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MARKET UPDATE

AURORA'S RESPONSE TO AFR ARTICLE IN RELATION TO NOTICE OF MEETING

Aurora Funds Management Limited (AFSL 222110) ("**Aurora**") as responsible entity for the Aurora Dividend Income Trust, Aurora Fortitude Absolute Return Fund and Aurora Global Income Trust provides an update following a recent article in the Australian Financial Review ("**AFR**") regarding Aurora's recently issued notice of meeting to replace the director of 8IP Emerging Companies Limited ("**8EC**").

Aurora as 8EC's largest shareholder makes the following observation in relation to comments made by Kerry Series in a recent article in the AFR¹. It was reported that in response to Aurora comments surrounding *"Mr Series defended the fund's investment performance citing returns before fees of the Small Companies Fund 117.5 per cent since inception in October 2012 and a 288 per cent return for the Small Companies Portfolio since July 2014 while the 8EC fund returned 36.4 per cent since December 2015."*

Aurora seeks clarification from Mr Series regarding these return statements.

Based on Aurora's calculations, since inception 8EC fund has returned:

- -1.8% per annum or a -4.0% total return **based on 8EC's share price**²
- 5.4% per annum or a 12.5% total return **based on post-tax net tangible assets ("**NTA**")**³
- 7.5% per annum or a 17.8% total return **based on pre-tax NTA**⁴

From above, it appears that 8EC has not provided a return to shareholders as stated in the AFR article. Additionally, Aurora notes that these numbers exclude 8EC's 2.5% position in Big Unlimited Limited ("**BIG**") which remains suspended and is subject to an ongoing investigation.

Aurora invites any 8EC shareholders who have any queries about the matters raised in this letter or Aurora recently issued notice of meeting, to please call Adrian Martin (Company Secretary) on 0403 21 1234 or amartin@aurorafunds.com.au or Victor Siciliano (Portfolio Manager) on 0477 112 226 or victor@aurorafunds.com.au.

¹ "Eight Investment Partners comes under Aurora attack", by Jonathan Shapiro, Australian Financial Review, 18 March 2018

² Based on \$1.00 IPO, \$0.04 income and closing price of \$0.92 on 16 March 2018, being the last trading prior to the publication of the article

³ Based on \$1.00 IPO, \$0.04 income and closing NTA (post-tax) of \$1.0852 on 28 February 2018

⁴ Based on \$1.00 IPO, \$0.04 income and closing NTA (pre-tax) of \$1.1376 on 28 February 2018

Yours faithfully
Aurora Funds Management Limited

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Martin', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Adrian Martin
Company Secretary