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Finexia Financial Group Successfully Secures Additional Capital for Childcare Income Fund

Through Securitised Note

Finexia Financial Group Limited ('Finexia') has successfully secured \$12.5 million via a securitised note issuance, fuelling additional stepped growth in the Finexia Childcare Income Fund ('FCIF'). Lead Manager for the issuance, Income Asset Management Limited (ASX: IAM) tapped its network of wholesale and sophisticated investors for the capital raise, taking the total raised through the IAM facility to \$37.50m.

This funding initiative is consistent with Finexia's commitment to supporting and capitalising on the essential service that is Childcare, whilst providing robust investment returns to investors.

The injection of funds is timely, considering the increasing demand for quality childcare services across the country. "This funding allows us to directly address our growing pipeline of funding opportunities within the Childcare sector" explained Patrick Bell, CEO of Finexia Financial Group. "The additional funding through IAM has been immediately deployed to meet existing approved credit to experienced childcare operators. It also brings us one step closer to our short-term goal of \$100m in assets under management in the Fund."

The Finexia Childcare Income Fund specialises in offering secured loans exclusively to experienced operators of childcare businesses with multiple childcare centres in strategically positioned locations across Australia. Loans are specifically for:

- leasehold childcare centres for established or formative situations;
- freehold going-concern childcare centres where the operator also owns the real property;
- freehold childcare centre purchase for a purchase of a pre-let childcare centre; or
- childcare centre construction.

For investors, the Fund offers exposure to an essential sector of the economy that has little exposure to the economic cycles, delivering attractive, risk-adjusted returns through monthly cash distributions. The Fund is currently yielding 10.00% pa.

Looking ahead, Finexia remains optimistic about the long-term prospects of the childcare sector. Commenting further, Mr Bell said, "As we expand our Childcare Fund portfolio, we continue to see strong fundamentals in the market. Our focus remains on securing additional funding through partnerships or directly with investors."

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