

Aurora Sandringham Australian Equity Income Trust ASX Code: ABW

Performance Report - 30 September 2010

Summary

- The Trust returned 4.67% for September compared to the S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index which returned 4.62%
- The Trust announced a cash distribution of \$0.025 per Unit for the three months ending 30 September 2010 which represented an annualised yield of 9.50%



Performance¹

	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	12 mths	3 yrs (p.a)	Since inception (p.a.)
Aurora Sandringham Australian Equity Income Trust	4.67%	7.45%	-4.78%	-1.08%	-6.17%	1.75%
S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index	4.62%	8.04%	-4.00%	0.61%	-7.23%	1.68%

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 ² 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	\$6.6 million
Net Assets Value per Unit	\$1.1062
NAV plus distributions paid (since inception) ¹	\$1.7657

Trust distributions (per Unit)³

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%
30 Sep 10	\$0.0250	\$0.0000	\$0.0250	9.5%
Total	\$0.5284	\$0.1311	\$0.6595	

Trust Update

The S&P/ASX200 Accumulation Index rose 4.62% during September as good global economic numbers and the prospect of further quantitative easing in the US lessened fears of a double dip and spurred investors to increase their exposure to risky assets.

The Trust's investment in the Aurora Sandringham Dividend Income Trust (AOD) held large positions in Australian banks ahead of their earnings announcements in October. AOD outperformed its benchmark as financials outperformed the broader market. The Trust's investment in the Aurora Sandringham Global Income Trust was flat for the month after strong results from Consumer stocks were offset by weak results from Adobe and FedEx. Whilst the Trust's investment in the Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund performed well with the convergence strategy the best performer as currency and commodity price movements provided good trading opportunities. In addition, merger and acquisition activity remains strong with the Watty, Healthscope and Centennial Coal deals providing good returns.

In accordance with the investment strategy, the Trust maintained approximately S&P/ASX200 Index market exposure and finished up 4.67%.

Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund

AFARF uses a range of different investment strategies which aim to provide a positive return in both rising and falling markets. These strategies are broadly broken up into five categories; mergers & acquisitions (M&A), yield, options, long-short and convergence. Last month we detailed the M&A and Yield strategies, in this newsletter we go into more detail on the remaining three strategies.

■ The **Options** strategy is typically structured by buying options (puts and calls) over the ASX/S&P200 index as well as in individual stocks. A benefit of the options strategy is portfolio protection against large movements, both up and down, in the market. It also allows for more aggressive positioning within the other strategies. In times of volatility, this can be a very profitable strategy as share prices move and hedging is executed.

■ The **Convergence** strategy focuses on share class arbitrage, or looking at the various listed securities within the issued capital of a company. The fund targets instruments that are fungible or have defined maturities such as: American Depository Receipts (ADRs), Chess Depository Instruments (CDIs), deferred settlement securities and dividend differences. Convertible hybrid securities are also targeted, within a two year period to maturity, where hedging can be used.

■ **Long-Short** trading is historically a small part of the portfolio. It focuses on price and liquidity catalysts such as book builds, primary issues, placements and block trades. The fund uses cheap and fast execution, employing price and time

stop loss on unhedged positions. Fundamental and technical research is available to assist in the setting of stops. The portfolio holds stocks it believes will rise in value (Long). It sells stocks it anticipates will fall in value, with the aim of buying them back at a lower price in the future (Short).

Significant Portfolio Holdings

Market Exposure	Weighting
S&P/ASX 200 Index Futures Contract	100%
Strategy Exposure	
Aurora Sandringham Dividend Income Trust	21.7%
Aurora Sandringham Global Income Trust	35.6%
Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund	15.3%
Total invested as a % of NAV	72.7%

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 Fortitude Absolute Return Fund (ARSN 145 894 800)
- 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 Unit split carried out in November 2009.

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