

# Aurora Property Buy-Write Income Trust Performance Report - July 2015

ASX Code: AUP

## Summary

- The Trust gained by 2.70% in July trailing the S&P/ASX200 Property Accumulation Index (AREIT Index) which advanced by 5.71%.
- July saw broad-based gains across the listed property market on minimal stock-specific news.



## Performance<sup>1</sup>

	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	12 mths	3 yrs (p.a.)	5 yrs (p.a.)	Since inception (p.a.)	Standard deviation
Aurora Property Buy-Write Income Trust	2.70%	2.90%	3.59%	9.32%	10.33%	9.36%	2.45%	10.29%
S&P/ASX200 Property Accumulation Index	5.71%	4.28%	4.74%	21.08%	18.41%	15.32%	-0.93%	20.01%

## Investment Objective\*

The Aurora Property Buy-Write Income Trust (the Trust) is an ASX listed investment trust that seeks to capture returns from investing in some of Australia's leading ASX listed property securities, with the objective of increasing the income generated by implementing an active call option selling ('writing') strategy. A portion of the additional income may be used to purchase put options for protection.

Aurora Funds Management uses detailed quantitative and qualitative analysis to identify property securities within the Australian property sector (the 'Investment Universe') that can be expected to:

- Provide a higher than average distribution yield over the medium term;
- Generate a higher percentage of recurring income with lower gearing; and
- Provide the scope for additional income generation by the Trust systematically writing over the counter call options on these securities.

## Investment Philosophy

Aurora's approach to investing in Australian Real Estate Investment Trusts (A-REITs) is consistent with our approach to investing across our other funds. The objective is to build a portfolio of high quality listed property securities with recurring earnings and downside protection. In addition to the returns from trust selection, the selling of call options generates additional income for investors.

## Trust Features

Unit pricing	Monthly
Distribution frequency	Quarterly
Distribution policy <sup>2</sup>	At least 2.0% of Net Asset Value per Unit
Distribution Reinvestment Plan	Available
Applications	Investors may acquire Units on the ASX or via the current Product Disclosure Statement
Redemptions	On market by selling on the ASX or off-market at the end of each month

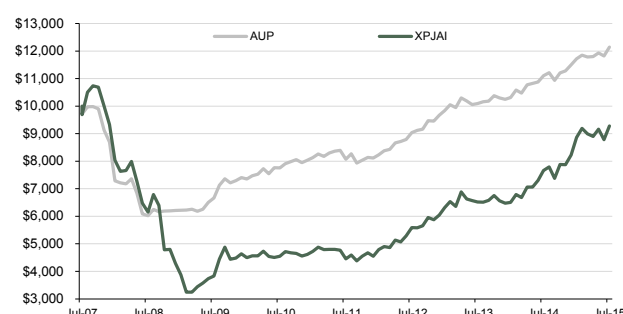
## Trust Valuations

Net Assets Value per Unit	\$5.5478
Exit Price Value per Unit	\$5.5367
NAV including distributions (since inception) <sup>1</sup>	\$11.7952

## Sector Exposure

	Index	AUP	Active
Industrial	18%	7%	-11%
Discretionary Retail	54%	47%	-7%
Staples Retailing	8%	21%	14%
Office	17%	22%	6%
Residential	4%	2%	-1%

## Investment Performance<sup>1</sup>



## Portfolio Characteristics

	Index	AUP
Price Earnings Ratio	16.2	15.3
Premium to NTA (ex WFD)	34%	22%
Recurring Income %	82%	88%
Distribution Yield	4.9%	7.8%
Beta	1.00	0.67

## Commentary

### Performance Update:

After falling heavily in June, the S&P/ASX200 Property Index rebounded sharply in July up 5.7% outperforming the wider equities market by 1.3%.

All sectors and trusts in the listed property market gained in July, with the discretionary retail sector outperforming office and non-discretionary retail. Across the index the top performing trusts were Bunnings Warehouse (+10%) and Westfield (+10%) that benefited from a 4% decline in the AUD/USD that will boost the translation of the Trust's USD-denominated profits. National Storage (0%) and Shopping Centres (+1%) were the weakest performing trusts on limited material news.

### Portfolio Performance:

The Aurora Property Buy-Write Income Trust gained +2.7% in July, trailing the strong broad based gains enjoyed by the index. The underlying stock selection added value over the month, but as expected in an abnormally strong month, the protection offered by the derivatives overlay strategy capped performance, as prices traded above the levels at which we wrote call options. The pull-back that we have seen in early August has reversed this drag on performance.

Stocks impacting the Trust's performance relative to the AREIT Index were our overweight positions in Westfield (+10%), Bunnings Warehouse (+10%) and GPT (+8%), as well as not owning Mirvac (+2%). On the negative side, our positions in the non-discretionary retail landlords Shopping Centres (+1%) and Charter Hall Retail (2%) hurt relative performance.

### Portfolio Trading:

No significant trading was conducted over the month, though we were pleased with the relative outperformance of Westfield (+10%) versus Scentre (+6%). In June we moved the significant underweight in Westfield to an overweight position and funded this by reducing our overweight to Scentre.

### Key announcements included:

With limited stock-specific news in the month prior to reporting season much of the attention in the Australian property world centred on the ongoing sale of the \$9 billion Investa Property Group. In July the Chinese sovereign wealth fund China Investment Corporation (CIC) outbid domestic listed property trusts and purchased a portfolio of 9 office towers from Investa for A\$2.45 billion. The purchase price represents a yield of only 5% and could trigger a revaluation of the Australian office sector.

## Top 5 Portfolio Holdings (as at 31 July 2015)

Source: Aurora Funds Management

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Westfield Corporation	WFD
Scentre Group	SCG
GPT Group	GPT
Investa Office	IOF
Shopping Centres Australasia	SCP

## Trust Distributions (per Unit)

Period	Cash	Yield at NAV (p.a)
CY 07-09	\$1.4951	-
FY 09-10	\$0.5200	8.38%
FY 10-11	\$0.4400	8.38%
FY 11-12	\$0.4060	8.02%
FY12-13	\$0.4230	8.01%
30 Sep 13	\$0.1080	8.01%
31 Dec 13	\$0.1090	8.15%
31 Mar 14	\$0.1060	8.04%
30 Jun 14	\$0.1057	8.00%
30 Sep 14	\$0.1078	8.00%
31 Dec 14	\$0.1088	8.20%
31 Mar 15	\$0.1128	8.24%
30 Jun 15	\$0.1100	7.80%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4.1522</b>	

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(APIR: AFM0005AU)
- Aurora Global Income Trust  
(ASX code: AIB)
- Aurora Absolute Return Fund  
(ASX code: ABW)
- Aurora Dividend Income Trust (Managed Fund)  
(ASX code: AOD), (APIR code: AFM0010AU)
- HHY Fund  
(ASX code: HHY)

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