

Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund (AFARF)

Performance ¹	1 month	3 months	FYTD
Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund	2.91%	1.31%	1.31%
Benchmark	0.12%	0.38%	0.38%
Outperformance	2.79%	0.93%	0.93%

Investment Objective

The Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund (**Fund**) seeks to achieve absolute returns and income through the use of several different investment strategies. The focus on absolute returns differs from traditional funds in that the Fund aims to produce positive returns regardless of equity market conditions or global market indices.

Investment Strategy

The Fund seeks to take advantage of market mispricing and arbitrage opportunities using a diverse range of investment strategies. The Responsible Entity of the Fund researches various criteria for each investment, including 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 will invest in opportunities that are considered to offer attractive risk return characteristics with a focus on potential catalysts that seek 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 may be overpriced or to reduce risk on the overall portfolio.

Portfolio Position Analysis

Number of Positions

Long	22
Short	2

Fund Overview

APIR Code	AFM0005AU
NAV per Unit*	\$0.6242
Structure	Fund
Investment Style	Market Neutral
Inception Date	28 February 2005
Management Fee (incl.GST)	1.49%
Performance fee (incl.GST)	20.5%
Buy / sell spread	+/- 0.02%
Entry / Exit fees	Nil
Benchmark	RBA Cash Rate
Distributions	1.0% per quarter

*unaudited unit price

Fund performance summary

- The Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund (Fund) returned 2.91% for the month against its benchmark return of 0.12%.
- The key contributor to performance was 8IP Emerging Companies Limited (ASX:8EC), which saw a contraction in the discount between price and underlying net tangible assets during the month. Another key contributor was Karoon Gas Australia Limited (ASX:KAR), which rallied 13.2% during the month. The Fund accumulated its position in KAR at a discount to its underlying net cash asset backing.
- The key detractors from performance this month were volatility trades in Ellerston Global Investments Limited (ASX:EGIO) and WAM Leaders Limited (ASX:WLEO).
- Molopo Energy Limited (ASX:MPO) currently remains and will remain suspended, according to the company, until such time that the ASX is satisfied that MPO meets the ASX Listing Rule requirements.
- The Fund incurred extraordinary costs, in the form of legal fees, during the month.

About Aurora

Aurora Funds Management Limited (**Aurora**) is the Responsible Entity of the Fund. 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 Responsible Entity of the:

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