# Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund October 2016



#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

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.

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE TO 31 October 2016**

	AFARF*	RBA CASH RATE
1 month	1.10%	0.12%
3 months	0.40%	0.38%
6 months	-8.34%	0.82%
12 months	-8.12%	1.83%
2 years (p.a)	-2.18%	2.02%
3 years (p.a)	-0.69%	2.19%
5 years (p.a)	1.84%	2.67%
Annualised Return Since Inception (Mar 05) - p.a.	5.81%	4.21%
Standard Deviation	3.81%	0.48%

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to achieve absolute returns (i.e. positive returns in both rising and falling equity markets) by using a number of different investments that allow the Fund to have very little correlation to the performance of the stock market index. The focus on 'absolute returns' differs from traditional funds in that the Fund aims to produce positive returns regardless of equity market conditions.

We have a wide discretion over the investments that may be held by the Fund. The pursuit of a diverse range of investments means that the Fund's returns are not necessarily dependent on the stock market's direction. In selecting investments for the Fund we follow a rigorous investment selection process which includes detailed qualitative and fundamental research.

### **About Aurora**

Aurora Funds Management Limited is an Australian based alternative asset manager that specialises in managing absolute-return focussed strategies for high net worth, retail and institutional investors. At Aurora, we aim to achieve superior long-term results through a high conviction investment style that utilises a bottom up, value-orientated approach to select suitable investments. Our overarching goal it to provide investors with positive risk-adjusted returns that are independent of benchmarks or investment cycles.

Aurora is also the issuer of the:

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

#### **Portfolio commentary**

Global equity market movements were mixed for the month of October, with the S&P500 finishing down -1.94%, FTSE up +0.80% and the Nikkei strong up +5.93% for the month. The S&P/ASX200 finished down -2.17% for the month.

The Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund returned +1.10% for October. Performance was largely driven by the Convergence strategy and long positions within the Long/Short strategy.

The Long/Short strategy performed well during the month. The biggest contributors to performance included high conviction long positions in KAR.ASX (+72.9%) and MPO.ASX (+7.7%). We were pleased to see KAR significantly re-rated during the month, which had been accumulated at a material discount to cash, whilst effectively receiving free optionality on high quality global Oil & Gas assets.

The Convergence strategy performance was driven by trading activities in a domestic holding company (CSE.ASX) and from a contraction in discount and underlying portfolio performance in NAC.ASX. We continue to accumulate positions in domestically listed LIC's that trade at substantial discounts to NTA with hedgeable underlying assets.

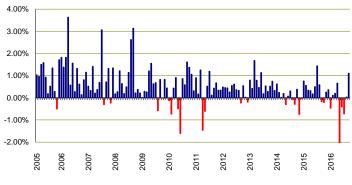
The Yield portfolio benefited from both capital appreciation in our listed debt National Australia Bank Perpetual Securities (NABHA.ASX) position, whilst going ex-dividend late in the month.

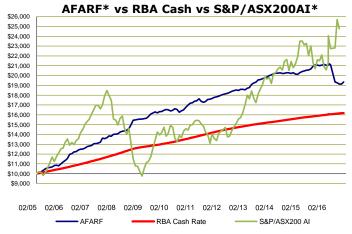
MONTHLY PERFORMANCE* (after fees %)													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2016	0.36	-0.47	0.11	0.19	0.65	-8.91	-0.41	-0.72	0.03	1.10			-8.16%
2015	-0.04	0.75	0.55	0.34	0.31	0.17	0.50	1.44	0.59	-0.17	-0.21	0.25	4.56%
2014	0.32	0.62	0.24	0.01	0.19	-0.31	0.07	0.30	-0.07	-0.29	0.38	-0.74	0.72%
2013	-0.19	0.80	0.42	1.68	0.78	0.46	1.13	0.18	0.53	0.28	0.52	0.74	7.57%
2012	0.34	0.49	0.45	0.44	0.26	0.57	0.61	0.36	0.33	-0.23	0.54	0.02	4.23%
2011	0.31	0.90	0.16	1.25	-1.46	-0.61	0.51	1.19	0.11	0.43	0.67	0.34	3.83%
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	0.63	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%

# **FUND DISTRIBUTIONS (per Unit)**

Period	Amount	Yield at		
(per Unit)	(\$)	NAV (p.a)		
June 2005 to June 2011	\$0.5944			
31-12-11	\$0.0194	8.00%		
31-03-12	\$0.0193	8.00%		
30-06-12	\$0.0205	8.55%		
30-09-12	\$0.0190	8.00%		
31-12-12	\$0.0142	6.00%		
31-03-13	\$0.0140	6.00%		
30-06-13	\$0.0298	12.87%		
30-09-13	\$0.0139	6.00%		
31-12-13	\$0.0139	6.00%		
31-03-14	\$0.0139	6.00%		
30-06-14	\$0.0253	10.91%		
30-09-14	\$0.0135	-0.34%		
31-12-14	\$0.0298	13.39%		
31-03-15	\$0.0085	4.00%		
30-06-15	\$0.0183	8.55%		
30-09-15	\$0.0085	4.05%		
31-12-15	\$0.0239	11.12%		
31-03-16	\$0.0085	4.08%		
30-06-16	\$0.0091	4.41%		
30-09-16	\$0.0075	4.00%		
Total since inception	\$0.9251	_		

# Monthly Returns Since Inception (%)\*





	KEY FACTS		AFARF*	RBA Cash
Feeder Fund	Aurora Absolute Return (ABW)	Sharpe Ratio	-1.08	-
APIR Code	AFM0005AU	Sortino Ratio	-0.55	-
Benchmark	RBA Cash Rate	Best month	3.63%	0.60%
Prime Broker/Custodian	UBS	Worst month	-8.91%	0.12%
Administrator	Unity Fund Services	Positive months	83%	100%
Auditors	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	0.7405
		Exit Price per Unit	\$	0.7403

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