In this case the Total Amount Owing is payable immediately.

If your Direct Investment Loan is terminated, after the Total Amount Owing is repaid and all other obligations are met, the Lender will release its Security Interest over the Secured Portfolio and close your Loan Account. The Lender will instruct the Sponsor to close any HIN associated with the Direct Investment Loan. This means that you may need to transfer Securities held in the HIN to another account.

3.9 Sponsorship and Nominee

What is CHESST?

CHESST (Clearing House Electronic Subregister System) is a computer system which electronically transfers title between the buyers and sellers of Securities listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX). It is a paperless system where security ownership is recorded on an account in CHESST, rather than through the use of physical certificates. CHESST also enables the electronic settlement of transactions between CHESST participants (usually Brokers and institutional investors). CHESST is operated by the ASX Settlement Pty Limited (formerly ASX Settlement and Transfer Corporation Pty Ltd), a wholly owned subsidiary of the ASX.

All CHESST participants must abide by published rules known as the ASX Settlement Operating Rules. Under these rules the Sponsor must give you an explanation of the main points of the Sponsorship Agreement under your Direct Investment Loan. By signing the Application Form, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the explanation in this section.

Sponsor

Sponsors are required because it is impractical for individual investors to have direct electronic access to CHESST. When your Direct Investment Loan is established each Borrower and joint Borrower enter into a Sponsorship Agreement with the Sponsor. The terms of the Sponsorship Agreement are set out in Section 5 (Clauses 35 to 45) of the Agreement. The Sponsorship Agreement contains provisions that protect the Lender as mortgagee of all your CHESST settled Securities held with the Sponsor. In particular, it stipulates that the Sponsor will only act in accordance with instructions received from the Lender. Otherwise, the Sponsorship Agreement contains standard provisions required by the ASX Settlement Operating Rules.

Under the Sponsorship Agreement each Borrower and joint Borrower agree to appoint Pirie Street Custodian Ltd (or such other person the Lender may nominate from time to time) to be the Sponsor. You only appoint the Sponsor to sponsor CHESST settled Securities that are mortgaged to the Lender under your Direct Investment Loan. All Securities held through the Sponsor are part of the Secured Portfolio including Securities that may not be Acceptable Investments. You may have another sponsor for CHESST settled Securities.

The Sponsor is a General Settlement Participant, and will provide transfer and settlement services on your behalf in relation to CHESST settled Securities that are part of the Secured Portfolio. The Sponsor will open an account in your name and CHESST will allocate you a Holder Identification Number (HIN) for the Securities lodged with the Sponsor. The HIN identifies you as the Security Owner and is similar to an account number for a bank account. The HIN will be shown on your CHESST holding statements mailed to you from time to time by ASX Settlement.

Nominee

When your Direct Investment Loan is established each Borrower and Joint Borrower enters into a Nominee Agreement with the Nominee. The terms of the Nominee Agreement are set out in Section 4 (clauses 33 and 34) of the Agreement. The Nominee will only act on instructions that are consistent with the Lender's requirements and your obligations under the Direct Investment Loan. Each Borrower and joint Borrower agree that, if required by the Lender, they will transfer some or all of the investments held as part of the Secured Portfolio to the Nominee. This arrangement helps the Lender to administer your Direct Investment Loan. Generally, the Lender will only ask the Security Owner to do this if an investment becomes the subject of a corporate action such as a takeover or the registry is unable to satisfactorily register the Lender's Security Interest over the investment. All investment held by the Nominee are part of the Secured Portfolio. Refer to Section 4 (clauses 33 and 34) of the Agreement for information about the obligations of the Security Owner and what the Nominee may do when it holds property on behalf of the Security Owner.

! The Nominee holds the Secured Portfolio on behalf of the Security Owner and the Security Owner remains the beneficial owner. At no time does the Lender, Nominee or Sponsor lend any part of the Secured Portfolio to any other party.

The Direct Investment Loan remains a standard margin lending facility as defined in the Corporations Act despite any transfer of the Secured Portfolio to the Nominee. This is because the credit provided by the Lender to the Borrower under the terms of the Agreement is not provided as consideration or security for the transfer of any part of the Secured Portfolio.

3.10 Taxation

This section contains general information about some of the taxation factors that should be considered by a typical Borrower. You should not rely solely on the information contained in this section and it may not be your only obligation under Australian taxation laws. It is recommended that you seek professional advice including tax advice. Taxation law and practice may change and changes can impact your Direct Investment Loan. This section is based on Australian income tax and GST laws applicable as at the date of this Product Guide.

In this section, a typical Borrower is an individual, an Australian resident for tax purposes and does not carry on the business of trading or dealing in securities. A Direct Investment Loan may be suitable for other types of Borrowers but may result in a different tax outcome. Each Borrower has unique financial circumstances and hence obligations under Australian tax laws.

Factors to Consider	Action
Tax deduction for borrowing costs	<p>Provided you are a typical Borrower and use money borrowed through your Direct Investment Loan to acquire investments with the expectation of realising a long term return then you may be entitled to a deduction for your borrowing costs, generally interest paid. Whether you will in fact be entitled to such a deduction will depend on your personal circumstances and you should seek your own professional advice on this matter.</p> <p>If your borrowing costs are in fact deductible, you should generally be entitled to a deduction in the year in which the interest is paid where such interest is paid in arrears. If you pay interest in advance (for a period not exceeding 12 months) you should also be entitled to a deduction when the amounts are paid.</p> <p>The Lender and any other party named in this Product Guide do not guarantee that your borrowing costs will in fact be deductible by you.</p>
Tax File Number	<p>Collection of tax file numbers (TFNs) is authorised, and its use and disclosure are strictly regulated by the tax laws and Privacy Act. Quotation is not compulsory but tax may be taken out of certain payments made to you at the highest marginal rate of taxation plus Medicare levy if you do not quote your TFN or claim an exemption.</p>
Stamp Duty and GST	<p>You may be liable for GST and stamp duty in respect of any transaction on your Direct Investment Loan or the Secured Portfolio. To the extent that GST or stamp duty is imposed on any payment made to or from the Lender, Nominee or Sponsor, they have the right to be compensated by you for that GST or stamp duty.</p>

3.11 Keeping you informed

Reports about your Direct Investment Loan may list the Secured Portfolio, Market Values, Lending Ratios and Security Value. This information will be updated as at the date of the report or when you log onto the Online Service. Prices that affect reported Market Values may be updated at regular intervals but are not continuously updated.

It is important to understand that any reported price or Market Value may not represent a price at which you can sell or buy any investment and you should not rely solely on this information to make investment decisions. Market Values used by the Lender to determine if a Margin Call has arisen may be different to those reported through the Online Service. Prices that affect reported Market Values are obtained by the Lender from various sources. You should contact your Financial Adviser, Broker or the relevant product issuer to get up-to-date price and redemption values before making any decision regarding your investments.

Statement

You will receive a statement for record keeping purposes. You can nominate the frequency of your statement and it will be made available to you via the Online Service.

A statement will show a summary including (information as at the date of the statement):

- Facility Balance;
- Transactions on your Loan Account. Transactions include interest and fees, purchase and sale of investments, loans and repayments;
- Borrowing capacity;
- Gearing Ratio for your Direct Investment Loan;
- Details of the Secured Portfolio;
- Lending Ratio applicable to each investment in the Secured Portfolio;
- Buffer (refer to section 3.4 in this Product Guide for details about how the Buffer is calculated);
- Variable Rate and any Fixed Rates; and
- Credit Limit.

Online Service

You may view information about your Direct Investment Loan, obtain your statement, review some notices given by the Lender, and give some instructions to the Lender through the Online Service. You are obliged to regularly monitor your Direct Investment Loan through the Online Service. Unless you elect to restrict the access of your Nominated Broker they will be able to view information about your Direct Investment Loan through the Online Service. You will receive more information about this service if your Direct Investment Loan is approved.

3.12 Opening and Maintaining a Direct Investment Loan Facility

Applying

You must read the Direct Investment Loan PDS, this Product Guide, the Agreement and the Application Form and obtain appropriate advice.

The Lender may accept the following types of Borrowers:

- An individual or up to 3 individuals (called joint Borrowers) who are at least 18 years old;

You should refer to the checklist when completing the Application Form. Return the completed and signed Application Form, along with the required supporting documentation and identification as outlined in the Application Form directly to the Lender.

Onboarding Team

Post GPO Box 5388
Sydney NSW 2001

You may also need to complete an application for an account with your Nominated Broker.

Processing your application

The Lender will conduct an assessment before it may agree to accept your application for a Direct Investment Loan or a request to increase an existing Credit Limit. Based on information provided by you and obtained or calculated by the Lender, the Lender will assess whether a Direct Investment Loan, with the requested Credit Limit, is unsuitable for you having regard to the requirements in the Corporations Act and its own internal policy. The factors the Lender may consider include:

- The type of Borrower (retail or wholesale individual);
- Your ability to meet your obligations under the Direct Investment Loan given the Credit Limit you are requesting;
- Your ability to understand the risks of using a Direct Investment Loan;
- The characteristics of the Secured Portfolio you propose to hold and any liquid assets you currently hold. The Lender may use this information to determine your ability to meet a hypothetical Margin Call without substantial hardship given the Credit Limit you are requesting;
- The characteristics of your household balance sheet, for example your overall level of liabilities relative to your assets;
- Whether you are borrowing to fund your contribution to the Direct Investment Loan and whether you are borrowing against a primary residential property; and
- Whether you are readily contactable, will monitor your Direct Investment Loan.

The Lender may consider other factors than those listed above and may not consider all of the factors listed above.

To complete its assessment the Lender may require you to provide information and documentation in addition to those indicated in the Application Form. If, for any reason, it takes more than 90 days from the date of your Application Form (or the date of any Statement of Advice provided as part of your application, whichever is the earlier) to open a Direct Investment Loan then the Lender may require you to resubmit part of your application including the supporting documentation.

If your application is not accepted:

- The Lender is not obliged to give you information about its assessment or whether applying for a lower Credit Limit may be acceptable to the Lender.

If your application is accepted:

- The Lender will open a Direct Investment Loan in the name of the Borrower in the Application Form and will notify you of the approval. The Sponsor will establish a HIN in the name of each Security Owner or transfer an existing HIN if you are lodging an existing portfolio of Securities;
- The Credit Limit you have requested is not an indication that a Direct Investment Loan will in fact be suitable for you in your specific circumstances or for your specific financial objectives;
- The Lender will not periodically conduct this assessment (other than when you request an increase to your Credit Limit) and will not check that you are operating your Direct Investment Loan in a manner that is consistent with the information you provided in your application and on which it based its assessment; and
- You may request a copy of the Lender's assessment.

You may not be able to transact on your Direct Investment Loan until the Lender, you and/or your Nominated Broker have completed further actions. For example:

- If another lender has lodged a security interest over your investments, the Lender may need to request a release of that security interest;
- The Lender contacts the Borrower to confirm their understanding about the general risks and how to operate the Direct Investment Loan; and
- The Lender verifies the identity of all Borrowers.

Maintaining your Direct Investment Loan Facility

Requests that you can make to maintain your Direct Investment Loan include:

- Changing your personal details;
- Changing your Nominated Broker;
- Changing the preferred point of contact for a Margin Call;
- Transaction requests;
- Changing Nominated Account details;
- Requesting a change to your Credit Limit.

The relevant forms can be obtained via the Online Service.

3.13 Instalment Plus

The Instalment Plus feature is currently not available for the Leveraged Direct Investment Loan but may become available in the future.

Instalment Plus is a feature that may suit investors who want a regular savings and investment plan to progressively build an investment portfolio. You nominate an initial contribution, initial investment and the Acceptable Investments that you intend to invest in. Not all Acceptable Investments are available for Instalment Plus. You also nominate a monthly contribution and monthly investment. The difference between each investment amount and your contribution is the amount you will borrow through your Direct Investment Loan.

You transfer the initial contribution into your Loan Account and each month you transfer the monthly contribution into your Loan Account. The initial investment and each monthly investment are then used to acquire the Acceptable Investments which become the Secured Portfolio through your Direct Investment Loan.

The minimum initial investment for Instalment Plus is \$3,000 with a minimum initial contribution of \$1,000. The ongoing minimum monthly investment is \$500 with a minimum monthly contribution of \$250. You will need to check any minimum investment with the issuer of any Security that you intend to invest in. The amount you are able to borrow will depend on the Lending Ratio assigned to your selected investments. Refer to section 3.3 in this Product Guide for an example of how to calculate the amount you may be able to borrow.

While Instalment Plus continues to operate on your Direct Investment Loan you will not be subject to the Minimum Interest Balance as described in section 3.5 in this Product Guide. You can cancel the Instalment Plus feature at any time by writing to the Lender.

3.14 Rewards Plus

Rewards Plus allows one Member of the Qantas Frequent Flyer Program to earn Points based on your Facility Balance. The Member of the Qantas Frequent Flyer Program must be a Borrower under your Direct Investment Loan. If the Lender accepts your request to participate in Rewards Plus the Lender may increase the variable interest rate applicable to your Direct Investment Loan.

Points that the Member may earn depends on your daily Facility Balance and are usually awarded in the month following the period for which you have paid interest.

The awarding and redeeming of Points is subject to rules of the Qantas Frequent Flyer Program. Qantas may charge a fee to join or operate their program. The Lender may cease to offer Rewards Plus or may change the features of Rewards Plus at any time.

Go to www.leveraged.com.au/rewards-plus-qantas for the current schedule of Points the Member may earn on a Facility Balance and any fees associated with Rewards Plus or contact us.

Fee Schedule

Small differences in fees and costs can impact your long term returns. Whether you incur a fee depends on the type of Borrower you are and the nature of the transaction you want to make.

Information provided here is correct as at the date shown on the front of this Product Guide.

Go to www.leveraged.com.au/fees for the current Fee Schedule.

Establishment Fee

Direct debit from your Nominated Account.

If you do not pay any applicable establishment fee you will not be able to operate your Direct Investment Loan. Establishment fees are not refundable if you don't proceed with your application.

Applicant Type	Fee
Individual or joint Borrower	Nil

Trading Fees

Charged to your Direct Investment Loan. A fee of \$5.00 per trade applies to the number of trades above the free trade allowance per month. Calculated on the average monthly loan balance of the Direct Investment Loan.

Loan balance	Maximum free trades per month
Less than \$20,000	0
\$20,000 - \$99,999	20
\$100,000 - \$250,000	50
\$250,001 - \$500,000	100

Additional Product Features Fees

Paid by direct debit from your Nominated Account.

Feature	Fee
Instalment Plus	N/A
Rewards Plus	Nil

Transaction Fees

Paid by direct debit to the Loan Account.

Type	Fee
Credit funds to the Loan Account	Nil
Pay funds from the Loan Account	
Standard direct credit	Nil
Same day TT/RTGS	\$26.00
Dishonour Fees	
Applicable if a funds transfer fails, for example if there are insufficient funds in an account.	
Transfer from Loan Account	\$9.00
Direct debit from a Nominated Account	\$35.00
Issuer Sponsored Search	\$16.50
Retrieval of information	\$50.00
Applicable when the Lender is requested to retrieve, collate, sort and/or provide archived or historical information.	
Break Costs	Refer to the next page
Applicable if you break a Fixed Rate Loan.	
Off Market Transfer Fee	\$25 per security
Applicable when a transfer of Security resulting in a Change of Beneficial Ownership to Issuer Status or another Controlling Participant.	
Late Settlement of Buy Contract Note	\$30 per contract note
Applicable when a buy contract note does not settle on the due date as specified on the contract note.	
Late Settlement of Sell Contract Note	\$30 per contract note
Applicable when a sell contract note does not settle on the due date as specified on the contract note.	

Facility Closing Fees

Paid by direct debit from your Nominated Account.

Type	Fee
Early Repayment Applicable if you repay the total Facility Balance in full within 4 months of the start of your first drawing or accepted borrowing request.	Up to an amount equal to the interest that would have been earned on the Minimum Interest Balance for the period from when you repay to 4 months from the start of your first drawing or accepted borrowing request. Minimum \$200.00

4.1 Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs

Break Costs

You will incur Break Costs if you break a Fixed Rate Loan. Breaking a Fixed Rate Loan includes terminating the Fixed Rate Loan or changing the agreed interest payment arrangements before the end of the relevant fixed term.

Typically, if the Lender agrees to break a Fixed Rate Loan it must unwind transactions in the wholesale financial markets. This may result in the Lender incurring costs which it passes on to you in the form of Break Costs. Break Costs also include other operating and processing costs of the Lender. The Lender will notify you of the Break Costs when you ask to break any Fixed Rate Loan.

! Break Costs can be substantial and depend on market factors such as interest rates as at the date you break the Fixed Rate Loan.

For this reasons it is not possible to exactly state Break Costs in the Fee Schedule. The minimum Break Cost is \$250. Other things being equal, the higher the fixed rate is above prevailing interest rates the higher Break Costs are likely to be. Also the longer the time until the end of the fixed rate term the higher Break Costs are likely to be.

Taxes (including GST) and Duty

All amounts referred to in this Product Guide are GST inclusive unless otherwise stated. To the extent that GST is imposed on any payment made to or from the Lender, Sponsor or Nominee, they have the right to be compensated by you for that GST. To the extent that any tax or duty is imposed on the Lender, Nominee or Sponsor in relation to any transaction on your Direct Investment Loan they have the right to be compensated by you for that tax or stamp duty.

Incidental fees

To the extent that any charge or cost is imposed on the Lender, Nominee or Sponsor in relation to any transaction on your Direct Investment Loan they have the right to be compensated by you for that cost. You may incur fees related to the payment or receipt of money, fees related to buying, selling, registering or managing your investments (for example brokerage) and fees related to failed instructions. For example, if you choose to pay an amount by direct debit, your financial institution may charge a processing fee or an overdraft fee if there are insufficient funds at the time your account is debited. This may be in addition to any dishonour fee charged by the Lender. The Lender may transfer money directly to your Nominated Account and your financial institution may charge a fee to process the transaction. You should refer to the relevant disclosure document for those accounts for a description of fees that may be charged by that financial institution.

Significant Risks

By understanding the risks you may be able to take steps to minimise their impact or make an informed decision to accept the risk as part of the cost of using a Direct Investment Loan.

5.1 Overview

Risks are events or circumstances that are unpredictable and that may result in you losing some or all of your capital or the Secured Portfolio, earning a return less than expected or required or that may limit your ability to deal with your investments. As outlined in the Example 3.2 A in this Product Guide, borrowing to invest magnifies gains as well as losses. Using a Direct Investment Loan to borrow to invest involves more risks than investing without borrowing.

When considering risk it is important to think about the likelihood of any event or series of events occurring and your ability to cope with and respond to the impact of the event or circumstance. It is also important to understand that risk is not constant which means the likelihood of any event occurring changes over time.

! You are responsible for your investment choices and consequently whether any net return is sufficient to cover the cost of borrowing and other costs and the investment's suitability to your circumstances and financial objectives.

Neither the Lender, any other party associated with the operation of your Direct Investment Loan or any other party named in this Product Guide warrant or guarantee that borrowing money through a Direct Investment Loan will have a positive outcome for you in your circumstances.

This section is a summary of what are considered to be the significant risks of using a Direct Investment Loan.

This document doesn't list every risk of investing or borrowing to invest. This document doesn't cover the specific risks of any investment you may choose to acquire through your Direct Investment Loan. You should obtain information about an investment from the relevant disclosure document and by obtaining independent financial advice.

Before deciding whether to apply for a Direct Investment Loan, you should read the Direct Investment Loan PDS, this Product Guide, the Agreement and the Application Form, and carefully consider the following risks. You should have regard to your own investment objectives, circumstances and needs, and consider the need for professional advice, including taxation and legal advice.

5.2 Market risk and gearing

Price changes

The net return on an investment is the change in its value plus distributions less investment costs and taxes over the investment horizon. Changes in the price of an investment are usually a key determinant of the return you earn or loss you incur on an investment. The manner and degree by which prices change affect the performance of your investments and hence the risks and benefits of borrowing to invest.

How the price of an investment changes within a day is called price volatility. For example, a security is said to exhibit high price volatility if its price typically changes by a large degree, either up or down, each day. Conversely, a security is said to exhibit low price volatility if its price typically changes by only a small amount each day. The price volatility of a particular security may also change over time. For example a security that historically exhibits low price volatility may begin to exhibit high price volatility. Changes in price and price volatility may occur because of the nature of the investment itself, the particular market sector to which the investment relates or performance of the economy or financial markets as a whole.

This means:

- The value of your investments can change in unexpected ways and may not earn the net return you expect. Further, the value of your investments can change in a very short period of time even before you have time to act;
- Borrowing to acquire an investment that falls in value or doesn't earn a net return greater than your borrowing costs will result in a larger loss or lower after-tax return than if you had not borrowed to invest or not invested at all. Conversely, borrowing to acquire an investment that earns a net return greater than your borrowing costs will generally result in a larger after-tax return than if you had not borrowed to invest;
- If a high price volatility investment is part of the Secured Portfolio then there is generally a higher likelihood of a Margin Call when compared to a portfolio of low price volatility investments (all other things being equal);

- Changes in price volatility, for example, may cause the Lender to change a Lending Ratio or declare a Market Disruption which may affect your borrowing capacity or require you to repay some or all of the Total Amount Owing in a short period including immediately. Refer to section 3.3 in this Product Guide for information about how the Lending Ratio determines your borrowing capacity; and/or
- Significant, abrupt or unusual falls in the market as a whole or the market for different classes of investments may be a Market Disruption. Refer to section 3.8 in this Product Guide for details about Gearing Adjustment caused by Market Disruptions.

Interest rate changes

Unless you apply for a Fixed Rate Loan the Lender may vary the Variable Rate applicable to your Direct Investment Loan at any time. This means that the return you expect to earn on your investment may be less than the increased borrowing costs or that you are no longer able to meet the interest obligations on your Facility Balance. You may need to sell some or all of the Secured Portfolio or other assets you own to meet your obligations or reduce the Facility Balance. This can occur before the end of your planned investment horizon and your investments may not have earned the return you expect or require to meet your objectives.

If you establish a Fixed Rate Loan under your Direct Investment Loan interest rates may subsequently decline. This means you will not be able to take advantage of the lower interest rates unless you break the Fixed Rate Loan in which case you will incur Break Costs. Refer to section 3.5 in this Product Guide for information about breaking a Fixed Rate Loan.

5.3 Events triggering early repayment

Certain events can occur at any time that result in some or all of the Total Amount Owing becoming due for payment in a short period of time including immediately or within 1 or up to 5 Business Days depending on the nature of the event. These events include Margin Calls, events that result in your Direct Investment Loan becoming subject to Gearing Adjustment, Default and Termination by the Lender. These events may be caused by things outside your control, actions by the Lender or other parties related to the operation of your Direct Investment Loan or the Secured Portfolio.

Margin Calls are explained in section 3.4 in this Product Guide. Gearing Adjustment and Default are explained in section 3.8 in this Product Guide. If you don't have sufficient funds from other sources to pay an amount when due then you may need to sell some or all of the Secured Portfolio or other assets you own. This can occur before the end of your planned investment horizon and your investment may not have earned the return you expected or require to meet your objectives.

5.4 Mismatch of cash flows and limits on ability to deal in the Secured Portfolio

It is possible for interest, fees or other amounts to be higher or become due for payment before you receive a distribution (if any) from your investments or before your investments have increased in value (if at all). This means that you may need to meet any amounts due from other funds or by selling some of the Secured Portfolio or other assets you own. This may occur before the end of your planned investment horizon and your investment may not have earned the return you expected or require to meet your objectives. Any failure to meet your obligations to pay amounts when they fall due is a Default. Refer to section 3.8 in this Product Guide for further information about Defaults.

The Lender only releases its Security Interest over the Secured Portfolio when the Total Amount Owing is repaid in full and the Direct Investment Loan is closed. This means the Security Owner cannot deal in their part of the Secured Portfolio unless the Lender agrees. However, the Security Owner remains the owner of their investments in the Secured Portfolio or beneficial owner when an investment Secured Portfolio is held through to the Nominee (refer to section 3.9 in this Product Guide for information about the Nominee).

5.5 Full recourse

It is possible for the net proceeds from selling (whether by the Security Owner or the Lender as mortgagee) the Secured Portfolio will be insufficient to repay the Total Amount Owing. The Direct Investment Loan is a "full recourse" facility. This means you are obliged to pay the Total Amount Owing when it is declared due irrespective of any net sale proceeds. In other words, your liability as Borrower is equal to the Total Amount Owing and is not limited to the value of the Secured Portfolio incurring losses under your Direct Investment Loan may make it harder for you to repay any other debt obligations you may have.

5.6 Reliance on the Lender, Nominee and Sponsor

The Lender, Nominee and Sponsor

You rely on the ability and willingness of the Lender to operate your Direct Investment Loan. The Lender has the right to terminate your Direct Investment Loan at any time. This means you may need to sell some or all of the investments in the Secured Portfolio or even other assets you own to repay the Total Amount Owing. This can occur before the end of your planned investment horizon and your investment may not have earned the return you expected or require to meet your objectives. The Lender can also vary the Agreement applicable to your Direct Investment Loan which could result in the Direct Investment Loan no longer meeting your circumstances and financial objectives.

You rely on the Lender, Nominee and Sponsor and any service provider they engage to have proper processes in place, including appropriately trained staff and computing hardware and software. Any lack of such resources, or any breach in the proper operation of your Direct Investment Loan or transactions on the Secured Portfolio, could adversely affect your investment. The Agreement includes provisions that limit the Lender's liability for any costs or losses you may incur as a result of its operations.

It is possible for the Lender, Nominee or Sponsor to act, fail to act or make a decision regarding your Direct Investment Loan or the Secured Portfolio that is different to the acts or decisions you or a Security Owner would make in similar circumstances. This means you may incur a loss, additional costs or a lower net return on your investments.

The Lender, Nominee, Sponsor and their related bodies corporate, their directors, employees or affiliates may buy and sell (whether as principal or agent) Acceptable Investments or Securities related to the Acceptable Investments or Secured Portfolio. Potential conflicts of interest may arise for example if the Lender (as mortgagee) sells some or all of the Secured Portfolio to meet your obligations under the Direct Investment Loan.

5.7 Adjustments and regulatory changes

The Lender can at any time change the list of Acceptable Investments and the Lending Ratios and Buffer percentages it applies to investments held as part of the Secured Portfolio. The Lender may also remove an investment from the list of Acceptable Investments or make a Lending Ratio or Buffer percentage zero. It is also possible for the issuer of a Security or the ASX to halt redemptions or trading in a Security and this may result in the Lender declaring a Market Disruption.

These changes will impact your borrowing capacity or may impact your ability to operate your Direct Investment Loan in a way that suits your circumstances and meets your financial objectives. These changes may also result in a Margin Call, your Direct Investment Loan to become subject to Gearing Adjustment or Default or increase the likelihood of these events and actions.

Corporate actions are events such as takeovers which may be announced in relation to a particular investment at any time. As a result of a corporate action, the Lender may require the Security Owner to transfer the affected investments to the Nominee to be held on behalf of the Security Owner. This means that the Security Owner may not be able to participate in the corporate action in the same way as if you did not have a Direct Investment Loan and it may limit the Security Owner's ability to deal with that investment. Further, as a result of a corporate action the Lender may change the Lending Ratio or remove the investment from the list of Acceptable Investments. Changes in government and taxation policies can also impact (both positively and negatively) your ability to borrow and operate your Direct Investment Loan in a way that suits your circumstances and meets your financial objectives.

Taxation laws can change and this could impact your ability to claim a deduction for some or all of your borrowing costs. This means that any net after-tax return earned on your investments may be less than you expect.

5.8 Complexity

The Agreement is a complex contract. It includes provisions giving rise to a mortgage or security interest in our favour and other provisions such as set-off rights, indemnities, limits on the Lender's liability, immediate repayment after certain events and termination. It is possible to use a facility, such as a home loan, to borrow the money contributed to the investment. This financial strategy is called double gearing. It is possible that the net return on any investment made through your Direct Investment Loan will not be sufficient to cover the higher borrowing costs arising from double gearing. Further, it is possible that when you have to repay money borrowed through your Direct Investment Loan that you will have to sell not only the Secured Portfolio but also other assets.

A Direct Investment Loan is more complex than a traditional loan. It is strongly recommended that you read the Direct Investment Loan PDS, this Product Guide, the Agreement and the Application Form and seek financial, taxation and legal advice before deciding to apply for a Direct Investment Loan.

Additional Information

This section provides information about the financial services the Lender may provide you, privacy, dispute resolution and other general information about a Direct Investment Loan.

6.1 About the Lender

Leveraged Equities is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited (ABN 11 068 049 178, AFSL 237879). It is related to companies in the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Group including the following financial product issuers:

- Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited;
- Sandhurst Trustees Limited.

You can give the Lender instructions using the following contact details.

Contact Us

Call	1300 307 807
Email	customerservice@leveraged.com.au
Visit	leveraged.com.au
Post	GPO Box 5388, Sydney NSW 2001

Some instructions can be provided to the Lender through the Online Service. Details of the types of instructions that can be provided through the Online Service are set out in the guide for that service. The Lender will record telephone conversations.

6.2 Lender's Financial Services

The Lender is responsible for the financial services it may provide to you in relation to the Leveraged Direct Investment Loan. The Lender is authorised to issue, apply for, acquire, vary or dispose of the following financial products:

- standard margin lending facilities; and
- derivatives.

The Lender is authorised to apply for, acquire, vary or dispose of the following financial products on behalf of another person:

- basic deposit products;
- interests in managed investment schemes including IDPS;
- securities; and
- standard margin lending facility.

The Lender is authorised to provide general financial product advice in relation to:

- standard margin lending facilities,
- derivatives,
- securities, and
- managed investment schemes including IDPS.

The authorisations apply to retail and wholesale clients. The Lender is not authorised to give personal financial advice and has not authorised any person to give personal financial advice on its behalf in relation to the Leveraged Direct Investment Loan. The Lender will not act as a Broker.

Remuneration

The Lender may earn a return based on the difference between the interest rate it charges you and the wholesale interest rate it is charged by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank or other entities that fund its assets. Funding of the Lender's assets is done on a consolidated basis and is not separate for each Direct Investment Loan.

Refer to section 4 in this Product Guide for information about the fees the Lender may charge you. These fees cover general operational expenses and direct charges the Lender incurs when providing services in relation to a Direct Investment Loan. If you acquire other products issued by the Lender or another company in the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Group of companies, the relevant product issuer may receive fees as specified in the relevant PDS or disclosure document associated with the product. These fees may ultimately benefit other Group members or associates including the Lender.

The Lender's representatives are paid salaries, not commissions. Representatives are eligible for an annual bonus payment that is based on a number of performance factors. These factors include business performance against growth projections, maintaining acceptable standards and values, personal development and customer service. The Lender's representatives may receive non-monetary benefits from product providers, Brokers or other people associated with the Lender's operations. These benefits include things such as tickets to events or promotional merchandise.

You may request particulars of the remuneration or other benefits that the Lender or its representatives may receive but that request must be made within a reasonable time after you are given this document and before any financial service identified in this document is provided to you.

6.3 Personal information and Privacy

You should read the privacy policy and the credit reporting policy issued by the Lender.

The privacy policy contains information about:

- how you can access and seek correction of its personal information;
- how you can complain about a breach of the privacy laws by the Lender and how the Lender will deal with a complaint; and
- if the Lender will disclose personal information to overseas entities, and where applicable, which countries those recipients are located in.

To obtain a copy of the privacy policy, visit www.leveraged.com.au or contact us.

The credit reporting policy contains information about:

- how you can access and seek correction of its credit eligibility information;
- how you can seek correction of its credit information;
- how you can complain about a breach of the credit reporting laws by the Lender and how the Lender will deal with a complaint; and
- if the Lender will disclose credit information or credit eligibility information to overseas entities, and where applicable, which countries those recipients are located in.

To obtain a copy of the credit reporting policy, visit www.leveraged.com.au or contact us.

By completing an Application Form and operating a Direct Investment Loan you supply personal information to the Lender, Nominee and Sponsor. You consent to this information being disclosed to other entities associated with assessing your application, opening and operating your Direct Investment Loan, being provided through the Online Service and being included in various Notices including a Margin Call that may be sent electronically.

The entities associated with your Direct Investment Loan include a Credit Reporting Body, a Nominated Broker (including their employees and representatives) and the AFS Licence holder which the broker represents (including their employees and representatives). If you do not provide all the required information then the Lender may not be able to process your application or you will not be able to operate your Direct Investment Loan. Refer to Part C (Privacy Disclosure and Consent) of the Leveraged Equities Terms and Conditions for how your personal information may be collected, used or disclosed.

Credit Reporting Body

Name	Veda Advantage Public Access Division
Post	PO Box 964 North Sydney, NSW 2059
Call	1300 762 207
Visit	www.mycreditfile.com.au
Name	Dunn & Bradstreet Australia
Post	PO Box 745 St. Kilda Road Melbourne VIC 3004
Call	1300 734 806
Visit	www.checkyourcredit.com.au

6.4 Cooling Off Period

Cooling off rights are not available in respect of a Direct Investment Loan after you have made your first Borrowing Request. You may not be able to withdraw a Borrowing Request once it is received by the Lender. Cooling off rights are not available in respect of any Loan however you can generally repay some or all of your Facility Balance, except a Fixed Rate Loan, at any time. Cooling off rights may apply to an application for some investments that you can acquire through your Direct Investment Loan. You should refer to the relevant disclosure document for those investments for further details.

6.5 Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing

The Lender is committed to the rules of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006 (AML/CTF). To comply with these requirements the Lender may:

- Require you and other parties named in the Application Form to provide, or authorise the Lender to otherwise obtain, any documentation or other information that identifies you or the other party;
- Suspend, block or delay transactions on your Direct Investment Loan, or refuse to provide services to you; and/or
- Report any actual or proposed transaction or activity to any body authorised to accept such reports relating to AML/CTF or any other laws.

6.6 Lender's Customer Relations and Dispute Resolution

If you are dissatisfied with any investment held under your Direct Investment Loan you should contact the relevant issuer or your Financial Adviser. If you are dissatisfied with your Direct Investment Loan or the Lender's services or processes then you should contact us.

Customer Complaint Management

Call 1300 307 807
Email customerservice@leveraged.com.au
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Post GPO Box 5388, Sydney NSW 2001

You can expect the Lender to acknowledge your complaint, explain the steps it will take to investigate your complaint and keep you informed of its progress to respond to your complaint. If you are dissatisfied with the Lender's final response to your complaint or how your complaint was managed you can refer the matter to the External Dispute Resolution (EDR) scheme. The Lender's EDR Scheme is the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA). You can contact AFCA as follows:

Australian Financial Complaints Authority

In writing to: GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001

Post GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001
Call 1800 367 287
Visit www.fos.org.au

When lodging a complaint with AFCA, time limits may apply and so you should act promptly or consult the AFCA website to determine if or when any time limit relevant to your complaint expires.

The information in Section 4 and Section 6 in this Product Guide is included pursuant to Regulation 7.7.02A of the Corporations Regulations.



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For more information or to obtain a copy of the PDS, or the other information referred to in this Product Guide, visit the website or contact us.

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