

## Aurora Investment Trust-July 2016

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Data as at 31 July 2016

Top 10 Equities at 31 July 2016	(%)
Barratt Developments	12.3
Bellway	12.1
Lloyds Banking Group	10.9
Tesco	10.7
Sports Direct	9.5
JD Wetherspoon	6.4
GlaxoSmithKline	6.2
Morrisons	6.0
Vesuvius	5.6
Hornby	3.8
Cash Position	9.0

At the end of July, the cash weight in the portfolio had declined to 9% (from 14.8% at the end of June) as we continued to find attractive opportunities. The investment activity was twofold; firstly, we added further to our existing holdings in Sports Direct, Lloyds and Bellway. The latter two, having heavily sold off in the wake of the Brexit vote, continue to offer outstanding value to long term shareholders. (Rather than repeat ourselves, please see the June factsheet for more information on why housebuilders currently offer such excellent value). As we have previously mentioned, shares in Sports Direct have been getting progressively cheaper this year, and the Brexit related volatility gave the shares another helpful leg down. Furthermore, some poorly received (although fundamentally sound) preliminary results on July 7<sup>th</sup> resulted in some analyst downgrades. We continue to think that the shares represent excellent value. Interestingly, towards the end of July, the Company began buying back its stock. Secondly, we added a new holding, Hornby Plc. Hornby is a toy and hobby business with very well established brands in the model rail, aircraft modelling, die-cast and slot car space. The business has had operational problems for several years, both in its far eastern supply chain and European subsidiaries. A series of profit warnings and a change of senior management preceded a capital raise in July, in which we participated. The new management team have a plan to shrink the business back to its profitable core. Ultimately we think that the business has tremendous potential based on the enduring strength of its brands.

Aurora shares are eligible to be invested in an ISA. Neither the Aurora Investment Trust nor Phoenix Asset Management Partners run such a scheme. You should consult a financial adviser regarding a suitable self-select ISA provider.

## Investment Objective

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Inception Date: 13 March 1997

ISIN: GB0000633262

Bloomberg: ARR

Fees

Management: None

Performance: One third of returns in

excess of the market

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## Share Price & NAV per Share (to 31 July 2016)



## **Trust Performance**

Cash Position

The appointment of Phoenix Asset Management Partners ("PAMP") came into effect on 28th January 2016. PAMP's investment track record for its flagship Phoenix UK Fund can be viewed in the table and graph on the page 2. The investment strategy of the Aurora Investment Trust is the same as that of the Phoenix UK Fund.

During January 2016, the portfolio was changed to align to Phoenix. The IM Agreement between Aurora and Phoenix formally began on 28 January.

## Track Record

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Performance	NAV Return %	Share Price Return %	All-Share Index % *	Relative NAV to ASX %
01/01/16 - 31/07/16	-6.4	2.9	8.4	-14.8
July 2016	2.6	3.6	4.0	-1.4

<sup>\*</sup> All-Share Index Returns with dividends reinvested

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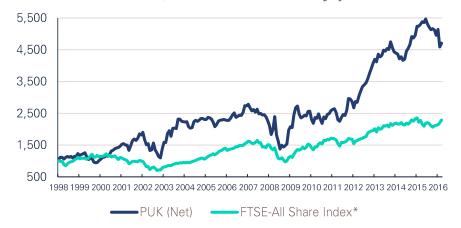
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## Phoenix UK Fund Track record

Fund Performance (%)	Gross Return	Net Return	All-Share Index*	Relative NAV to ASX
2016 (to 31 July 2016)	-9.0	-9.6	8.4	-18.0
2015	20.1	14.7	0.9	13.8
2014	2.0	0.1	1.2	-1.1
2013	40.5	31.3	20.9	10.4
2012	48.3	42.2	12.5	29.7
2011	3.0	1.9	-3.2	5.1
2010	1.1	0.0	14.7	-14.7
2009	62.8	59.7	30.2	29.5
Cumulative Since Inception	638.9	370.9	137.4	233.5
Since Inception Annualised	11.6	8.9	4.9	4.0

## Phoenix UK Fund Value of £1,000 invested at launch to 31 July 2016



<sup>\*</sup> Data from 30th April 1998, All-Share Index Returns with dividends reinvested

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