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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Man AHL Alpha (AUD) Fund maintains 'Highly Recommended' rating from Lonsec**

Man Group's flagship Man AHL Alpha (AUD) Fund retained its 'Highly Recommended' rating from research house Lonsec for the second year in a row, reflecting the fund's strong performance over the past four years of operation in the region.

The 'Highly Recommended' rating indicates that Lonsec has very strong conviction the financial product can generate risk adjusted returns in line with relevant objectives and that it is considered a preferred entry point to this asset class or strategy.

The Man AHL Alpha (AUD) Fund aims to generate medium to long term returns by identifying and taking advantage of upward and downward price trends through trading in futures, options, forward contracts, swaps and other derivatives using the AHL Alpha Program.

GSFM has been responsible for retail distribution of the London-headquartered fund in Australia and New Zealand since 2017.

In its research report, Lonsec said it has met with a range of investment team members over the years and found them to be highly engaged and of very high calibre. The fund is managed by Co-CEO Matthew Sargaizon who Lonsec described as a "high-quality investor", and CIO Russell Korgaonkar who Lonsec said was "highly experienced" with a long tenure at the firm.

"Man AHL has a high-quality investment team with strong academic qualifications. A testament to the quality of investment team has been the high degree of research innovation evident, many of which were developed and implemented well ahead of peers," the Lonsec report said.

"Total returns against peers has been noteworthy with the Fund outperforming the peer median over all time periods. Over the one, three and five years, excess returns against peers were 4.6%, 6.3% p.a. and 4.4% p.a., respectively.

"Man AHL's strong pedigree in trend following and its commitment to research innovation which has differentiated the offering from peers supports the rating," the Lonsec report said.

GSFM CEO, Damien McIntyre, said the fund's success comes from its high levels of diversification, experienced research team and execution.

"Man AHL have a long history and proven track record in trend following and the fund continues to attract strong interest from Australian investors."

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- *Munro Partners, an independent global equity manager*
- *London-based Man Group plc*
- *Redpoint Investment Management, a boutique equities manager based in Sydney*

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