Samuel Terry Absolute Return Fund – April 2010 monthly report

The Fund's performance, and those of the Australian All Ordinaries Accumulation Index and the MSCI World Equities Index, are as follow:

To 30 Apr 2010	STAR	All Ords	MSCI (\$A)
1 month	3.91%	-1.18%	-1.01%
3 months	5.22%	6.49%	2.50%
1 year	33.75%	34.17%	7.80%
3 years (%p.a.)	-5.01%	-3.75%	-9.97%
Since inception on 1 November 2003 (%p.a.)	4.89%	10.63%	1.26%

The Fund benefited from good rises in several of its large holdings, including Indonesian TV company, **Surya Citra Media** (8.8% of the Fund), which rose 27% because of takeover rumours in the sector. It is now valued at a P/E of 6.4, an EV/EBIT ratio of 4.7 and has net cash.

Australian gold miner **Saracen** (8.2% of the Fund) rose 15% because of the rising gold price and confirmation that Saracen's mine has been completed on time, under budget, and is now producing about 100,000 ounces pa.

Japanese industrial property owner **J-Rep** (4.1% of the Fund) rose 31% for no obvious reason, but its shares still trade at a 76% discount to net asset value.

We bought more shares of Australian insurer **Calliden** during April, more than doubling the Fund's weighting to 4.7%. I did this because Calliden shares (down 7% in April) are now trading at less than their net tangible asset ("NTA") value, but Calliden ought to be capable of earning a high return on NTA over the insurance cycle, despite having modest borrowings. I was encouraged that smart investor Hunter Hall, which has a representative on the Calliden board, bought as many shares as it could (at the same price we paid), boosting its Calliden stake to 19.9%.

We swapped our debentures in bankrupt **Timbercorp Orchard Trust** (previously 2.4% of the Fund) for shares in **Hamilton Securities** via a takeover bid from Hamilton. I am a director of Hamilton (now 5.3% of the Fund), which is a specialist investor in distressed debt and frozen funds.

The Fund's net asset value per unit was \$A 0.9910 at the end of April. 1.4% of the Fund was in \$A cash. The Fund owned securities issued by 23 companies.

Fred Woollard 17 May 2010

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