



PRIVATE CAPITAL

TRUSTEE AND
AFSL SERVICES

THE FUND

THE INVESTMENT
MANAGER

TRUSTEE AND
AFSL SERVICES FOR
CARBON MARKETS
AND PROJECTS

MARQ Trustees is a member of the Carbon Market Institute, reinforcing our commitment to high-integrity carbon markets, and our role in supporting industry leadership.



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“There are stringent licensing and compliance rules for raising money, and for dealing in, and providing financial advice in relation to, financial products (such as ACCUs).

The core requirement is that organisations must be appropriately authorised under an Australian Financial Services Licence (AFSL) – or be an authorised representative of an AFSL holder.”



“MARQ Trustees understands both the funds management regulatory environment and the realities of carbon markets. Having a trustee that is well-versed in ACCUs made structuring and launching our fund far more straightforward.”

Damon Petrie, Consultant - Investment Director, Cibus Capital





OUR CARBON INVESTMENT MARKET EXPERIENCE

MARQ Trustees provides the trustee, custody and AFSL services required to structure, establish and operate wholesale investment funds across Australia's carbon and climate aligned investment markets.

Our services support investment managers in navigating licensing, structuring and regulatory requirements, enabling them to raise private capital for carbon and climate strategies and, where relevant, deal in ACCUs and other carbon-linked financial products.

CARBON FUNDS, PROJECTS, AND INVESTMENT PRODUCTS WE SUPPORT

Carbon funds — MARQ Trustees works with investment managers operating across environmental plantings, carbon farming and regeneration, land-based reforestation, and broader natural capital strategies.

This includes funds established to generate ACCUs under approved methodologies, as well as land and natural capital projects where carbon outcomes sit alongside long-term biodiversity, stewardship and conservation objectives.

Our experience includes structures involving First Nations partnerships and long-dated land management obligations

Carbon investment products — MARQ Trustees supports the development and operation of carbon-linked investment products, including funds and debt structures where capital deployment and investor returns are linked to carbon outcomes.

STANDARDS, GOVERNANCE, AND ASSURANCE

MARQ Trustees supports high-integrity carbon markets by providing governance and compliance frameworks that address the expectations of wholesale, sophisticated and institutional investors.

Carbon and climate investment strategies typically involve extended project timeframes, land based assets with overlapping obligations and evolving regulatory settings. Our wholesale fund focus supports consistent trustee oversight across carbon credit generation activities, environmental plantings, regeneration projects and carbon-linked investment structures.

MARQ Trustees' experience spans carbon farming and regeneration, clean and green energy transition strategies, sustainable and regenerative agriculture, and climate technology investments.

Our services are designed to accommodate the technical and regulatory complexity faced by investment managers operating institutional-grade carbon vehicles over long-term project horizons.



OUR SERVICES

TRUSTEE, CUSTODY AND AFSL SERVICES

Trustee, custody, and AFSL services required to establish and operate your Fund.

ADVISORY, FUND ADMINISTRATION AND REGISTRY SERVICES

Technical advisory and support services to structure and establish your fund, including legal, tax, financial modelling, compliance, accounting, insurance, and specialised training. Our fund administration and registry services include comprehensive back and middle office functions to ensure successful fund operations.

FUND TO MARKET AND CAPITAL RAISING ADVICE

Specialised branding, marketing, capital raising information and advice encompassing marketing and communication strategies tailored to institutional, adviser, and investor audiences.

CORPORATE AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE (CAR) SERVICES

Authorisation to investment managers to provide a range of financial services; typically, 'advice' and 'deal'.

SPECIALIST TRAINING FOR AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES

We have developed a specialised training program that will help you understand the responsibilities and obligations of being an Authorised Representative. This reduces the time and cost of fulfilling your obligations, and goes a long way to minimising your risk of doing the wrong thing, or missing a required undertaking thereby failing to meet your obligations.

We provide checklists and materials that support you in managing your tasks, and guide you on adhering to the strict rules on giving financial product advice to wholesale clients.

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OUR SERVICES

CORPORATE TRUST SERVICES

Note Trustee Services, acting as an intermediary between note issuers and note holders.

Security Trustee Services, serving as security trustee in debt financing transactions.

Escrow Account Services, holding and managing funds on behalf of the parties to a transaction to ensure the transaction proceeds smoothly, and all parties are protected.

COMPLIANCE SUPPORT SERVICES

MARQ Trustees can assist Investment Managers to meet all the compliance and reporting obligations of managed investment schemes. Our team has developed a compliance framework and methodology for Investment Managers that is simple to use, and significantly reduces the call on management's time.

Preparation of:

- Compliance checklists
- Training Registers
- Records of meeting
- Conflict of interest policy
- Breach reports
- Cyber security
- Compliance reports



“Carbon funds require specialist oversight across complex, long-horizon projects. MARQ Trustees understands the nuances of our Funds and provides the governance framework to match.”

Matthew Tominc, Chief Investment Officer / Board Director & IC Member,
Conscious Investment Management

CONSCIOUS
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT



EXPERIENCED AND FIRST-TIME INVESTMENT MANAGERS

MARQ Trustees has a long record of partnering successfully with Investment Managers – from experienced hands, through to first-time participants. We have the technical skill-set and professional resources to manage and drive the mesh of interdependent tasks needed to structure, establish, and operate your Fund. Our approach is flexible, ensuring you receive only the services you need, in line with your experience and your available in-house resources.

EXPERIENCED INVESTMENT MANAGERS

MARQ Trustees provides a full suite of services that covers your Fund's AFS Licensing requirements, custody, fund administration (including back-and middle office functions), KYC and investor registry, investor reporting, and other related services needed to operate your Fund successfully. Additionally, we can assist you with your financial modelling, research, tax and accounting, marketing and communications (including design and production of your Information Memorandum), and provide capital-raising advice. If there are gaps in your in-house capabilities or resources, we are happy to provide the missing services you need.

FIRST-TIME INVESTMENT MANAGERS

Before you can raise money from investors through a Fund, you need to complete a whole range of legal and technical matters. This is a substantial undertaking, where a lack of knowledge or experience may result in time delays, rework, cost overruns, or penalties. Potentially all four.

Some participants who are new to Investment Management may find this is beyond their in-house capabilities, and engage various outside experts for assistance. Even then, they must coordinate the services of external consultants, manage inter-dependencies, and ensure they meet their requirements and those of the Fund's Trustee, Administrator and Registrar without breaching the financial services law, tax law, or ASIC policy. This includes bringing all the elements together, and drafting sections of the Information Memorandum that fall to them for completion.

MARQ Trustees can provide many of these services directly, and project-manage and drive the remainder on your behalf and in your best-interests; removing what is often a major headache and a drain on your time and resources.



“As a leading carbon farming developer and carbon offset retailer, Carbon Neutral Pty Ltd values the professional services expertise of MARQ Trustees, whose support across AFSL compliance, carbon investment options and carbon project initiatives—including First Nations partnerships and land stewardship arrangements—has been highly regarded.”

Dr Phil Ireland, CEO, Carbon Neutral Pty Ltd





OUR CORE SECTORS

PROPERTY FUNDS

- Property investment funds
- Property development funds
- Property (fund through) funds
- Build to Sell (BtS) funds
- Build to Rent (BtR) funds
- Specialist Disability Accommodation funds
- Social Housing funds
- Hotel & accommodation funds

CREDIT FUNDS

- Mortgage funds
- Private credit funds
- Pharmacy financing funds
- R & D financing funds
- Pooled funds
- Contributory funds
- Warehouse funds

IMPACT INVESTMENT FUNDS

- Specialist Disability Accommodation funds
- Social Housing funds
- Social impact bond funds
- Green energy funds
- Clean energy funds
- Carbon farming funds
- Sustainable agricultural funds
- Climate technology funds

PRIVATE EQUITY & VENTURE CAPITAL FUNDS

- Private equity funds
- Venture capital limited partnerships
- Early-stage venture capital limited partnerships

NATURAL ASSET FUNDS

- Water rights funds
- Seafood fishing rights funds

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