Samuel Terry Absolute Return Fund – July 2007 monthly report

The Fund's performance, compared to that of Australian All Ordinaries Accumulation Index and the MSCI World Equities Index follows:

		All	MSCI
To 31 July 2007	STAR	Ords	(\$A)
1 month	-0.26%	-1.94%	-2.48%
3 months	-1.27%	1.12%	-2.77%
1 year	10.90%	29.72%	8.08%
2 years	15.30%	24.25%	10.14%
Since inception on 1			
November 2003 (%p.a.)	12.79%	23.18%	10.31%

The Fund was badly damaged by its holding in **Neteller**, a UK company that is the world's leading payment system for internet gaming. The reason for this is that the company resolved its American legal problems by paying \$US 136m to the US government. This amount was far higher than I, or the market, had expected. The effect of this was to cut the share price by 43% from my previous estimate of 120p, or 60% below the last sale price of 176p¹.

We bought more shares, raising our weighting to 4.0%. Neteller shares are trading at a P/E of about 15x 2007 earnings, which is too cheap for a cash-generative business with strong growth prospects, particularly when 70% of its market value is supported by real estate and net cash.

Continuing a dreary trend, our second largest holding **ITL Ltd**, an Australian medical supplier (5.5% of the Fund), fell 12% so we bought some more.

We had two pieces of significant good news. One was from **Calliden**, an Australian insurer (4.8% of the Fund), which rose 23% after announcing the acquisition of a competitor on attractive terms. As a result of this purchase, I expect that Calliden will be profitable and paying dividends in 2008.

Our largest holding, an **Australian timber plantation owner** (13.3% of the Fund) bought back 8% of its shares at a 40% discount to net asset value. I am pleased that the shares rose only 2% and hope that the buyback continues.

Net asset value per unit was \$1.2046 at the end of July. 21.7% of the Fund was in cash, of which 17.4% was in \$A and 4.3% in gold. The Fund owned securities issued by 25 companies. The Fund's **2007 distribution** of 4.48 cents per unit will be paid in the next few days.

Fred Woollard 15 August 2007

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¹ The shares had been suspended from trading since January 2007. Neteller retains \$US 75m net cash.