



GOWINGS ANNOUNCES SPECIAL DIVIDENDS

During the past 18 months we have witnessed the most tumultuous upheaval in both global and Australian capital markets that most people alive today have ever seen.

We decided as a result of the continuing uncertainty generated by these upheavals that our number one priority was to protect shareholders' capital.

The vast majority of the company's long term equity investments were sold at reasonable prices and reinvested into government guaranteed securities. Consequently, the company now has significant accumulated LIC franking credits.

The company proposes to distribute these accumulated LIC franking credits to shareholders through the payment of an interim dividend in April (5c) and 2 special dividends payable in April (5c) and June (10c) as set out below;

	Status	Amount	Franking	Record date	Payment Date
Interim Dividend	Confirmed	5c	100% LIC Franked	10 April 2009	24 April 2009
Special Dividend 1	Confirmed	5c	100% LIC Franked	10 April 2009	24 April 2009
Special Dividend 2	Confirmed	10c	100% LIC Franked	12 June 2009	26 June 2009
TOTAL		20c			

In addition, the company wishes to foreshadow that it will consider paying a further 10c special LIC dividend in December 2009 (in addition to any October final dividend) subject to the company's capital requirements, investment opportunities and any regulatory changes.

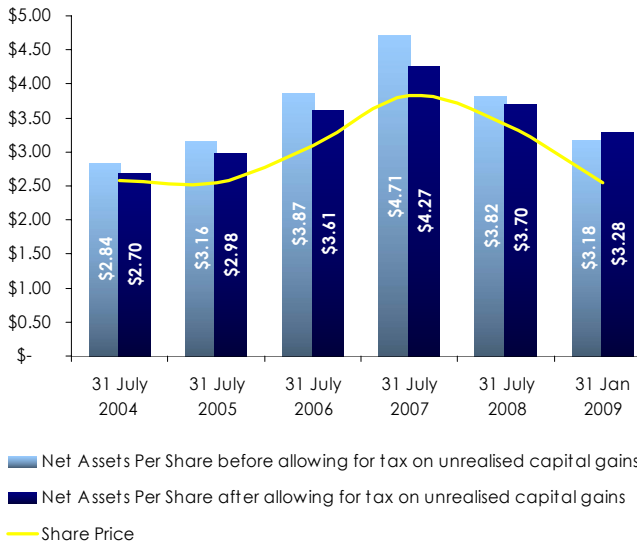
Dividend Re-investment Plan

The directors are considering re-activating the dividend reinvestment plan (DRP) for the June special dividend for those shareholders who elect to participate. Shareholder notices will be sent with the April dividend payment advices so that shareholders are able to register for the DRP if re-activation is confirmed.



First half update

Gowings' net assets per share declined a further 15.4% to \$3.18 per share during the half year ending 31 January 2009, after allowing for the 5c per share final dividend paid (refer shareholder return table adjacent).



The fall in net assets during the period was predominantly driven by falling valuations in the underlying investments in our managed private equity portfolio and by the precipitous drop in the value of our investment in RIO Tinto following the pulling of the BHP takeover bid.

Whilst we do not take any pleasure in reporting negative returns to our shareholders, our relative caution and subsequent substantial investment in commonwealth government bonds did shield us to some extent from the overall market, which fell a massive 29.5% during the same period.

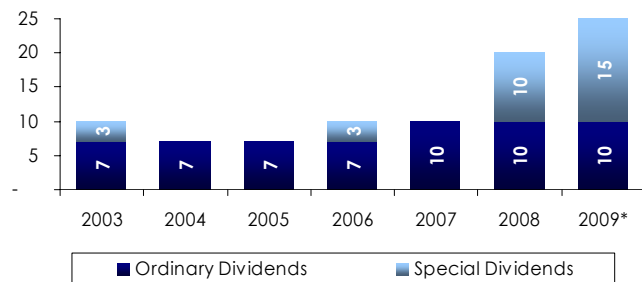
Recognising the extraordinary circumstances facing the company, senior management have agreed to make a significant contribution to reducing current overheads by accepting substantial reductions in remuneration.

Shareholder Returns

For the period ending	31 Jan 2009	31 July 2008	31 July 2007
	(6 mths)	(12 mths)	(12 mths)
	Per Share	Per Share	Per Share
Opening net assets *	\$3.82	\$4.71	\$3.87
Closing net assets *	\$3.18	\$3.82	\$4.71
(Decrease) / increase	(\$0.64)	(\$0.89)	\$0.84
+ Ordinary dividends paid	\$0.05	\$0.10	\$0.10
+ Special dividends paid	-	\$0.10	-
Total return	(\$0.59)	(\$0.69)	\$0.94
Total return %	(15.4%)	(14.6%)	24.3%
ASX Accumulation Index	(29.5%)	(15.6%)	29.7%
Difference	+14.1%	+1.0%	(5.4%)

* Before allowing for tax on unrealised gains

5c Interim + 15c Special LIC Dividends Declared



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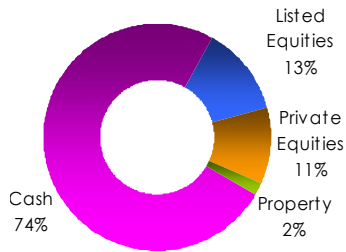
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TOTAL	20c			

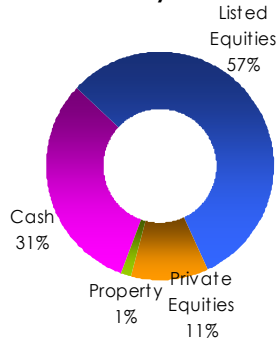


Portfolio Review

31 January 2009



31 July 2008



Cash and Fixed Interest

Cash currently represents 74% of the portfolio including term deposits and government bonds. During the period, the company purchased approximately \$50 million of commonwealth government bonds. The bonds have since reported small gains following the significant interest rate cuts of the past few months.

Property Investments

Whilst property investments only represent 1% of the portfolio (net of debt), we are now beginning to see more opportunities in light of recent distressed selling and rising capitalisation rates.

Managed Private Equity

Our managed private equity portfolio was written down by 15% during the period as our private equity managers revalued their portfolios against listed peers. We have regular meetings with all of our managers and are pleased to see that they are all very focused on reducing debt and overhead levels. These meetings also provide valuable insight into the condition of the economy and various industries.

There were only 2 realisations during the period including;

- Macquarie Wholesale Co-investment fund which sold Golden Circle for 2.5x cost.
- Everest Capital which sold Coogee Resources and reported a 100% loss.

Listed Equities

Our listed equity portfolio posted losses during the period as the two stock market crashes in October and November saw large declines across the board. Our biggest falls can be attributed almost entirely to our BHP, RIO and WPL holdings whose share prices fell in response to the 60 – 75% falls in commodity and oil prices.

Outlook

The global environment for long term investment continues to remain extremely uncertain. Week to week there are volatile changes in markets with new and often shocking revelations regarding a potential global corporate collapse or serious scandal.

With over \$100 million in cash reserves, Gowings is well positioned to take advantage of opportunities as they present themselves.

We are by no means in any rush to re-invest. However, we believe we may be beginning to see the end of the worst of the financial crises. We hope to be able to report that we have made a number of well timed investments over the course of the remaining calendar year.

About Gowings

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To maximise and protect shareholder wealth over the long term.

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Investments are made across different asset classes to take advantage of changing cycles. This greatly assists to outperform the equity market during periods of cyclic downturn or volatility.

Investments are made in assets which have the potential to deliver superior growth over the long term when that growth is not reflected in today's asset prices. Investments are made on a risk return basis with higher returns required for more risky assets.

In identifying high calibre investments, we draw on the experience and expertise of our board and management and their wider network.

As a long term investor, we rarely sell stocks unless their outlook changes or they become significantly overvalued. This assists us to maximise returns through the power of compound interest, minimising tax and transaction costs.

At Gowings, all the board of directors and management are shareholders giving rise to our commitment to "investing together for a secure future"



Gowings "At A Glance" (unaudited)

	31 January 2009	31 July 2008
	\$	\$
1. CASH & FIXED INTEREST SECURITIES		
Cash and term deposits	46,385,000	51,839,000
CGS	52,037,000	-
Total Cash	98,422,000	51,839,000
2. EQUITIES		
Australian Equity Portfolio		
Blackmores	2,613,000	3,712,000
Carlton Investments	2,327,000	2,696,000
Harvey Norman	1,214,000	1,853,000
News Corp	1,111,000	1,466,000
Alesco Corporation	852,000	2,616,000
ARB Corporation	617,000	685,000
AMP China Growth Fund	584,000	769,000
Hexima	579,000	1,308,000
India Equities Fund	567,000	976,000
ANZ Bank	456,000	559,000
Aspen Group	371,000	1,374,000
Souls Private Equity	339,000	656,000
GLG Corp	183,000	274,000
Noni B	145,000	250,000
BNB Power	143,000	1,649,000
Flexigroup Limited	135,000	270,000
QRXpharma	100,000	240,000
Australian Agricultural	93,000	146,000
Other holdings	2,500,000	56,514,000
Total Australian Equities	14,929,000	78,013,000
International Equity Portfolio		
	\$AUD	\$AUD
Bunge	2,668,000	4,194,000
Deere & Co	734,000	1,012,000
Veolia Environnement SA	407,000	648,000
Delegats	347,000	359,000
Nokia	269,000	408,000
Textron	210,000	691,000
Other holdings	-	5,937,000
Total Global Equities	4,635,000	13,249,000
Total Equity Portfolio	19,564,000	91,262,000
Total Cash & Equities	117,986,000	143,101,000

	31 January 2009	31 July 2008
3. MANAGED PRIVATE EQUITIES		
Macquarie Whole Sale Co-Investment Fund	3,865,000	4,564,000
AMP PEFIII&B	754,000	1,442,000
ANZ Business Equity Fund	4,633,000	5,000,000
Crescent Capital Partners II LP	1,749,000	2,282,000
Everest Babcock & Brown Opportunity Fund	1,291,000	2,091,000
MEIF	3,101,000	3,054,000
MEIF loan	(1,201,000)	(992,000)
Other Investments	574,000	604,000
Total	14,766,000	18,045,000
4. PROPERTY PORTFOLIO		
Retail	5,048,000	5,045,000
Commercial	4,167,000	4,184,000
Industrial	1,425,000	1,425,000
Residential	2,655,000	2,644,000
Property Development	3,437,000	2,156,000
Borrowings	(14,545,000)	(13,405,000)
Total	2,187,000	2,049,000
5. OTHER		
Working capital, loans receivable, provisions	282,000	(767,000)
Net assets before tax on unrealised gains	135,221,000	162,428,000
Estimated provision for tax on unrealised gains	4,100,000	(5,212,000)
Net assets after tax on unrealised gains	139,321,000	157,216,000
Shares Outstanding	42,513,419	42,536,593
Net Assets per share before estimated tax on unrealised gains	\$3.18	\$3.82
Net Assets per share after allowing for estimated tax on unrealised gains	\$3.28	\$3.70

The "Gowings At A Glance" table above is unaudited and is based on published market prices of listed securities, private equity manager valuations and management's estimations of property valuations.