

# BLUEPRINT

van Eyk Blueprint Alternatives Plus ARSN: 121 722 521 ASX Code: VBP

## Quarterly Performance Report

31 December 2011

### Trust Highlights

- The Trust has maintained an underweight exposure to fund of hedge funds, commodities, gold and direct property;
- The underweight to gold was reduced within the Master Fund; and
- The Trust's estimated LVR for the month ending December 2011 was 20.7%.



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

	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	2 yrs pa	3yrs pa	Inception %pa
van Eyk Blueprint Alternatives Plus	-0.66%	0.08%	0.37%	2.43%	5.48%	8.21%	2.59%

### Investment Objective & Strategy

The van Eyk Blueprint Alternatives Plus trust (the "Trust") is a feeder fund which invests into the unlisted van Eyk Blueprint Alternatives Fund (ARSN 112 183 249, the "Master Fund") which is issued by Macquarie Investment Management Limited. The Master Fund aims to provide an actively managed exposure to a range of specialist Underlying Managers who are highly regarded by van Eyk and who employ alternative investment strategies such as fund of hedge funds, global macro, fixed income macro, direct property, commodities and gold. The Trust may use borrowings to increase the investment into the investment strategy.

The Trust, by investing in the Master Fund, aims to provide returns that are not highly correlated with traditional share and bond market returns.

### Investment Manager

van Eyk Research Pty Ltd ABN 99 010 664 632 corporate authorised representative of van Eyk Financial Group Pty Ltd ABN 28 149 679 078, AFSL 402146 (authorised representative number 408625) is responsible for investing the assets of the Trust into the Master Fund and managing the borrowings of the Trust.

van Eyk was established in 1989, and is a premier supplier of investment research to Australian and New Zealand advisers. van Eyk specialises in strategic and tactical asset allocation, investment research, direct share research and economic commentary. van Eyk is independently owned and receives no payment from fund managers for their ratings.

van Eyk also acts as Investment Manager to a series of managed funds issued by Macquarie Investment Management Limited ("Macquarie"). The van Eyk Blueprint Series consists of a number of multi-manager unit trusts, which includes the Master Fund, that provides investors with access to pre-blended portfolios in either single or multi-asset class options. van Eyk advises on the construction of the portfolios within the van Eyk Blueprint Series and the selection of Underlying Managers. van Eyk provides direction on the proportion of the allocations to each asset class, and to each Underlying Manager, in accordance with their investment research views.

### Trust Features

Listing Date	20 December 2006
Unit pricing	Monthly
Distribution frequency	Half yearly
Distribution Reinvestment Plan	Available
Applications	Investors may acquire Units on market or via a current Product Disclosure Statement.
Redemptions	On market by selling on the ASX or off-market at the Net Asset Value <sup>2</sup> as at the end of each month.

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

Period	Cash	Franking Credits	Total	Yield at NAV pa
30 Jun 07	\$1.1889	\$0.0023	\$1.1912	24.6%
31 Dec 07	\$0.2000	\$0.0000	\$0.2000	4.3%
30 Jun 08	\$0.6893	\$0.0011	\$0.6904	15.2%
31 Dec 08	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	0.0%
30 Jun 09	\$0.2500	\$0.0000	\$0.2500	7.1%
31 Dec 09	\$0.0230	\$0.0000	\$0.0230	0.7%
30 Jun 10	\$0.4500	\$0.0000	\$0.4500	11.7%
31 Dec 10	\$0.0100	\$0.0000	\$0.0100	0.3%
30 Jun 11	\$0.6365	\$0.0000	\$0.6365	16.2%
Total	\$3.4477	\$0.0034	\$3.4511	

### Summary of the Trust

Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup> (NAV)	\$119.1 million
Net Asset Value <sup>1</sup> per Unit (cum-dist)	\$7.3998
NAV <sup>4</sup> Accumulation per Unit	\$11.0407

<sup>1</sup> Estimated and cum-distribution.

<sup>2</sup> Less sell-spread.

<sup>3</sup> Rounded to four decimal figures.

<sup>4</sup> Assumes reinvestment of distributions.

## Master Fund Commentary

Over the December 2011 quarter, the underweight exposure to Gold within the Master Fund was marginally reduced. The Master Fund remains overweight to macro strategies and cash, while maintaining underweight positions in fund of hedge funds, commodities, gold and direct property.

Market volatility continued throughout the December quarter as markets were dominated by events in Europe. Investors remained sceptical over the European solution to the debt crisis amid rising concerns over a wider global slowdown.

While the volatile and unpredictable dynamics of the European debt crisis and persisting currency fluctuations created a challenging environment for hedge funds across all strategies, ample investment opportunities did exist in emerging markets in the December quarter. The Master Fund remains overweight to fixed income macro and global macro strategies as van Eyk believes they are well suited to the current environment's extreme volatility due to their targeted negative correlation to the broader equities market. Of further benefit is their liquidity profile and capacity to exploit macro themes dynamically.

Fund of hedge funds remains at the minimum strategic weight reflecting van Eyk's intention to realign the portfolio of the Master Fund over the coming months to a new strategic asset allocation. van Eyk still advocates allocations to real assets and absolute return strategies however fund of hedge funds as a specific asset sector will not feature within the Master Fund in the longer term.

Gold added value in October and November with the gold price coming in sight of breaking US\$2000/oz. However, in December the gold price changed direction and fell sharply. This was due to a number of factors including: disappointment of gold traders at the Federal Reserve's decision not to start a new round of quantitative easing; strengthening of the US dollar as a result of increased portfolio investment into the US; decline in long term US Treasury bills yields in early December; and positive news from the US labour market.

Despite December's downturn, Gold remains the standout performer among commodities, which is consistent with the elevated concern from investors. The prospect of central banks increasing their allocation to gold to diversify their reserve assets also raises the probability of further upside from the current price level. With rising geo-political risks and Europe increasingly struggling to find a tenable solution, van Eyk has marginally increased the exposure to gold (albeit underweight relative to the strategic target), funded from cash, and will look to increase exposure further at a more compelling entry point.

Concerns over sovereign debt, decelerating industrial production in China (the major commodity consumer) as well as inclement weather in some regions were the driving forces of the downward trend in commodities over the December quarter. Commodity markets have been more heavily influenced by macroeconomic and general business sentiment than by the supply-demand dynamics of the particular market.

With the likelihood of demand reduction in commodities, driven by anaemic growth in the US and Europe, van Eyk believes the outlook for commodities remains modest and will maintain the defensive position in commodities until greater conviction in the global growth trajectory is evident.

The Master Fund is designed to provide returns that are not highly correlated with traditional share and bond market returns. van Eyk is responsible for active asset allocation. Any biases within the Master Fund reflect van Eyk's investment outlook and relative market valuations, as published in its subscription-based research for financial planners.

The resulting targeted portfolio is set out in the table below.

### van Eyk Blueprint Alternatives Fund at 31/12/2011

Underlying Fund	Target	Strategy
BlackRock Global Ascent Fund	12.0%	Global Macro
Winton Global Alpha Fund	8.0%	Global Macro
HFA Diversified Investments Fund	10.0%	Fund of Hedge Funds
GAM Absolute Return Bond Fund	17.0%	Fixed Income Macro
Australian Unity Healthcare Property Trust - Wholesale	7.0%	Direct Property
van Eyk Blueprint Gold Bullion Fund	8.5%	Gold
CSL Long/Short Fund	17.0%	Commodities
Cash	20.5%	Cash
	100%	

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- Aurora Global Income Trust (ASX code: AIB)
- Aurora Property Buy-Write Income Trust (ASX code: AUP)
- Aurora Absolute Return Fund (ASX code: ABW)
- Aurora Sandringham Dividend Income Trust (ASX code: AOD)

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