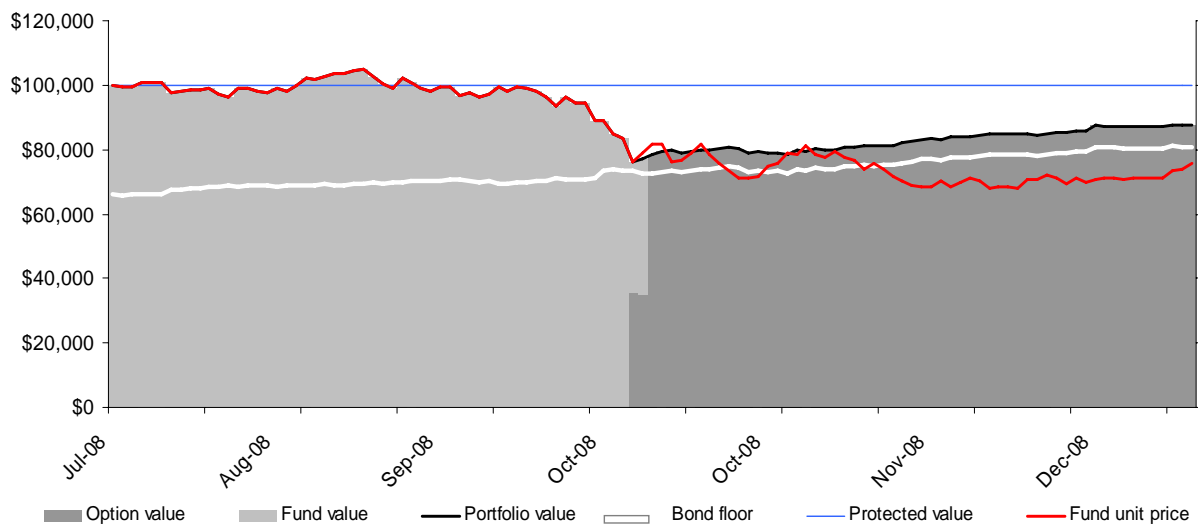




## Perpetual Protected Investments – Series 3 Half-yearly performance summary as at 31 December 2008

### Ausbil Australian Emerging Leaders Fund

Ausbil Australian Emerging Leaders Fund  
Value of \$100,000 invested in PPI



The above graph represents the changes in the indicative value of your investment from 25 July 2008 to 31 December 2008. Your portfolio value is calculated as the sum of fund units, call options and cash at any given point in time. The graph does not represent a direct investment into the Ausbil Australian Emerging Leaders Fund. *Source: Perpetual*

#### At a Glance

Investment date	25 July 2008	Value as at 31/12/08 of \$1 invested	\$0.86
Protection end date	31 May 2015	Percentage allocation of Fund units	0%
Maturity date	31 May 2015		

*Source: Perpetual*

*The following information has been provided by the Fund Manager who has given their consent for it to be published. The information below represents a direct investment in the Fund not an investment in Perpetual Protected Investments Series 3.*

#### Fund Commentary

In the six months to December the Portfolio benefited from its overweight position in the Consumer Discretionary and Healthcare sectors. Conversely, the underweight position in the Financials ex LPTs sector detracted from performance.

At a stock level, the overweight positions in ResMed, Coca-Cola Amatil, David Jones, and Queensland Gas were the largest contributors to relative performance. Nil holdings in Riversdale Mining also added value to relative

performance. Detractors to the Portfolio over the six months included the overweight holdings in Mount Gibson Iron, Whitehaven Coal, and Cochlear.

Accumulation Index) and the Mid Cap 50 Companies (S&P/ASX Mid Cap 50 Accumulation Index) which fell 31.6% over the same period.



## Outlook

The concerted attempts to stimulate the global economy have yet to translate into improving macroeconomic data but the extent of the moves in both fiscal and monetary policy will mean that the efforts should gain traction at some stage. A restoration of consumer confidence will be integral

## Market Review

The credit crisis has had a knock on effect to the real economy with global growth expectations and economic indicators deteriorating during the period. Over the period a number of companies across various sectors approached the Australian equity market to raise cash in order to recapitalize their businesses. The Reserve Bank of Australia reduced the official cash rate to 4.25%, while the US Federal Reserve lowered its target funds rate to 0.25%. The Federal Government injected a fiscal stimulus package that represents approximately 1% of Australia's Gross Domestic Product.

The Australian share market returned -27.2% (S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index) for the six months to December outperforming the Smaller Companies which fell 42.0% (S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries) to any efforts to sustainably improve macroeconomic conditions.

The mid and small cap market segments underperformed their large cap counterparts over the period. This is likely to continue until underlying economic fundamentals begin to show signs of improvement as the market will continue to favour "safer", more liquid, large cap stocks with typically less financial risk and a greater ability to manage margins. Historically though the smaller end of the market is the segment that will perform best on a sustained recovery scenario.

## Performance as at 31 December 2008

	3 months (%)	1 year (%)	2 years (%) pa	3 years (%) pa	5 years (%) pa	Inception (%) pa
Gross	-17.72	-39.47	-15.94	-2.52	12.47	13.32
Net	-18.99	-40.87	-17.18	-3.89	10.66	11.60
Benchmark	-26.11	-48.07	-22.01	-7.90	5.67	7.42

Stock name	%	Sector weight	%
Lion Nathan	4.7%	Energy	10.2%
Resmed Inc.	3.5%	Materials	9.1%
David Jones	3.9%	Industrials	14.1%
CSR	4.6%	Consumer Discretionary	14.2%
Singapore Telecommunications	3.3%	Consumer Staples	13.9%
Challenger Financial Services Group	3.1%	Healthcare	13.0%
Australian Worldwide Exploration	3.7%	Financials (x LPT)	5.5%
Spark Infrastructure Group	3.1%	LPTs	6.4%
Nufarm	3.5%	IT	0.0%
Coca-Cola Amatil	6.0%	Telecommunications	3.3%
		Utilities	3.1%
		Cash	7.3%
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



### **Investment Objective**

The aim of the Fund is to outperform the benchmark over the medium to long term. The Fund invests in a portfolio of listed Australian equities that are primarily chosen from the S&P/ASX 300 Index, but generally exclude securities from the S&P/ASX 50 Leaders Index.

### **Benchmark**

70% S&P / ASX Midcap 50 Accumulation Index and 30% S&P / ASX Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index

### **Investment Category**

Australian Equities

