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### **Aura Group Launches Venture Capital Fund**

Aura Group is very pleased to announce the launch of the Aura Venture Fund as an Early Stage Venture Capital Limited Partnership (ESVCLP).

Established as a product of Aura Funds Management, The Aura Venture Fund will provide investors with:

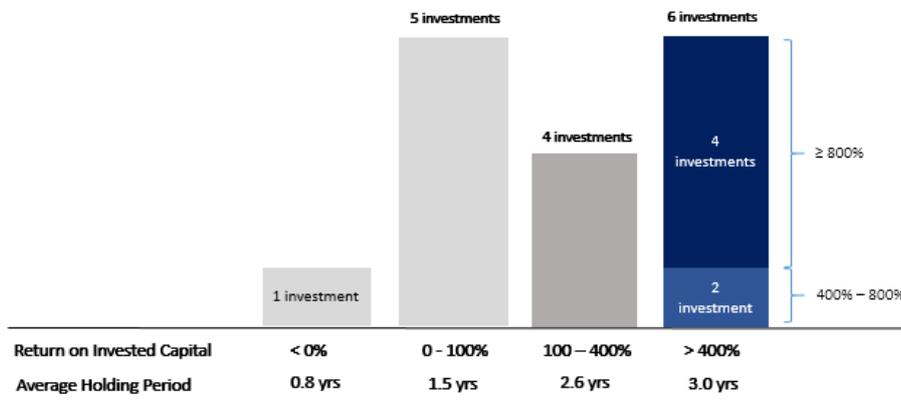
- 100% tax free returns on both revenue and capital account
- 10% non-refundable tax offset on capital invested which can be applied against other income
- Unique access to high growth businesses through a diversified portfolio of investments
- Alignment to an experienced team of founders, entrepreneurs and business leaders with a proven track record in Venture Capital

The launch of the Aura Venture Fund comes at a period when investors are increasingly turning to Venture Capital as an alternative asset class. It is expected that the ESVCLP structure and the associated tax incentives will act to further strengthen and stimulate the Venture Capital industry in Australia.

The decision to launch the Aura Venture Fund follows Aura's proven track-record in Venture Capital, backing successful startups including Catapult Sports, InStitchu, iBuyNew.com.au and Finsure Group, generating investors an average return of 647% over an average holding period of 2.5 years, calculated based on the available asset prices as of 29th March 2016.



### Aura Group Return and Performance History



(1) Includes 3 companies that have been held for less than 1 year  
 (2) Includes all realised and unrealised investments across all return types based on asset prices available as at 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016

“Launching the Aura Venture Fund was the natural next step of progression for Aura Group in regards to our Venture Capital offering. We have been helping build great Australian businesses for quite some time and the Aura Venture Fund under an ESVCLP structure offers our investors very attractive tax incentives to make investments in innovation” said Calvin Ng, General Partner of the Aura Venture Fund and Managing Director of Aura Group.

The Aura Venture Fund, which is SIV compliant, will have a target size of AUD\$30m and is open to all wholesale investors.

For more information on the Aura Venture Fund, please download the Information Memorandum at [www.aurafunds.com.au/Venture-capital](http://www.aurafunds.com.au/Venture-capital)

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