

# Aurora Sandringham Australian Equity Income Trust ASX Code: ABW Performance Report - 31 July 2010

# Summary

- The Trust returned 4.05% for the month versus the S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index which returned 4.47%
- Since inception the Trust has paid nine distributions totalling \$0.6345 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	4.05%	-6.78%	0.93%	7.89%	-5.63%	1.02%
S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index	4.47%	-5.87%	0.29%	10.14%	-5.84%	0.91%

## **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.

#### Trust features

Unit pricing	Monthly.
Distribution policy	At least 2.0% of Net Asset Value <sup>2</sup> per Unit per quarter
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	\$6.5 million
Net Assets Value per Unit	\$1.0954
NAV plus distributions paid (since inception) <sup>1</sup>	\$1.7301

# 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%
31 Mar 10	\$0.0250	\$0.0000	\$0.0250	8.1%
30 Jun 10	\$0.0250	\$0.0000	\$0.0250	8.2%
Total	\$0.5034	\$0.1311	\$0.6345	

#### **Trust Update**

After falling steeply to finish June, the market bounced strongly during July with the S&P/ASX200 Accumulation index finishing up 4.47% for the month.

Key events during the month were the completion of the European banking stress tests and the revision of the Australian Resource Super Profit Tax. Amid this reduced uncertainty we saw investors increase their risk appetites and as a result the defensive sectors generally underperformed.

In accordance with the investment strategy, the Trust maintained approximately S&P/ASX200 Index market exposure and finished up 4.05%. The Trust's investment in the Aurora Sandringham Dividend Income Trust (AOD) benefited from holding Wesfarmers which reported better than expected quarterly sales results. However, AOD was impacted by its holdings in QBE and IAG with both insurers announcing profit warnings due to poor investment performance and increased claims.

On August 1st 2010 the Trust will invest approximately 15% of NAV in the Fortitude Capital Australian Absolute Return Fund. The Trust has built a five year track record which has resulted in Fortitude winning numerous awards including Hedge Fund Manager of the Year in both 2008 and 2009. The is a market neutral fund which seeks to take advantage of short to medium term market inefficiencies across a broad range of investment strategies including Mergers & Acquisitions, convergence, long/short, convertible and hybrid arbitrage. In next month's newsletter we will go into detail about each of the underlying investment strategies contained in the Trust. For further information about the Fortitude Capital Australian Absolute Return Fund please see www.fortitudecapital.com .

## **Investment Manager**

Aurora Funds Limited (Aurora, ASX Code: AFV) issues and distributes investment funds to retail, wholesale and institutional investors throughout Australia and New Zealand. Aurora was listed on the ASX in July 2010, following the merger of Aurora Funds Management Limited (established in 2003), Fortitude Capital Pty Ltd (established in 2004) and Sandringham Capital Pty Ltd (established in 2005).

Aurora has offices in Sydney and Melbourne, and manages in excess of \$500 million in domestic equity, international equity, property, infrastructure and alternative asset classes for over 3,500 investors.

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)
- Fortitude Capital Australian Absolute Return Fund (unregistered, wholesale only)
- van Eyk Blueprint Alternatives Plus (ASX code: VBP)

# Significant Portfolio Holdings

Market Exposure	Weighting
S&P/ASX 200 Index Futures Contract	100%
Strategy Exposure	
Aurora Sandringham Dividend Income Trust	22.0%
Aurora Sandringham Global Income Trust	36.5%
Fortitude Capital Australian Absolute Return Fund	15.4%
Total invested as a % of NAV	73.8%

# **Aurora Funds Management**

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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 Unit split carried out in November 2009.

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