

# Aurora Property Buy-Write Income Trust (ARSN 125 153 648)

Performance Report

31 May 2008

ASX Code: AUP

## **Trust Summary**

- The Net Asset Value of the Trust fell by 7.22% during the month of May
- The S&P/ASX200 Property Trust Index fell 9.19% during the month of May
- The next distribution is due to be paid for the six months ending 30 June 08

## **Investment Objective**

The Aurora Property Buy-Write Income Trust (the Trust) is an ASX listed investment trust that aims to generate income from an active strategy of selling call options over a geared portfolio of Australia's largest ASX listed property securities (LPT's).

## **Investment Strategy**

The Trust seeks to capture returns from investing in some of Australia's leading ASX listed property securities, with the objective of increasing the income generated by implementing an active call option selling ('Writing) strategy. Each quarter the Investment Adviser identifies 10 property securities within the Australian property sector that can be expected to:

- provide a higher than average dividend yield over the medium tem (including the influence of franking credits, and special dividends and other financial restructuring);
- provide the scope for additional income generation by the Trust systematically writing call options on these securities and;
- the Trust seeks to reduce capital risk by holding put options against each security in the portfolio.

# Net Asset Value - incl. franking

Inception	July 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07
\$9.71	\$9.43	\$9.69	\$9.70	\$9.62
Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08
\$8.88	\$7.98	\$6.69	\$6.62	\$6.59
Apr 08	May 08			
\$6.76	\$6.27			

## **Investment Adviser**

Barclays Capital is the Investment Adviser to the Trust with responsibility to advise on the Trust's investment strategy. Barclays Capital is the investment banking division of Barclays Bank PLC which has a balance sheet of over US\$2.4 trillion. Barclays Capital advises on over US\$2 billion in buy-write strategies globally.

## **Trust Features**

Trust Listing	26 July 2007		
Minimum Investment	\$2,000		
Unit Pricing	Monthly		
Distribution Frequency	Half yearly		
Distribution Reinvestment Plan	Available		
Applications	Available to investors through the current PDS or on market by buying on the ASX		
Redemptions	On-market by selling on the ASX or off-market at the Net Asset Value set at the end of each month		

# Summary of the Trust

Market Capitalisation	\$25,863,645
Net Asset Value (NAV), incl. franking	\$27,911,814
Units on Issue	4,451,574
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$6.27
Net Asset Value per Unit, incl. franking	\$6.27
NAV plus distribution paid	\$6.74

# Trust Distributions (per Unit)

Period	Cash	Franking Credits	Total
31 Dec 07	\$0.4670	\$0.000	\$0.4670
Total	\$0.4670	\$0.000	\$0.4670





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### Portfolio Commentary

The listed property trust sector fell heavily during the month of May 2008. Debt refinancing issues combined with the prospect of potentially higher interest rates in Australia gave the local listed property market little joy. The S&P/ASX 200 Listed Property Accumulation Index fell 9.2% in May to be down 32.1% over the last 12 months.

Global property markets also moved lower in May. The S&P/Citigroup BMI World Property index fell 3.8% in AUD terms.

In terms of portfolio performance, the Trust fell 7.22% to finish with a Net Asset Valuation of \$6.27 per Unit.

Contributing to the Trust's overall performance in May were:

Valad Property Group (ASX Code:VPG) – was up 5% after merger speculation drove the shares in Valad Properties finished up \$0.05 over the month to \$1.005. A total of around 12 million shares in the company were traded on the 15 May 2008, although analysts said no one company had emerged as a potential bidder.

Mirvac (ASX Code: MGR) – was down 21.7% after the property funds division became affected by downward revaluations, the possibility of reduced distributions and possible fund wind-ups. The one bright spot for Mirvac was that it was garnering higher rents at some of its shopping centres.

Stockland (ASX Code: SGP) – was down 12.7% after the group said that it had been forced into a major restructuring of its operations from the real estate market slowdown in mid-2008. It has also closed its funds management arm, Capital Partners.

#### **Portfolio Activity**

There were no changes to the portfolio of underlying held in May. The portfolio will rebalanced again at the end of June 2008.

#### **Market Outlook**

Investors have clearly abandoned the LPT's with higher gearing levels and poor debt-maturity profiles after watching Centro's debt-driven implosion earlier this year. With the sector generally having a high payout ratio and a heavy reliance on capital raising to fund growth, the more leveraged LPT's may have to cut their distributions in the ensuing 12 months in order to rein in their gearing levels.

The LPT's with premium assets and secured quality tenants with leases in excess of 10 years will be better placed to withstand any yield re-rating in the short to medium term.

At the end of May, the estimated distribution yield on the Australian listed property sector was 7.60%, compared with the 6.53% yield being offered on a 10 year government bond. This widening difference in yield should continue to provide support to the listed Australian Real Estate Trusts over the remainder of 2008.

## **Portfolio Holdings**

	ASX Stock Code	Forecast Quarterly Yield (%) *
Abacus Property Group	ABP	2.64
CFS Retail Property Trust	CFX	2.68
Commonwealth Property Office Fund	CPA	3.37
Dexus Property Group	DXS	3.64
Goodman Group	GMG	2.01
ING Industrial Fund	IIF	2.24
Macquarie Countrywide	MCW	7.16
Mirvac Group	MGR	2.09
Stockland Group	SGP	3.31
Valad Property Group	VPG	7.18
Average forecast yield for June 08 quarter		3.63%

Source: Barclays Capital

\*Based upon closing share prices as at 27/03/08

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- Aurora Buy-Write Income Trust (ASX Code: ABW)
- Aurora Infrastructure Buy-Write Income Trust (ASX Code: AIB)
- van Eyk Blueprint Alternatives Plus (ASX Code: VBP)

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