

# Aurora Sandringham Australian Equity Income Trust ASX Code: ABW

## Performance Report - 28 February 2010

### Summary

- The Trust returned 3.54% for the month versus the S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index which returned 2.16%
- Since inception the Trust has paid distributions totalling \$0.5845 per Unit in cash and franking credits



### Performance<sup>1</sup>

	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	12 mths	3 yrs (p.a)	Since inception (p.a.)
Aurora Sandringham Australian Equity Income Trust	3.54%	-1.02%	3.54%	20.43%	-4.26%	1.85%
S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index	2.16%	-0.56%	5.29%	44.70%	-3.21%	1.54%

### Investment Objective

The Trust aims to outperform the Australian equity market as measured by the S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index. Please note that while we aim to achieve this objective, the returns are not guaranteed.

### Investment Strategy

The Trust seeks to meet the Investment Objective through using multiple investment strategies that the Investment Manager expects will outperform the S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index. These strategies will be implemented by buying and selling listed and unlisted securities, managed investment schemes and risk management instruments. This may include investments in offshore markets. Accordingly, the Trust will seek to obtain:

- the S&P/ASX200 return by continuously having approximately 100% exposure to the Australian equity market through holding either futures over the S&P/ASX200 Index, or Australian listed securities; and
- an outperformance component by investing in investment strategies the Investment Manager expects (combined with the point above) will outperform the S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index.

Where an investment is made that does not have an exposure to the Australian equity market, that exposure will typically be hedged into the Australian equity market. This hedging / risk management process seeks to broadly result in the Trust achieving the same performance as an investment in the Australian equity market as measured by the S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index plus or minus any value created or lost by the investment and the hedge.

The Trust may utilise debt funding through a prime broking arrangement from time to time. However, the Trust's overall market exposure to the S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index is generally expected to remain at, or around, 100% of net assets.

### Investment Manager

Sandringham Capital Pty Limited ABN 97 112 639 648, AFSL 314178 (Sandringham) was appointed as the Investment Manager to the Trust on 20 October 2009. Sandringham is a funds management business which specialises in structured investments for institutional and wholesale investors. Sandringham, which was founded in January 2005, now manages in excess of \$50 million. Sandringham's executives have significant experience in capital markets, structured products and equities investment.

### Trust features

Unit pricing	Monthly.
Distribution frequency	Quarterly.
Distribution policy	At least 2.0% of Net Asset Value. <sup>2</sup>
Distribution Reinvestment Plan	Available.
Applications	Investors may acquire Units on the ASX or via the current Product Disclosure Statement.
Redemptions	On market by selling on the ASX or off-market at the end of each month.

### Trust valuations

Fund Size	\$7.6 million
Net Assets Value per Unit <sup>3</sup>	\$1.1742
NAV plus distributions paid (since inception) <sup>3</sup>	\$1.7587

### Trust distributions (per Unit)<sup>3</sup>

Period	Cash	Franking	Total	Yield at NAV (p.a.)
31 Dec 06	\$0.0486	\$0.0208	\$0.0694	9.0%
30 Jun 07	\$0.1962	\$0.0371	\$0.2334	25.3%
31 Dec 07	\$0.0333	\$0.0332	\$0.0665	7.6%
30 Jun 08	\$0.0586	\$0.0400	\$0.0986	11.9%
31 Dec 08	\$0.0450	\$0.0000	\$0.0450	7.6%
30 Jun 09	\$0.0267	\$0.0000	\$0.0267	5.1%
31 Dec 09	\$0.0450	\$0.0000	\$0.0450	8.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.4534</b>	<b>\$0.1311</b>	<b>\$0.5845</b>	

## Trust Update

After testing the low point of the our recent trading range early in the month, the market rallied strongly with the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index finishing up 2.16%.

Buying was supported by some strong earnings results including trading updates from the major banks who reported that impairment trends were running ahead of expectations. Internationally markets were also generally stronger as concerns over sovereign default risks abated and investors took advantage of recent weakness by adding to positions. Companies that reported good earnings results were well supported .

In accordance with the investment strategy, the Trust maintained approximately S&P/ASX200 Index (Index) market exposure and finished up 3.54% for the month. The Trusts additional investments in the Aurora Sandringham Dividend Income Trust and the Aurora Sandringham Global Income Trust both had positive returns and were primarily responsible for the Trusts outperformance compared to the Index which returned 2.16% for the month.

## Significant Portfolio Holdings

	Weighting
S&P/ASX 200 Index Futures Contract	market weight
Aurora Sandringham Dividend Income Trust	19.8%
Aurora Sandringham Global Income Trust	60.5%
Total invested as a % of NAV (excl. futures)	80.3%

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Aurora aims to source, package and distribute carefully researched investment strategies that are managed by specialist wholesale investment managers.

Aurora is also the issuer and/or the distributor of the:

- Aurora Sandringham Dividend Income Trust (ASX code: AOD)
- Aurora Sandringham Global Income Trust (ARSN 131 291 499)
- Aurora Global Infrastructure Income Trust (ASX code: AIB)
- Aurora Property Buy-Write Income Trust (ASX code:AUP)
- CORALS Commodities Fund (ARSN 131 196 882)
- van Eyk Blueprint Alternatives Plus (ASX code: VBP)

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1. This number represents a cumulative return and assumes reinvestment of distributions. 2. The Trust intends to always distribute at least 2.0% of NAV per Unit, excluding any franking credits, per quarter regardless of Trust performance. This means that if the Trust has insufficient net income in a given quarter, investors may receive a partial (or full) return of capital. 3. Each historical distribution has been divided by six to reflect the share split carried out in November 2009.

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