

MEDIA RELEASE**nabInvest acquires stake in global fixed income manager**

Tuesday, 23 August 2011 - National Australia Bank's (NAB) direct asset management business, nabInvest, has announced it has taken a non-controlling interest in Peridiem Global Investors LLC (Peridiem), a specialist global fixed income investment management firm based in Los Angeles, California, USA.

Peridiem is led by CEO Andrew Stenwall, who has over 20 years experience in portfolio management and has previously been responsible for managing over \$170 billion in global fixed interest.

The broader Peridiem business comprises 15 senior investment professionals, who have worked together as a team over the past 10 years, most recently at Nuveen Asset Management.

nabInvest CEO, Garry Mulcahy, said that nabInvest remains focused on partnering with high quality investment management firms with capabilities across a range of asset classes.

"Peridiem provides broad global fixed income skills covering over 30 countries and currency markets, which complements nabInvest's strategy to build a sustainable and diversified asset management business. We are pleased to have been able to partner with such a well credentialed, well resourced and experienced team in an asset class that continues to have strong demand from Australian investors."

Peridiem CEO, Andrew Stenwall said: "Peridiem's investment philosophy utilises a global investment process that combines quantitative and fundamental analysis, with insight across alternative and traditional fixed income strategies."

"We are excited to partner with such a financially strong company and to offer income orientated strategies to Australian investors," said Mr Stenwall.

"We are confident that the high-quality and experienced Peridiem team, who each on average have over 14 years experience, will build on their investment successes over the last decade and continue to deliver quality investment returns for clients" said Mr Mulcahy.

nabInvest through its in-house management teams and external partners, manages over \$50billion FUM.

The terms of the agreement with Peridiem are confidential.

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About nabInvest - nabInvest partners with quality investment management firms, enhancing their capabilities with the support of the NAB Group's resources. This can include back office support and assistance with product and distribution services along with custody and corporate governance functions. nabInvest's business

partners include Altrinsic Global Advisors, AREA Property Partners, Aviva Investors Australia, Cambridge Industrial Trust Management, Fairview Equity Partners, Lodestar Capital Partners, Northward Capital, Pengana Capital, Presima Inc, Wiltshire Capital, as well as the Antares Capital and MLC Private Equity businesses.

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