

## Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund January-11



Key Facts			AFARF	RBA Cash
Strategy	Market Neutral	1 Month Return	0.306%	0.40%
Domicile	Australia	12 Month Return	4.20%	4.51%
Min. Investment	\$A100,000	Annualised Return p.a.	9.62%	5.44%
Management Fee	1.5375% p.a. (includes GST)	Return Since Inception	72.32%	36.86%
Performance Fee	20.5% p.a.with high water mark	Best month	3.63%	0.60%
Benchmark	RBA Cash Rate	Worst month	-1.60%	0.25%
Prime Broker & Custodian	UBS	% Positive months	87%	100%
Administrator	Mackenzie Coultas Funds Administration	Annualised Std Deviation	3.04%	0.37%
Auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers	Sharpe Ratio	1.40	-

## **Floods and Egypt**

The Australian equity market delivered a lacklustre January performance, posting a small gain of +0.18% (S&P/ASX200). Weighing on the market were concerns about the major floods impacting Queensland with continuous domestic media coverage and also international attention. Politician unrest in Egypt reported late in the month resulted in a tempered positive result for the US markets, +2.3% for the S&P500. US data points and company updates continued to show signs of economic improvement.

Within the Fund the Options portfolio, realisable volatility was again well below implied levels. The January ETO expiry fell the Thursday after the Australia Day holiday without any strong directional move, resulting in a small loss of premium. Subsequently, there was a sell off in the market over the last two trading days which provided a small mark up in volatility in the remaining portfolio.

The best performing strategy for the month was Convergence. The premium of the Wesfarmers Partially Protected shares (WESN) increased relative to the ordinary shares (WES). We continue to see these securities as offering cheap optionality with limited downside risk. Resmed (RMD) also provided good spread trading opportunities between here and New York in the lead up to their half year results.

The Mergers and Acquisition strategy continued to add to performance, largely as a result of the unconditional takeover offer for Citadel (CGG) by Equinox (EQN) concluding. We took advantage of the alpha opportunity and liquidity at the tail end of the deal, where there is very little remaining risk. Low execution costs provided this opportunity. AXA Asia Pacific and AMP also positively contributed, with the positions structured to include exposure and protection from an options overlay.

Long/Short positions, although mostly longs, were kept fairly small by both number and exposure. The effect was a slight detraction from the fund returns, predominantly as a result of Jupiter Mines (JMS) trading at a discount to their \$150m capital raising.

The largest upcoming event for the Yield strategy is an announcement due by Fairfax in February stating their intensions for the preferences securities (FXJPB), with the likely outcome a redemption for cash in April.

Performance after fees (%)													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2011	0.31												0.31%
2010	0.44	-0.13	-0.73	0.43	0.91	-0.49	-1.60	0.86	0.58	1.61	1.37	1.05	4.33%
2009	0.21	0.01	0.28	0.26	1.20	1.55	0.55	0.67	-0.58	0.82	-0.02	0.82	6.01%
2008	1.34	0.17	0.27	1.21	0.63	0.18	0.45	1.14	2.61	3.13	0.21	0.37	12.38%
2007	1.14	0.52	0.32	1.40	0.21	0.36	0.63	3.06	-0.30	0.71	1.32	-0.23	9.55%
2006	1.71	1.82	1.38	1.82	3.63	0.57	1.55	0.27	1.32	0.61	0.14	0.80	16.75%
2005			1.02	0.96	1.50	1.58	0.92	0.18	0.52	1.34	0.28	-0.50	8.06%

AFARF vs RBA Cash vs S&P/ASX200AI (\$)

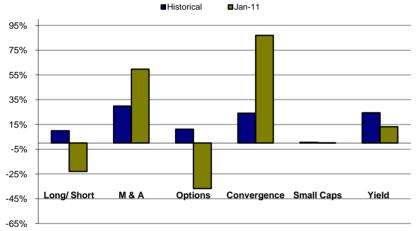




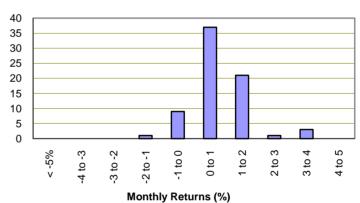
FUND OVERVIEW	INVESTMENT MANAGER		
The Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund (AFARF) aims to produce positive returns irrespective of the direction of the share market, by investing in predominantly Australian listed securities and derivatives.	Fortitude Capital Pty Ltd is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aurora Funds Limited (Aurora). With in excess of \$500 million in funds under management/administration, Aurora was listed on the ASX in July 2010 under the ASX Code: AFV.		
The Fund purchases both put and call options which allows it to profit from movements in the market both up and down. It then looks for short term trading opportunities to generate low risk returns from other strategies including;	The Aurora Group provides asset management and responsible entity/trustee services for over 3,500 Australian and New Zealand investors.		
→ Mergers and Acquisitions → Long/Short	Aurora is also the issuer and/or distributor of the:		
$\rightarrow$ Share Class Arbitrage, and	ightarrow Aurora Sandringham Dividend Income Trust (ASX code: AOD)		
$\rightarrow$ Yield securities.	ightarrow Aurora Sandringham Australian Equity Income Trust (ASX Code: ABW)		
Each investment considers the risk, the timeline of that risk occurring and then the potential return.	ightarrow Aurora Sandringham Global Income Trust (ARSN 131 291 499)		
Low transaction costs and liquidity are other important factors in	$\rightarrow$ Aurora Global Infrastructure Income Trust (ASX code: AIB)		
the success and implementation of the strategies.	$\rightarrow$ Aurora Property Buy-Write Income Trust (ASX code:AUP)		
	ightarrow van Eyk Blueprint Alternatives Plus (ASX code: VBP)		

**Monthly Periods** 

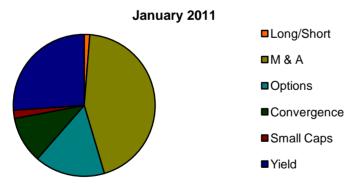
→ CORALS Commodities Fund (ARSN 131 196 882)



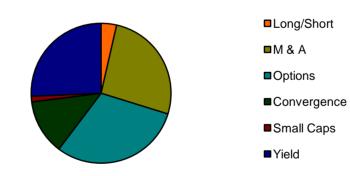




## Strategy Weightings







## **Distributions of Returns**

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