

Aurora Absolute Return Fund (ABW.ASX)

Performance ¹	1 month	3 months	FYTD
Aurora Absolute Return Fund	-9.39%	-9.41%	-10.4%
Benchmark	0.12%	0.37%	1.28%
Outperformance	-9.51%	-9.78%	-11.68%

On 1 March 2011, Aurora Absolute Return Fund 'the Fund' changed its investment strategy and commenced investing via the unlisted Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund (ARSN 145 894 800, the 'Master Fund').

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to achieve absolute returns and income through the use of several different investment strategies with the aim of having very little correlation to equity market indexes. The focus on absolute returns differs from traditional funds in that the Fund aims to produce positive returns regardless of equity market conditions.

Investment Strategy

The Master Fund seeks to take advantage of market mispricing's and arbitrage opportunities using a diverse range of investment strategies. We research various criteria for each investment; these criteria may pertain to fundamental and quantitative analysis, company event situations such as takeovers and mergers, earnings announcements, demergers and restructuring, liquidity events, recapitalisations, multiple share classes, option availability and pricing.

The Master Fund invests in opportunities that it considers to offer attractive risk return characteristics with a focus on potential catalysts that seeks to generate a profitable return regardless of the market direction. The Fund may use derivatives for risk management as well as to create new positions and may opportunistically short sell securities that it believes to be overpriced or to reduce risk on the overall portfolio.

Master Fund Position Analysis

Strategy	Long	Short
Convergence	11	1
Yield	3	0
Long/Short	6	0
Options/Derivatives	13	1
Mergers & Acquisitions	0	0
Total	33	2

Fund Overview

ASX Code	ABW
NAV per Unit	\$0.7410
Structure	Fund
Investment Style	Market Neutral
Inception Date	10 July 2006
Management / Performance fee (excl.GST)	Nil
Buy / sell spread	+/- 0.02%
Entry / Exit fees	Nil
Benchmark	RBA Cash Rate
Distributions	1.0% per quarter

Fund performance summary

- The Aurora Absolute Return Fund returned -9.39% for the month against its benchmark return of +0.12%, whilst the broader S&P/ASX200 Index rose +1.01%
- The key detractor from performance this month was Molopo Energy Limited (MPO), a substantial position in the Master Fund's portfolio which had a 17.65% share price fall in April. MPO, which holds approximately 24c per share of net tangible assets, had a material mark-to-market loss in April, albeit on very limited volumes, which was the key contributor to the fall in the Fund's NAV. Whilst we do not appreciate the volatility of this position, our underlying assessment of value remains unchanged by these short-term movements in the share price, which is trading around 14c.
- During April, an application was made against Aurora in the Takeovers Panel ("Panel") in relation to MPO. On 31 May 2017, the Panel made a declaration that Aurora and Keybridge Capital Limited are not associates, however certain circumstances in relation to Aurora's activity in relation to MPO were deemed 'unacceptable'. Aurora is considering the declaration and its response to it, and is awaiting the Panel's orders (if any) that may be made. Additional information in relation to this matter can be found in separate ASX announcements.
- The key positive contributor to performance this month was an 87% gain in the Master Fund's investment in ASX:APLO.

About Aurora

Aurora Funds Management Limited ("Aurora") is an Australian based alternative asset manager that specialises in managing absolute-return strategies for high net worth, retail and institutional investors. Aurora utilises a value-orientated approach to select suitable investments that aim to provide investors with positive risk-adjusted returns that are independent of benchmarks or investment cycles.

Aurora is also the issuer of the:

- Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund (APIR Code: AFM0005AU)
- Aurora Dividend Income Trust (Managed Fund) (ASX Code: AOD, APIR Code: AFM0010AU)
- Aurora Global Income Trust (ASX Code: AIB)
- Aurora Property Buy-Write Income Trust (ASX Code: AUP)
- HHY Fund (ASX Code: HHY)

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1. This number represents a cumulative return and assumes reinvestment of distributions and is generated with compounded monthly returns/net of fees.

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