



Monthly – Cannae Australian Share Fund

December 2009

### Performance Summary

	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	Inception annualised
Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	2.6%	2.1%	21.9%	37.7%	1.9%
Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	3.7%	3.4%	25.7%	37.6%	0.1%
Performance	-1.1%	-1.3%	-3.8%	+0.1%	+1.8%

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The portfolio returned 2.6% for the month of December 2009. This underperformed the benchmark S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index, which returned 3.7% for the month.

The market spent most of December in negative territory, before rallying strongly late in the month, with every sector posting positive returns. The M&A resurgence continued with NAB bidding for AXA, exceeding an increased offer from AMP. MacArthur Coal announced a takeover of Gloucester Coal, and Metcash agreed to buy 50.1% of Mitre 10.

The US dollar reversed a long term trend of weakness. This caused some heat to come out of the gold price. Other commodity prices held up despite expectations they would fall if the US currency reversed, which underpinned local resource stock prices. Several stocks with US dollar

earnings outperformed as investors reduced underweight positions. Sectors whose constituents have US dollar exposure tended to outperform with Industrials, IT and Healthcare outperforming. Defensive sectors tended to lag, including Telecommunications Consumer Staples and REITs.

### Portfolio Activity

There was minimal portfolio activity during the month. The Telstra position was trimmed mid-month following strong share price performance over the previous 2 months.

### Stock Performance

The top performers for the month were TSI (+13.8%) on little stock specific news, Lend Lease (+13.1%) after being selected as the

developer for the \$6 billion Barangaroo project and acquiring ING Retail Fund assets in a consortium, and Origin Energy (+7.8%) on positive news flow regarding APLNG and a number of other projects.

The bottom performers for the month were Pacific Brands (-13.4%) on currency concerns, National Australia Bank (-4.3%) following the announcement of its bid for AXA, with yet another large (\$1.5 billion) capital raising to partly fund the bid, its 3<sup>rd</sup> large capital raising in a little over a year if the bid is successful, and Metcash (-2.1%) following a strong half yearly result at which its conservative guidance was maintained but not increased.

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<sup>1</sup>Source: RBC Dexia Investor Services

<sup>2</sup>Benchmark: S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index