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Hyperion Australian Growth Companies Fund rated A* by van Eyk

Outperforming ASX 300 product offers new options for planners

Sydney, 12th May 2010: Award-winning boutique fund manager Hyperion Asset Management today announced that the Hyperion Australian Growth Companies Fund has received an A* rating from van Eyk Research after Hyperion altered the composition of the fund from Broad Cap to ASX 300.

“Van Eyk awarded an A* rating in 2009 to Hyperion’s separately managed account portfolio (SMA) which is based on Hyperion’s successful ASX 300 strategy. Our unit trust follows the same investment process as the SMA and with this change to the composition, it now has the same stocks. It is therefore logical for the same level of rating to apply to the unit trust,” said Hyperion’s Managing Director, Dr Manny Pohl.

“We have deliberately allocated a significant portion of our remaining capacity in our ASX 300 strategy to the unit trust portfolio to cater for demand in the retail market. The unit trust has provided returns that continue to reflect the strength and rigour of our investment philosophy – which has translated directly to investor returns above the benchmark - and this alteration involved nothing more than removing four micro cap (ex 300) stocks from the fund and re-weighting the remaining stocks,” said Dr Pohl.

The Hyperion Australian Growth Companies Fund distinguished itself by posting a first position in the Mercer survey for the 12 months to 30 June 2009 out of all the long only Australian equity funds available to planners in the Australian market.

“Our ASX 300 performance is similarly a great performer. As at 31 March 2010, the Hyperion Australian Equities ASX 300 composite had returned 16.04% pa over 5 years, or 8.04% pa above the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index which returned 8.00% over the same period,” said Dr Pohl.

While Hyperion recently soft closed its highly successful broad cap strategy, unit trust investors are still able to gain access to Hyperion’s fund management expertise through two focused strategies - the ASX 300 strategy through the Hyperion Australian Growth Companies Fund and its ex100 strategy through the Hyperion Small Growth Companies Fund.

Advisers can access both Hyperion’s unit trusts via a range of platforms including Avanteos Ausmaq, BT Wrap, CFS First Wrap, Macquarie Wrap, Netwealth, Navigator Premium Choice and Oasis.

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Notes to editors:

Hyperion Asset Management is a high conviction growth style fund manager that specialises in identifying and investing in quality Australian equities. Our proprietary investment process produces a relatively concentrated portfolio of high quality companies with predictable earnings and superior growth potential. Our clients range from large institutions to high net worth individuals.

Dr Emmanuel Clive Pohl, Managing Director and Investment Committee Chair

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Dr Emmanuel (Manny) Pohl joined Hyperion Asset Management in 1996, and is currently the Managing Director and Chair of the Investment Committee.

Manny has been on the board of a number of major corporations internationally and in Australia. Manny has over 20 years of investment experience, initially as a director and head of research with the leading South African broking firm, Davis Borkum Hare followed by Westpac Investment Management prior to joining Hyperion Asset Management in 1996.

In 1991, Manny was a member of the South African delegation to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in Bangkok. He was a member of the South African Accounting Practices Board, until he left South Africa in 1994. Manny is Managing Director of Hyperion Flagship Investments Limited and a substantial shareholder in Hyperion Asset Management, a Director of Global Masters Fund Limited and former Director of the Great Barrier Reef Research Foundation.

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