



## **Ashmore Group plc**

Interim Results – 6 Months to 31 December 2008

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## **Key Highlights**

- Assets under management ("AuM") of US\$24.6 billion at 31 December 2008, down US\$12.9 billion (34%) from 30 June 2008
- Net management fees<sup>(1)</sup> up 19% to £101.9 million (H1 2008: £85.9 million), 1% down in US dollar terms
- Performance fees up 52% to £48.9 million (H1 2008: £32.2 million)
- Foreign exchange loss of £49.8 million (2007: £0.4 million gain), principally from hedging of management fee income, of which £41.4 million relates to future income
- Total net revenue of £104.5 million (H1 2008: £123.5 million)
- Profit before tax of £80.3 million (H1 2008: £100.9 million)
- Operating margin of 70% (H1 2008: 75%)
- Basic earnings per share of 8.48p (H1 2008: 10.47p)
- 3.66 pence interim dividend (H1 2008: 3.66p)

... Satisfactory financial performance in a challenging market

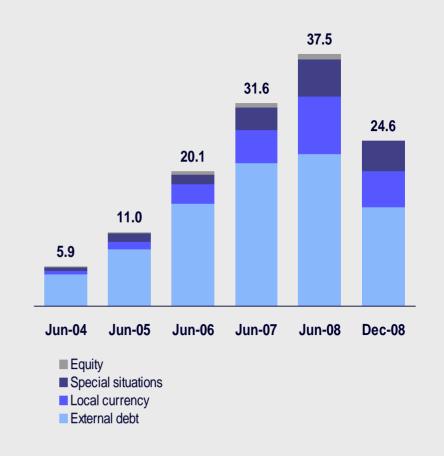


## **Assets under Management**Overview

**Key Highlights** 

AuM (US\$bn)

 AuM of US\$24.6bn as at 31 December 2008, 34% down on 30 June 2008



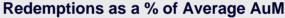
...All themes experienced AuM reductions
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## **Assets under Management Subscriptions & redemptions**

#### H1 2009 AuM Development









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...Gross redemptions reflect liquidity needs of clients



## **Investment Performance Public funds**

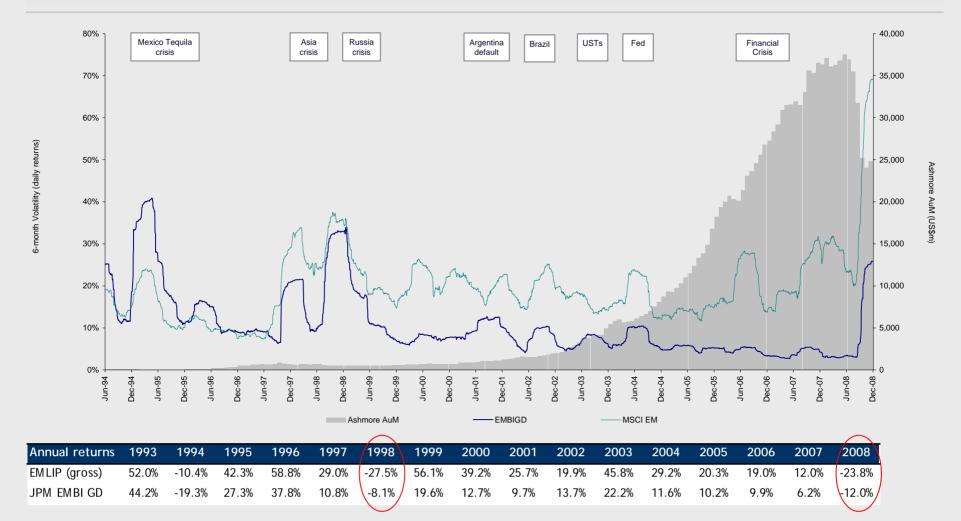
				Performance				
Theme	Fund	Launch Date	AuM US\$M <sup>(1)</sup>	6m <sup>(2)</sup>	1 Year <sup>(2)</sup>	3 Year <sup>(2)</sup>	— 5 Year <sup>(2)</sup>	Annualised Return (since Launch) (2)
	EMLIP	Oct-1992	2,812.0	-25.77%	-23.76%	0.54%	9.57%	20.95%
	Benchmark	(EMBI GD)		-11.75%	-12.03%	0.86%	4.77%	11.04%
External Debt	AEMDF	May-2003	1,773.0	-19.21%	-15.89%	4.07%	10.15%	10.91%
External Debt	Benchmark	(EMBI GD)		-11.75%	-12.03%	0.86%	4.77%	<i>5.45%</i>
	SICAV EMDF <sup>(3)</sup>	Jan-2003	1,511.1	-16.03%	-16.03%	1.21%	7.56%	11.24%
	Benchmark	(EMBI GD)		-11.75%	-12.03%	0.86%	4.77%	7.39%
	LCD	Mar-1997	1,415.2	-21.37%	-15.48%	5.93%	9.14%	14.60%
	Benchmark	(ELMI +)	.,	-11.58%	-3.85%	7.81%	8.22%	7.84%
	ALCF	Mar-2006	855.1	-19.51%	-13.07%	NA	NA	4.56%
Local Currency	Benchmark	(ELMI +)		-11.58%	-3.85%			7.51%
	SICAV LCF (3)	Aug-2006	545.5	-22.67%	-16.39%	NA	NA	3.02%
	Benchmark	(ELMI +)	0.0.0	-11.58%	-3.85%			7.58%
	GSSF2	Feb-2005	397.0	-22.36%	-6.19%	18.82%	NA	16.52%
Special Situations <sup>(4)</sup>	GSSF3 (6)	Aug-2006	1,291.0	-15.91%	-10.35%	NA	NA	-0.06%
Situations	GSSF4 (6)	Oct-2007	1,261.0	-5.97%	-8.58%	NA	NA	-8.04%
	ARF	May-1998	1,091.2	-11.93%	-11.58%	12.72%	15.32%	18.16%
Corporate High	EMCHY	Aug-2007	397.5	-24.13%	-24.20%	NA	NA	-14.51%
Yield	Benchmark	(CEMBI BD)		-16.06%	-15.86%			-11.00%
	AEEP	Jun-2000	26.1	-55.12%	-62.82%	-15.05%	0.75%	7.38%
Equity	Benchmark	(MSCI EM)		-47.84%	-54.48%	-7.07%	5.07%	2.87%

Source: Ashmore (un-audited), source benchmarks: JP Morgan and Morgan Stanley

...Asset allocations and acquisition of risk impact relative performance Ashmore

<sup>(1)</sup> As at 31 December 2008; (2) Gross returns with dividends reinvested, as at 31 December 2008. Net returns are indicative; (3) Performance shown for institutional \$ tranche; (4) Special Situations and Multi-Strategy funds do not have a relevant benchmark; (5) AMSF 5 year and since inception performance from December 2000 to March 2003 from single account managed in same style, AMSF pooled fund launched in Dec-2003; (6) GSSF 3 and GSSF 4 performance calculation methodology is IRR.

## **Investment Performance Managing growth in a volatile market**



...Long experience has provided AuM development through historical periods of market volatility

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## **Update on Themes External debt**

#### **Key Highlights**

- Comprises Dollar and other G7 denominated instruments, principally in sovereign bonds
- Many funds are also permitted to invest into other themes: Local Currency, Special Situations and Corporate High Yield
- Over 99% of the funds do not have highwater marks
- Some funds may use borrowing (maximum 50%)
- External debt AuM down 35% to US\$14.7bn
- 60% of total AuM (June 2008: 60% of total AuM)
- Good management fee contribution
- Net management fee margin 88bps
- Nov 08 one segregated fund closed (US\$0.1bn)
- Stronger EMLIP 2008 annual performance fee of £16.4m (2007: £8.2m)

#### **Management and Performance Fees (£m)**



#### Movement in AuM (US\$bn)

	FY 2008	H1 2008	H1 2009
AuM Start of Period	21.2	21.2	22.7
Gross subscriptions	4.8	1.9	0.7
Redemptions	(4.8)	(1.3)	(4.6)
Net subscriptions	-	0.6	(3.9)
Net performance	1.5	1.3	(4.1)
AuM End of Period	22.7	23.1	14.7

...Recent new issuance has increased activity in this theme

Source: Ashmore

Net of distribution costs and fee rebates.



# **Update on Themes**Local currency

#### **Kev Highlights**

- Comprises local currency and local currency denominated debt instruments
- None of the funds have highwater marks
- Some funds may use borrowing (maximum is 75%)

- Local currency AuM down 36% to US\$5.4bn
- 22% of total AuM (June 2008: 23% of total AuM)
- Good demand attracting US\$1.2bn gross subscriptions
- Net management fee margin 125bps
- LCD 2008 annual performance fee of £14.5m (2007: £9.4m)

#### Management and Performance Fees (£m)



#### Movement in AuM (US\$bn)

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	FY 2008	H1 2008	H1 2009
AuM Start of Period	5.0	5.0	8.5
Gross subscriptions	4.2	1.6	1.2
Redemptions	(1.6)	(0.7)	(2.4)
Net subscriptions	2.6	0.9	(1.2)
Net performance	0.9	0.5	(1.9)
AuM End of Period	8.5	6.4	5.4

...Long term confidence for theme growth remains

Source: Ashmore

Net of distribution costs and fee rebates.



## **Update on Themes Special situations**

#### **Key Highlights**

- The special situations theme comprises investments in debt, equity, and other instruments in specialist corporate investments or projects
- Situations include distressed assets or distressed sellers of assets, where our approach often incorporates restructuring, reorganisations, or other private equity techniques
- GSSF funds have an expected minimum investment period
- The majority of the funds do not use borrowing
- Special situations AuM at US\$4.4bn
- 18% of total AuM (June 2008: 15% of total AuM)
- Net management fee margin 191bps
- First Ashmore GSSF matured at the end of its 5 year term, return of 39% & performance fee of £15.8m crystallised

#### **Management and Performance Fees (£m)**



#### Movement in AuM (US\$bn)

	FY 2008	H1 2008	H1 2009
AuM Start of Period	3.4	3.4	5.5
Gross subscriptions	1.8	1.6	0.2
Redemptions	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.5)
Net subscriptions	1.6	1.5	(0.3)
Net performance	0.5	0.2	(0.8)
AuM End of Period	5.5	5.1	4.4

...Significant opportunities for 2009 & 2010

Source: Ashmore

# **Update on Themes Equity**

#### **Key Highlights**

- The instruments invested by the funds can include Emerging Market equity, convertibles, warrants, and equity derivatives
- None of the funds have highwater marks
- The majority of the funds do not use borrowing

- Equity AuM at US\$0.1bn
- 0.4% of total AuM (June 2008: 2% of total AuM)
- Net management fee margin 90bps
- Negative sentiment towards equities especially during the first four months of the financial year
- Dec 08 one segregated fund closed (US\$0.1bn)

#### **Management and Performance Fees (£m)**



#### Movement in AuM (US\$bn)

	FY 2008	H1 2008	H1 2009
AuM Start of Period	2.0	2.0	0.8
Gross subscriptions	0.2	0.1	0.1
Redemptions	(1.4)	(0.5)	(0.5)
Net redemptions	(1.2)	(0.4)	(0.4)
Net performance		0.3	(0.3)
AuM End of Period	0.8	1.9	0.1

... Equity allocations substantially reduced

Source: Ashmore

## **Update on Themes**Other

#### **Key Highlights**

#### **Corporate High Yield**

- Current allocation focus, investments with attractive yields with short duration
- US\$1.3bn spread across a number of Ashmore funds
- EMCHY dedicated fund AuM US\$0.4bn

#### **Ashmore Global Opportunities Limited**

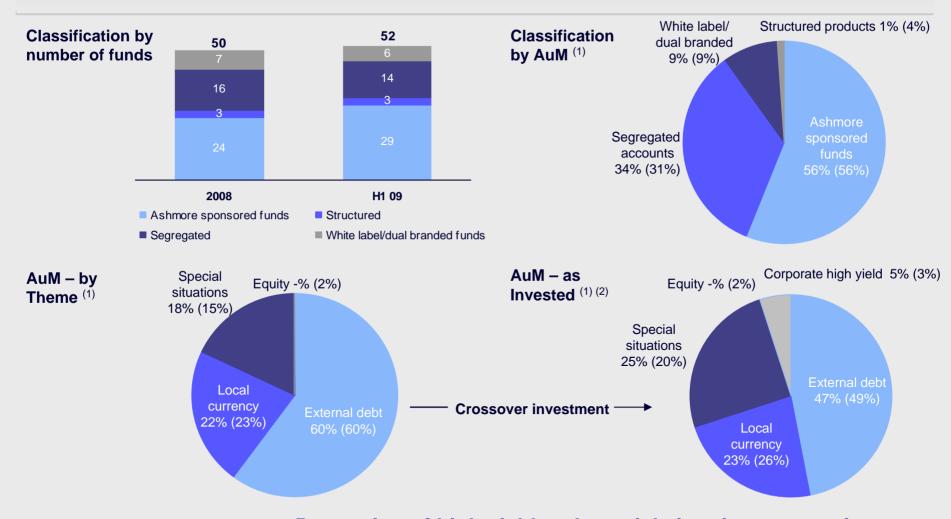
- Listed vehicle providing daily liquidity across a range of themes focusing on special situations
- In common with other listed permanent capital vehicles, EGM (April 2009) triggered by discount to NAV (10% weighted average on rolling 365 days basis)
- Dolomite Capital Management
- US based emerging market fund of funds and advisory business acquired on 3 November 2008, with US\$0.1bn AuM

...Broadening range of capabilities



## **Fund Diversification**

#### Classification and crossover



...Proportion of high yield and special situations assets increase



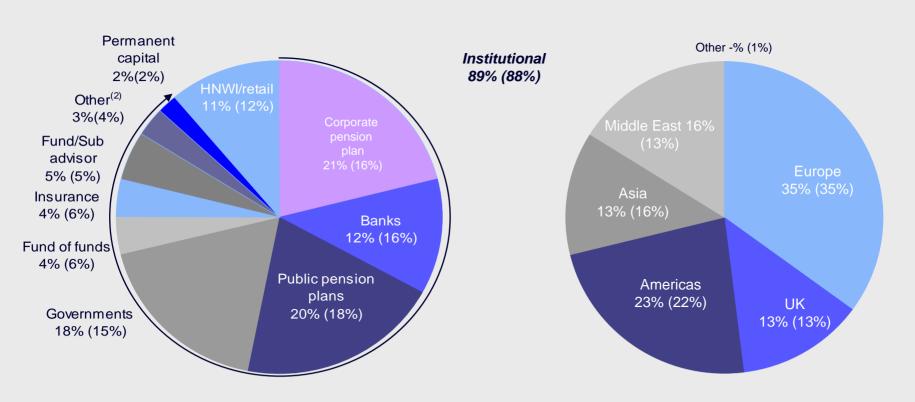
<sup>(1)</sup> As at 31 December 2008 (30 June 2008).

<sup>(2)</sup> AuM as actually invested by type of investment at 31 December 2008 (30 June 2008).

## **Investor Analysis**Investor type and geography

#### Investor Breakdown by investor type (1)

#### Investor Breakdown by geography (1)



...Predictable changes to investor mix



<sup>(1)</sup> By AuM as at 31 December 2008 (30 June 2008).

<sup>(2)</sup> Other includes corporates and foundations/endowments.

### **Income statement**

	Six months ended 31 December 2008	Six months ended 31 December 2007	V	/ariance
	£m	£m	£m	%
Net revenue	104.5	123.5	(19.0)	(15)
Total operating expenses	(31.3)	(30.6)	(0.7)	(2)
Operating profit	73.2	92.9	(19.7)	(21)
Net interest	7.1	8.0	(0.9)	(11)
Profit before tax	80.3	100.9	(20.6)	(20)

... Ashmore remains highly profitable



#### Net revenue

(1)

	Six months ended 31 December 2008	Six months ended 31 December 2007	V	ariance
	£m	£m	£m	%
Management fees	104.6	88.7	15.9	18
Less: Distribution costs	(2.7)	(2.8)	0.1	4
Net management fees	101.9	85.9	16.0	19
Performance fees	48.9	32.2	16.7	52
Other revenue	3.5	5.0	(1.5)	(30)
Foreign exchange	(49.8) <sup>1</sup>	0.4	(50.2)	-
Net revenue	104.5	123.5	(19.0)	(15)

...Foreign exchange principally a timing difference



# Financial Results Net management fees

	Six months ended	Six months ended		
	31 December 2008	31 December 2007	Variance	
GBP net management fees	£m	£m	£m	%
External debt	45.9	44.6	1.3	3
Local currency	26.6	16.6	10.0	60
Special situations	28.1	18.9	9.2	49
Equity	1.3	5.8	(4.5)	(78)
Net management fees	101.9	85.9	16.0	19
	Six months ended	Six months ended		
	31 December 2008	31 December 2007	Varian	ce
USD net management fees	US\$	US\$	US\$	%
External debt	78.2	90.5	(12.3)	(14)
Local currency	45.5	33.7	11.8	35
Special situations	47.2	38.9	8.3	21
Equity	2.7	11.7	(9.0)	(77)
Net management fees	173.6	174.8	(1.2)	(1)

...Sterling fee increase offsets realised hedge losses; dollar fees flat on H1 08

### **Revenue margins (basis points)**





Net Management Fee Margins (bps)

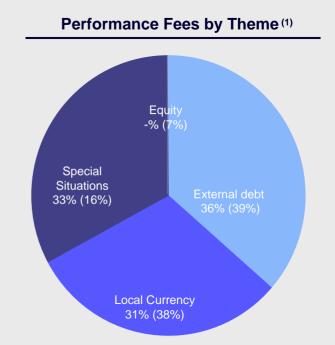


...Growth in management fee margins reflects change in product mix

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### **Performance fees**

	Six months to
	31 December
	2008
	£m
External debt	17.4
Local currency	14.9
Special situations	16.5
Equity	0.1
Total performance fees	48.9



...Diversified performance fee contribution



### Foreign exchange - the facts

- Hedging strategy consistent
- Forward FX contracts used
- FX hedge in place before 1 July 2008:
  - Approximately two thirds of forecast management fees at average rate of GBP1:USD1.95 when hedges entered into
  - Spot rate of GBP1:USD1.9923 on 30 June 2008
  - Average rate in the financial year to 30 June 2008 of GBP1:USD2.01
- Extreme sudden sterling depreciation August, September, October 2008:
  - Average monthly rate in the six months to 31 December 2008 of GBP1:USD1.6984
  - Weighted average rate at which management fee income has been recognised of GBP1:USD1.7036
- Contracts in place to hedge future management fee income marked-to-market at 31 December 2008

...Extreme and unexpected move in cable



### Foreign exchange - the impact

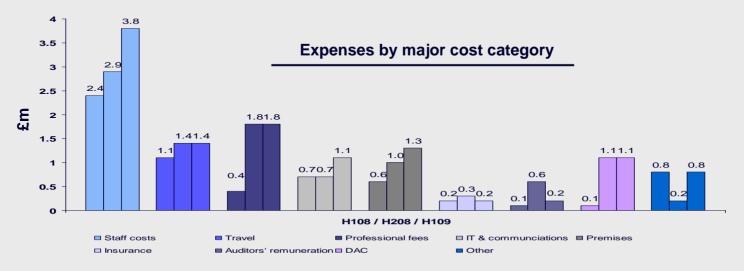


...All recognised, majority unrealised



## **Financial Results Expenses**

	Six months ended 31 December 2008			Variance H1 09 vs H2 08	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	%
Personnel expenses	5.1	4.0	3.4	1.1	28
Variable compensation	18.3	17.1	23.2	1.2	7
Other operating expenses	7.9	7.1	4.0	0.8	11
Total operating expenses	31.3	28.2	30.6	3.1	11
Operating profit margin	70%	76%	75%		



...Operating margin remains industry leading Ashmore

# Financial Results Earnings

	Six months to 31 December 2008	Six months to 31 December 2007	Year ended 30 June 2008
	£m	£m	£m
Profit before tax	80.3	100.9	196.2
Tax	(23.3)	(30.8)	(55.2)
Profit after tax	57.0	70.1	141.0
Attributable: Equity holders of the parent	56.9	70.0	140.8
Minority interest	0.1	0.1	0.2
Earnings per share - basic	8.5p	10.5p	21.0p
Earnings per share - diluted	7.9p	9.9p	19.9p
Interim dividend per share	3.66p	3.66p	3.66p
Final dividend per share	-	-	8.34p

...Dividend maintained despite earnings reduction



## Financial Results Cash flow & balance sheet

	Six months to 31 December 2008 £m	Six months to 31 December 2007 £m	Year ended 30 June 2008 £m		Six months to 31 December 2008 £m	Six months to 31 December 2007 £m	Year ended 30 June 2008 £m
Cash from operations	108.1	67.1	195.5	Non-current assets	11.7	4.6	7.4
Deferred acq'n costs	-	(10.3)	(14.6)	Deferred tax asset	8.0	14.8	13.8
Acquisition of subsidiary	(3.7)	-	-	Deferred acq'n costs	12.4	14.5	13.4
Treasury shares	(6.5)	-	-	Cash and cash	301.8	221.0	279.2
Purchase of non-current	-	-	(15.1)	equivalents			
assets held for sale				Non-current assets held	16.6	-	16.4
Dividends	(57.0)	(45.2)	(70.1)	for sale			
Taxation	(28.2)	(17.9)	(46.5)	Other current assets	32.9	57.0	35.9
Interest	6.6	8.0	15.4	Total assets	383.4	311.9	366.1
FX and other	3.3	1.3	(3.4)	Net liabilities	118.7	87.2	92.8
Increase in cash	22.6	3.0	61.2	Net assets/total equity	264.7	224.7	273.3

...Cash generative, with a strong balance sheet



## **Summary**

- AuM down 34%, primarily due to markets and client liquidity requirements
- Margins:
  - Average net management fee margins up to 114bps (H108: 103bps)
  - Industry leading operating margin of 70% (H108: 75%)
- Foreign exchange:
  - Realised FX hedge losses of £12.8m offset by realised translation gains on US\$ denominated management fee income
  - Unrealised FX hedge losses of £41.4m to be offset by future translation gains
- Strong balance sheet, with cash balance of £300m



### **Outlook**

- Investment team has 20 years experience outperforming during periods of crisis
- Current performance reflects our ethos: We are buying risk now, as we have done before in downturn scenarios
  - Consequential mark-to-market losses resulting in short term underperformance vs benchmarks
- Significant buying opportunities for our funds:
  - Corporate High Yield
  - Special situations represent an investment sweet spot in 2009 & 2010
  - Environment for raising new assets is tough
- Potential opportunities to establish or acquire interesting asset management opportunities, especially given strong balance sheet position and the withdrawal of other market participants
- No change in strategy:
  - Diversification of themes
  - Grow our local asset management presence
  - Deliver investment performance

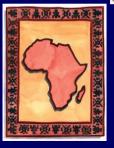












## **Appendices**

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## **Appendix 1 – AuM/Product Information**AuM by theme and fund/account classification

US\$bn	30-Jun-2005	30-Jun-2006	30-Jun-2007	30-Jun-2008	31-Dec-2008
Investment theme <sup>(1)</sup>					
External debt	8.4	15.2	21.2	22.7	14.7
Local currency	1.2	3.0	5.0	8.5	5.4
Special situations	1.2	1.3	3.4	5.5	4.4
Equity	0.2	0.6	2.0	0.8	0.1
Total AuM at period end	11.0	20.1	31.6	37.5	24.6
Fund/account classification					
Ashmore sponsored funds <sup>(2)</sup>	7.0	10.1	16.7	21.5	13.7
Structured products <sup>(3)</sup>	0.7	1.2	1.6	1.1	0.3
Segregated accounts <sup>(4)</sup>	2.4	6.9	10.0	11.7	8.4
White label/dual branded <sup>(5)</sup>	0.9	1.9	3.3	3.2	2.2
Total AuM at period end	11.0	20.1	31.6	37.5	24.6

<sup>(5)</sup> White label/dual branded refers to investment management agreements where Ashmore is publicly disclosed and acts as investment manager and/or advisor or sub-advisor on a public fund branded in the name of a third party or co-branded where the third party provides some or all of local infrastructure, marketing, compliance and regulatory framework.



<sup>(1)</sup> Ashmore currently offers products in five principal investment themes – External debt, global local currency, special situations, incorporating distressed debt and private equity, public equity and corporate high yield. Some products provide exposure to more than one theme but have been classified in the table above according to the predominant fund/account theme.

<sup>(2)</sup> As at 31 Dec 2008, Ashmore sponsored funds comprise entities incorporated in Guernsey, the Cayman Islands and Luxembourg which are available for subscriptions and redemptions on a daily, monthly or quarterly basis. In addition, the special situations/distressed funds, GSSF2, GSSF3 and GSSF4 have an expected minimum investment period of five years, although investors can redeem annually subject to redemption penalties.

<sup>(3)</sup> Structured products include CDO/CBO structures and a debt product with full principal protection known as Variable Proportion Portfolio Insurance (VPPI) and an Alpha product.

<sup>(4)</sup> Segregated accounts are those under separate investment management agreements for a single client and include public and private pension funds, government agencies and other institutional accounts.

## Appendix 1 – AuM/Product Information

### Management and performance fees by theme

	Year ended 30 June			6 months ended 31 Dec		
£ millions	2006	2007	2008	2007	2008	
Net management fees less distribution costs						
External debt	52.2	71.9	91.0	44.6	45.9	
Local currency	11.3	21.4	38.8	16.6	26.6	
Special situations	11.9	25.9	42.6	18.9	28.1	
Equity	3.1	7.2	9.6	5.8	1.3	
Total net management fee income	78.5	126.4	182.0	85.9	101.9	
Average AuM US\$ millions(1)	16,774	26,375	35,324	33,993	30,588	
Average AuM GBP millions <sup>(1)</sup>	9,431	13,608	17,661	16,689	17,931	
Net mgmt fees as bps of average AuM <sup>(2)</sup>	83.2	92.9	103.0	102.9	113.7	
Performance fees						
External debt	33.9	5.8	17.1	13.2	17.4	
Local currency	2.5	3.1	17.2	14.4	14.9	
Special situations	11.1	7.5	7.2	2.1	16.5	
Equity	6.7	4.0	3.2	2.5	0.1	
Total performance fee income	54.2	20.4	44.7	32.2	48.9	



<sup>(1)</sup> Average AuM calculated using the average of month-end rates throughout the relevant period.

<sup>(2)</sup> Half year margins are based on annualised figures.

## **Appendix 2 – Additional Profit and Loss Information**

Management Fees	6 Months ended 31st December 2006	6 Months ended 30th June 2007	6 Months ended 31st December 2007	6 Months ended 30th June 2008	6 Months ended 31st December 2008
External debt	32.6	39.3	44.6	46.4	45.9
Local currency	9.1	12.3	16.6	22.2	26.6
Special situations	11.3	14.6	18.9	23.7	28.1
Equity	2.8	4.4	5.8	3.8	1.3
	55.8	70.6	85.9	96.1	101.9
Add back: Distribution costs	2.0	1.8	2.8	1.9	2.7
Total	57.8	72.4	88.7	98.0	104.6

Performance Fees	6 Months ended 31st December 2006	6 Months ended 30th June 2007	6 Months ended 31st December 2007	6 Months ended 30th June 2008	6 Months ended 31st December 2008
External debt	3.0	2.8	13.2	3.9	17.4
Local currency	2.2	0.9	14.4	2.8	14.9
Special situations	0.0	7.5	2.1	5.1	16.5
Equity	3.0	1.0	2.5	0.7	0.1
Total	8.2	12.2	32.2	12.5	48.9



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