

# Fund Profile

## Aviva Investors Long/Short Equity Fund

December 2011



### Investment objective

The fund's objective is to significantly outperform its Benchmark over the recommended investment timeframe by investing in a diversified portfolio of Australian shares.

### Fund commentary

The fund delivered a net return of -2.0% for the month of December, underperforming the benchmark return by 1.1%. The best performing stocks for the portfolio during the month, relative to the Benchmark, were Telstra Corporation (0.15%) and Sydney Airport (0.13%). Stocks detracting from the performance, relative to the Benchmark, were JB Hi-Fi (-0.32%) and Newcrest Mining (-0.32%).

During the month we established a position in Westfield Group on the release of its third quarter report. Although our research view had considerable valuation support, the stock had underperformed the Australian market and its US peers considerably over the course of the year. In the result we identified signs of a nascent retail recovery in the US operations. We also bought back in to Oilsearch when it traded down to a substantial discount to our valuation. We had earlier exited Oilsearch because of concerns over potential project cost increases in its LNG development and potential fallout from domestic political events.

For equity investors the economic outlook points to ongoing lack of certainty and risk of contagion from Europe. This is offset by attractive valuations, robust balance sheets and strong market yields – if not strong earnings growth. Thus, the causes of last year's volatility may have eased, but are by no means solved. The market is, however, responding to this perceived easing of global risk. As for whether recovery in the US and China can persist and Europe's grand deleveraging can remain orderly it is too soon to tell. Fundamentally, it is difficult to excise Eurozone risk out of portfolios when its main impact is contagion.

We continue to remain wary of domestic cyclical exposure and highly leveraged companies ahead of the interim reporting season. We have reduced positions our outperforming defensive holdings over the latter part of the year and sought greater exposure to the US, while taking a selective, though positive approach to resources.

### Fund facts

<b>Inception date:</b>	25 August 2004 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Fund size at 31 December 2011:</b>	\$11.3m
<b>Benchmark:</b>	75% S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index and 25% UBS (Australian) Bank Bill Index
<b>Investment timeframe:</b>	At least 5 years
<b>Relative risk:</b>	High
<b>Relative return:</b>	High

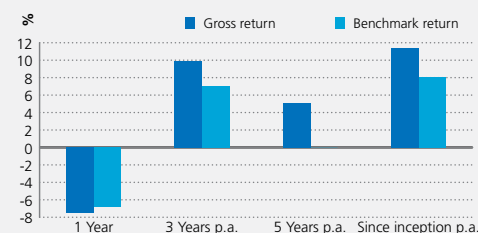
<sup>1</sup> This is the inception date of the Portfolio Partners Institutional Long/Short Trust, which is the former name of the Aviva Investors Long/Short Equity Fund. The Aviva Investors Long/Short Equity Fund was also previously known as the Portfolio Partners Long/Short Equity Trust.

### Investment returns Performance to 31 December 2011

Period	Gross return %	Bmk return %	Excess return %	Net return % <sup>1</sup>
1 month	-2.0	-0.9	-1.1	-2.0
3 months	0.1	1.9	-1.8	0.1
1 year	-7.5	-6.8	-0.7	-7.9
3 years p.a.	9.9	7.0	2.9	8.8
5 years p.a.	5.1	0.0	5.1	3.9
Since inception p.a.	11.4	8.1	3.3	10.3

<sup>1</sup> Investment returns are based on exit to exit prices of Professional Selection units, are net of management fees and assume reinvestment of all distributions. Past performance is not a guide to or indication of future performance.

### Gross return vs Benchmark return



### Top 10 share holdings at 31 December 2011 (alphabetical order)

- AMP
- BHP Billiton
- Commonwealth Bank
- CSL
- National Australia Bank
- Newcrest Mining
- Rio Tinto
- Telstra Corporation
- Wesfarmers
- Westfield Group

## Investor profile

The fund is actively managed and its returns may be volatile. As such, it may suit investors who are willing to accept higher risk in exchange for the potential opportunity to earn greater returns. Given its flexibility to have a lower net market exposure than most other long/short funds due to its relatively high maximum cash weighting, it is expected that the fund's returns will be less volatile, with less upside and less downside risk.

## Investment details

<b>Minimum investment:</b>	\$20,000
<b>Minimum additional investment:</b>	\$5,000
<b>Distribution:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Entry fee:</b>	Nil
<b>Exit fee:</b>	Nil
<b>Management fee:</b>	1.00% p.a.
<b>Performance fee:</b>	15% of performance above performance hurdle <sup>3</sup>

## Investment guidelines and ranges

	Minimum	Benchmark Allocation	Maximum	As at 31 Dec 11
<b>Australian shares</b>	50%	75%	100%	74.4%
Long	50%	-	150%	87.1%
Short	0%	-	-50%	-12.7%
<b>Cash/short-term securities</b>	0%	25%	50%	25.6%

The assets of the fund are actively traded and returns are taxed on a revenue basis. On this basis, gains made by this fund on its investments and distributed to investors will be revenue rather than capital in nature with no entitlement to the capital gains tax (CGT) discount.

## Franking levels

Year end	
30 June 2011	19.41%
30 June 2010	83.51%
30 June 2009	0.00%
30 June 2008	8.37%
30 June 2007	15.53%

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## Distribution history<sup>1</sup>

Quarter end	Cents per unit
31 December 2011	0.00
30 September 2011	0.00
30 June 2011	0.00
9 June 2011	0.46
29 April 2011	1.59
11 April 2011	4.77
31 March 2011	0.79
31 December 2010	0.90
30 September 2010	0.00
30 June 2010	1.26
31 March 2010	0.00
31 December 2009	0.00
30 September 2009	0.00
30 June 2009	0.00
31 March 2009	0.00
31 December 2008	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Distribution rates have been rounded to two decimal places. As a result, the actual payment rate may differ slightly to the rates listed above.

## Investment terms and guidelines

**Short selling** involves borrowing a share from a prime broker to sell to the market, with an agreement to purchase that share back at a later date. When the fund short sells a share, we anticipate taking advantage of declines in the price of that share by selling the share at one price, and then aiming to buy back that share at a subsequent lower price. Short selling is limited to 50% of the value of the funds net assets.

**Enhanced long positions** refer to the shares in which the fund holds the largest overweight positions when compared to its Benchmark weighting. Long positions are limited to 150% of the value of the funds net assets. All long and short positions will be managed to provide investors with a gross exposure to the sharemarket of up to 200%, but the overall net exposure will be between 50 - 100%.