

Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund (AFARF)

Performance ¹	1 month	3 months	FYTD
Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund	-0.91%	-0.51%	-0.11%
Benchmark	0.12%	0.38%	0.75%
Outperformance	-1.03%	-0.89%	-0.86%

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 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 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.

Portfolio Position Analysis

Strategy	Long	Short
Convergence	2	1
Yield	3	0
Long/Short	18	0
Options	8	1
Mergers & Acquisitions	0	0
Total	31	2

Fund Overview

APIR Code	AFM0005AU
NAV per Unit	\$0.7295
Structure	Fund
Investment Style	Market Neutral
Inception Date	28 February 2005
Management / Performance fee (excl.GST)	1.45% / 20.0%
Buy / sell spread	+/- 0.02%
Entry / Exit fees	Nil
Benchmark	RBA Cash Rate
Distributions	1.0% per quarter

Fund performance summary

- The Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund returned -0.91% for the month against its benchmark return of +0.12%, whilst the broader S&P/ASX200 Index fell -0.79%.
- The **Convergence** strategy detracted from performance this month, with a mark-to-market loss on a key position in MPO.ASX. The underlying fundamentals of this investment have not changed and we believe we are well positioned to close the value gap.
- The **Yield** portfolio performed well, with key positions in NABHA and MBLHB providing capital growth and income whilst KBCPA had a mark-to-market loss on very small trade volume.
- The **Options** strategy provided a modest return, with long index puts providing an increased value in a falling market. The Fund continued to purchase favourably priced volatility.
- The **Long/Short** strategy performed well across a small number of positions, with PTB.ASX providing a notable return.
- The Fund did not execute any **M&A** trades during the month.

About Aurora

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Aurora is also the issuer of the:

- Aurora Absolute Return Fund (ASX Code: ABW)
- 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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