



Australian Education Trust

Financial Results to  
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## ▶ Return to Positive Operating Conditions

### ■ Trust Operating Performance

- Upgraded FY11 Net Operating Profit forecast of \$9.5-\$10.25m
- 1H11 Net Operating Profit of \$4.2 million up 68% compared to pcp
- New finance facility reduces the all-in-cost of debt from 10.7% to 8.9%
- Commencement of distributions for quarter ending 31 March 2011
- Saving of \$1.7m in interest from early repayment of US Noteholders
- Upgraded distribution guidance of 4.3 cpu for the 6 months to 30 June
- Reduced gearing to 49.3% through repayment of borrowings

### ■ Business Conditions Improving

- New 3 year banking facility to top tier domestic banks
- Prospect of strengthening property valuations
- Industry, but importantly GoodStart's financial performance on track & encouraging
- Recognition of social infrastructure by wider financial community as a resilient and specialist field



## ▶ Return to Positive Operating Conditions

### ■ Industry Conditions

- Childcare/Early Learning industry continues to strengthen
- Industry occupancy level 76%
- Clear evidence of a rebound in business profitability & business values
- Government policy on growing employment expected to be a stimulus for childcare/early learning
- Government support remains strong for sector
- Total spend on pre-school learning including childcare as a % of GDP, Australia ranks 24<sup>th</sup>.

### ■ Value Focus

- Unit price recovery, a validation of the de-risking program and improved confidence in AET
- Increasing new investor activity, including institutional investor interest
- Management focus on enhancing Unitholder value

# Overview – Portfolio Summary



Table 1: Portfolio Summary

- 193 leases to GoodStart – Industry First ‘pooled’ bank guarantee of approx \$12.9 million extending to 2035
- Spread of risk – 26 tenants
- Proven book values based on recent valuations
- WALE of 10.3 years
- Vacancy of 1.2% (excluding development sites)
- Operating properties includes 31 leasehold properties with a value of \$19.3 million

	No of Properties	Carrying Value \$m's	Current Rent (pa) \$m's
<b>Operating Properties</b>			
GoodStart	193	219.3	21.2
ABC New Zealand (not in administration)	56	40.8	3.4 <sup>1</sup>
Other Tenants	77	82.5	8.5
	<b>326</b>	<b>342.5</b>	<b>33.1</b>
<b>Development Sites – Available for sale</b>			
Australia	3	1.6	-
New Zealand	1	0.1	-
<b>Closed Properties</b>			
Available for Sale/Lease	4	1.9	-
<b>Operating Properties</b>			
Contracted/Settled subsequent to 31 December 2010	1	1.0	-
<b>Total Properties as at 31 December 2010</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>347.1</b>	<b>33.1</b>

<sup>1</sup>: New Zealand dollar values are translated using the 31 December 2011 exchange rate of 1.32

# Financial Results – Profit & Loss



Table 2: Consolidated Income Statement

Half year ending 31 Dec (\$m's)	2010	2009
<b>Revenue</b>		
Lease income	16.5	16.6
Property outgoings recoverable	2.5	2.2
Other income	0.4	0.3
	<b>19.4</b>	<b>19.1</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Finance costs	9.9	10.3
Property expenses	3.8	3.5
Responsible entity's remuneration	0.9	1.2
Legal expenses	0.1	1.0
Other expenses	0.5	0.6
	<b>15.2</b>	<b>16.6</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>

- Net operating income increased by \$1.7 million to \$4.2 million
- Improvement in performance driven through reduction in operating expenditure as fund returns to normal operations
- Reduction in finance costs reflects lower level of borrowings although this was offset by higher cost to Dec 2010
- No significant legal expense compared with \$1.0 million in prior period

# Financial Results – Profit & Loss (Continued)



Table 3: Consolidated Income Statement

- Revaluations of 6 Australian and 14 New Zealand properties related in a \$1.4 million decrement largely driven by New Zealand currency movements
- Refinancing of foreign currency borrowings resulted in realised foreign exchange losses of \$2.7 million and realised losses on termination of derivative contracts of \$1.5m million. Only \$0.7 million was a cash loss

Half year ending 31 Dec (\$m's)	2010	2009
<b>Net operating income</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Realised gains / (losses) on sale of investment properties	(0.2)	(0.4)
Net revaluation decrement of investment properties	(1.4)	(6.1)
Waiver / Consent Fee on Debt Refinancing	-	(2.6)
Change in fair value of financial derivatives	-	(4.9)
Realised / unrealised foreign exchange gains / (losses)	(2.7)	11.1
Realised losses on early termination of derivative contracts	(1.5)	(5.5)
Lease incentive / straight line rental adjustments	-	1.0
Other	-	(0.1)
<b>Net profit / (loss) attributable to Unitholders</b>	<b>(1.6)</b>	<b>(5.0)</b>

# Financial Results



**Table 4: Financial Comparison June 2010-December 2010**

	<b>Dec 2010</b>	<b>June 2010</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Total Assets	\$353.5m	\$369.0m	(4.0%)
Investment Property	\$347.1m	\$352.3m	(1.3%)
Borrowings	\$171.0m	\$179.4m <sup>1</sup>	(1.9%)
Net Assets	\$180.8m	\$183.3m	(1.0%)
Number of Properties	335	340	(1.5%)
Gearing <sup>2</sup>	49.3%	50.9%	(1.6%)
Units on Issue as at End of Period	134.9m	134.9m	No Change
NTA per unit	\$1.34	\$1.36	(1.5%)

<sup>1</sup> Based on conversion of foreign currency borrowings at hedged exchange rates

<sup>2</sup> Gearing is calculated by borrowings / investment properties.

- Stability returning to the balance sheet with no further debt amortisation targets
- Total assets decreased by \$15.5 million due to reduction in cash and sale of 5 properties
- Cash balance reduced as cash was used for debt repayments and re-financing payments
- Gearing reduced to 49%



# Capital Management

▶ The key commercial terms of AET's facility are as follows:



Table 5: Debt Facility Key Commercial Terms

Facility Limit	\$180 million (reducible at AET's option)
Drawn Amount	\$171 million as at 31 December 2010
Facility Term	3 Years
Financiers	NAB & ANZ (50% equal share)
Security	First ranking mortgages over each freehold property
Margins	Scale of margins dependant upon AET's LVR position
Maximum Loan to Value Ratio	55% of Freehold & 50% of Leasehold Interests
Financial Charges Ratio	Not to be less than 1.4x for FY11 and 1.6x for FY12 and beyond measured on a six monthly basis
Alternate Use Ratio	Debt is not to exceed 100% of Alternate Use Values for portfolio
Interest Rate Hedging	Requirement to enter into interest rate hedging arrangements with the Lenders for a minimum 70% of facility limit

- **Key advantages include:**

- Significant cost reduction of debt funding
- Removal of non-cash foreign currency adjustments in financial statements
- Lenders familiar with childcare sector
- Security Trust Structure allows for cost effective introduction of new lenders

# Portfolio Performance



Table 6: AET Portfolio Performance

	Dec 2010	June 2010
Value of Investment Property (Operating Properties)	\$342.5m	\$346.5m
Annualised Net Rental Income	\$33.1m	\$32.7m
Property Yield – Freehold Properties	9.1%	8.9%
Property Yield – Leasehold Properties	14.8%	13.6%
Total Property Yield	9.4%	9.2%
Vacancy Rate (excluding development sites)	1.0%	1.8%
% GoodStart Tenancy (by number of properties)	58.7%	58.7%
Gearing <sup>1</sup>	49.3%	50.9%
Weighted Average Lease Expiry (“WALE”)	10.3	10.8
Units on Issue	134.9m	134.9m
NTA per unit	\$1.34	\$1.36

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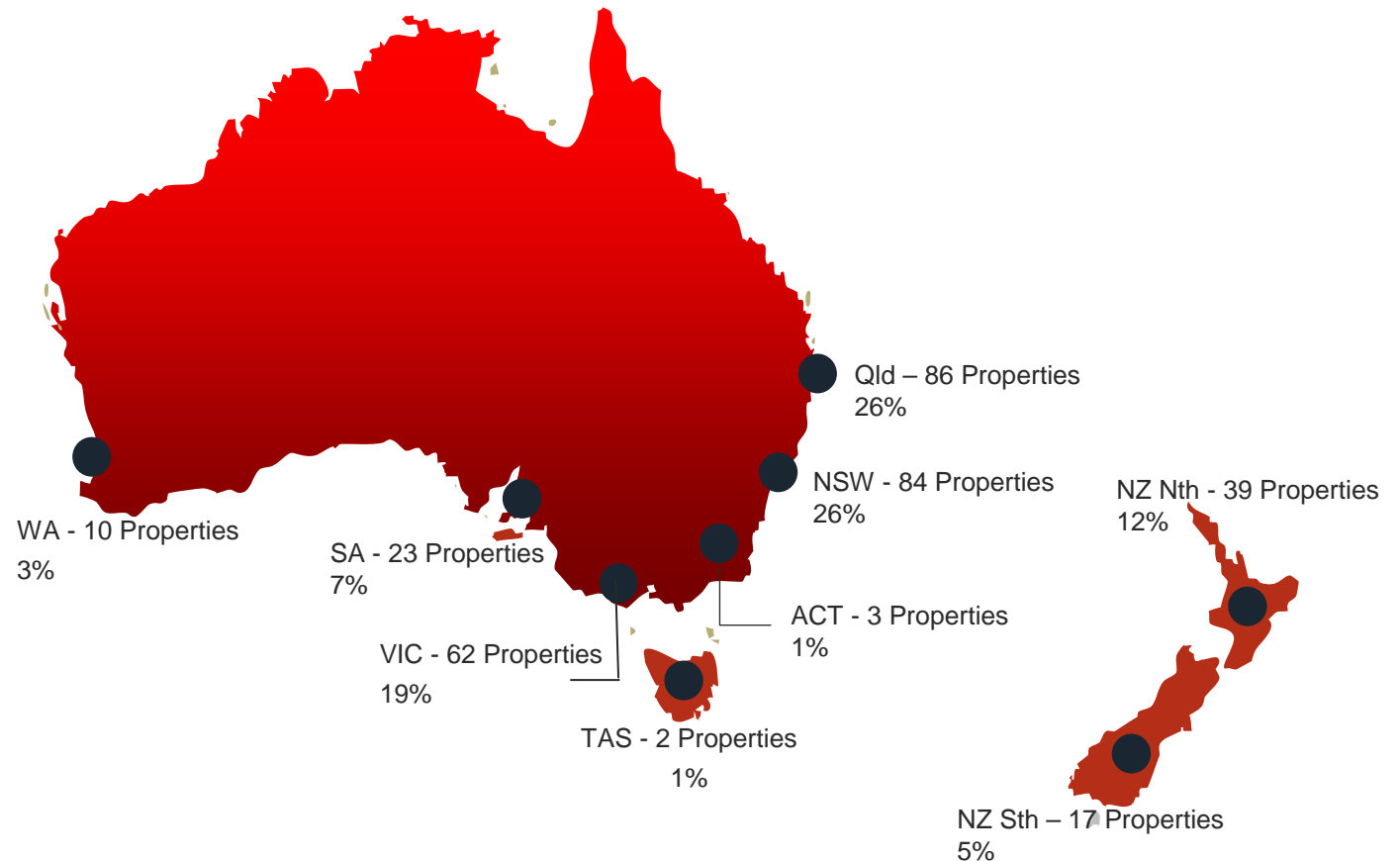
- Key performance criteria highlights stable nature of portfolio
- Decrease in Investment Properties due to the sale of 5 properties
- Minimal movement in property yields over the six months to December 2010

# Geographic Distribution



Figure 1: Geographic Distribution

- 326 operating properties 270 in Australia and 56 New Zealand
- Broad geographic spread minimising risk
- Properties are typically standalone and purpose built childcare properties
- Properties located at high flow-through traffic locations primarily in metropolitan and major regional areas
- Real estate market strong as evidenced by recent property sales



# Lease Structure & Vacancy Profile



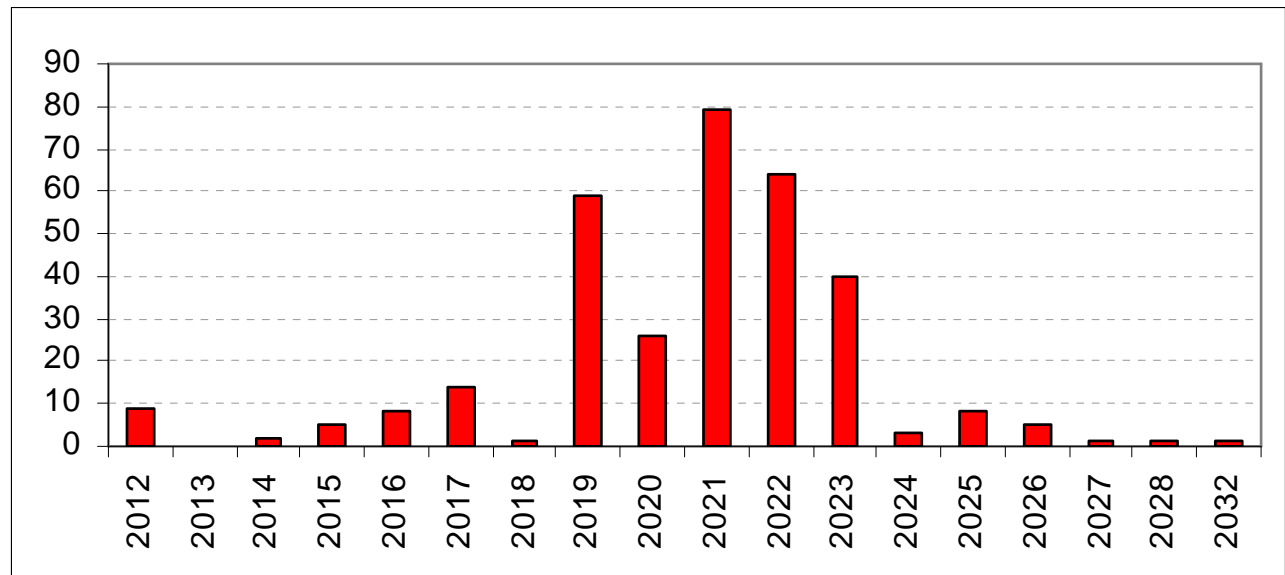
## Lease Structure

- Triple Net Lease Structure
- Average Lease Term 15 Years
- Rental growth indexed annually to CPI
- Almost all leases have a 5 year notice period regarding option take-up
- Refurbishment provision every 5 years
- Operating properties – 295 Freehold, 31 Leasehold

## Occupancy Profile

- Existing vacancy of 1%
- 2012 potential vacancy includes rent flow to 2014
- No significant vacancy until 2019
- Weighted Average Lease Expiry of 10.3 years at 31 December 2010

Figure 2: Lease Expiry Schedule



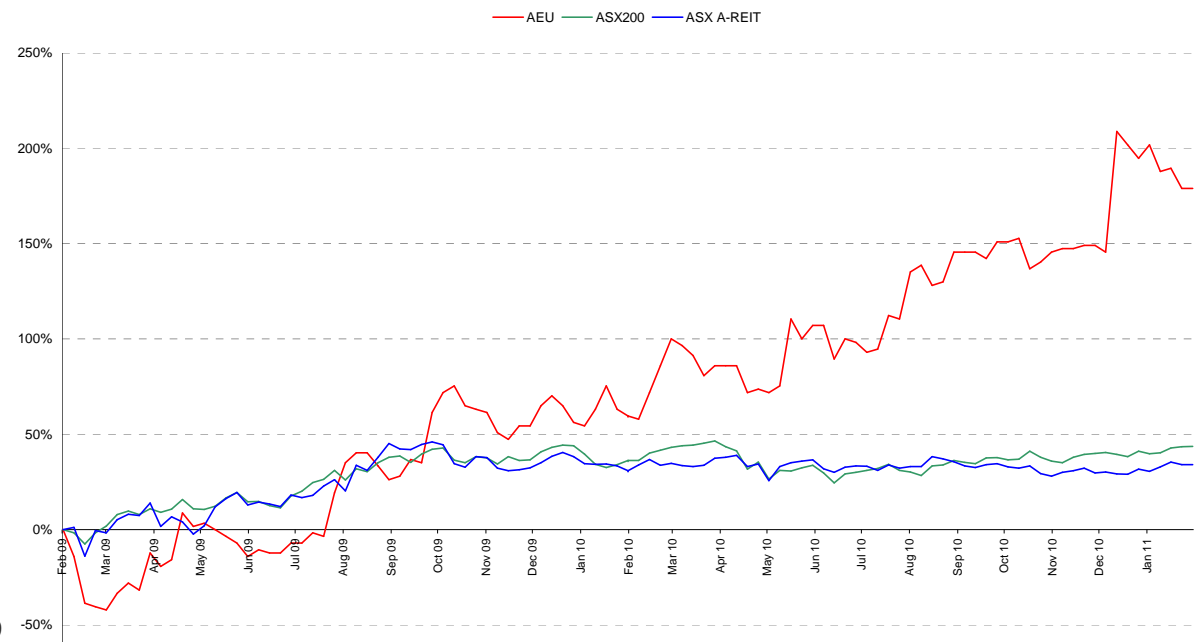
# Outlook – The Way Forward



What has been achieved this financial year to date:

- New 3 year specialist debt facility on more favorable terms
- Gearing reduced to 49%
- 99% of properties are now income producing
- Commencement of distributions from 1 January 2011 estimated to be 4.3 cents per unit to 30 June 2011
- Reduction of non-recoverable expenses and a return to normalised operating costs
- Unit price recovery over the last two years as evidenced in the graph opposite compared to the ASX 200 and A-REIT index

Figure 3: AET unit price v S&P/ASX 200 and A-REIT index





## Enhancing Unitholder Value

A return to a stabilised environment and predictable distribution stream allows management to explore Unitholder value opportunities that are suitable and consistent with the current asset class and wider social infrastructure sector.

- Minimising the discount between unit price and NTA per unit
- Ensuring continued efficiency at management level
- Exploring appropriate new opportunities that add long term value
- Focusing on maintaining sector participation and linkages that add significant value
- Improving industry knowledge and acceptance of social infrastructure asset classes

**AET has returned to a relatively stable, significantly de-risked and predictable property trust which is now positioned for future growth**



# Q&A

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