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**INVESTORINFO LIMITED (ASX: INV) LAUNCHES  
REPORT ON AUSTRALIAN HEDGE FUND INDUSTRY**

Sydney: Investment industry information provider, InvestorInfo Ltd (ASX: INV), today launched the first edition of its Hedge Funds Report, the most in-depth analysis to date of the nascent but rapidly expanding Australian hedge fund industry.

The 260-page report, which will be published each quarter, documents product and performance information covering 32 individual firms and 55 investment strategies – the largest universe of hedge fund data publicly available in the local market.

It includes information on fees, personnel, investment strategies, fund structure and service providers to hedge funds and fund-of-funds. It also includes month-by-month performance numbers as well as performance and correlation statistics. Details of all known investment mandates awarded to and by hedge funds and fund-of-hedge-funds also form part of the report in addition to press notes on each of the managers from InvestorInfo's various publications to give perspective on the growth and history of the Australian hedge fund industry.

“The hedge fund industry is one of the most rapidly expanding and exciting areas of the investment market. For the first time, InvestorInfo's Hedge Funds Report documents the vibrant niche in full detail for local investors – a development that will encourage greater disclosure and eventually, greater inflows,” InvestorInfo Managing Director, Greg Bright, said.

“This is a sign that the hedge fund industry, which is often unfairly associated with the failings of just a few giant and extraordinarily high-risk managers, has matured and is open for business. Many of the funds we have reviewed have posted impressive returns with surprisingly low levels of risk,” he continued.

“The report is also a milestone for InvestorInfo as the first to emerge out of our growing research division. We hope to publish many reports like it in the future to complement our InvestorSupermarket online market intelligence resource for institutional investors, which has been very well received,” Bright said.

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Highlights of hedge fund performance data to March 31, 2002, include:

- Six fund-of-funds hedge funds (which receive the bulk of investor inflows) posted returns above six per cent in the year to the end of March, versus the -12.7 per cent return of the MSCI World ex-Australia index;
- Coastal Magnum Diversified Performance Fund was the best-performing fund-of-hedge-funds, posting an 8.7 per cent gain, followed by Absolute Capital's Event Strategies Fund, which returned 8.4 per cent over the 12-month period (all figures are net of wholesale fees);
- In the year to the end of March, the best-performing "single strategy" fund was the K2 Australian Absolute Return Fund with a 31.6 per cent gain, followed by the BGI Equity Market Neutral Fund and PM Capital Australian Opportunities Fund, both of which returned 17.9 per cent;
- The top-performing "multi-strategy" fund was Eclectic Capital Management, which posted a 27 per cent gain;
- In the March quarter, the top performers across all categories were K2 Asian Absolute Return Fund (16.2 per cent, long/short), Eclectic Capital Management (8.1 per cent, multi-strategy) and Rothschild Total Return Fund (3.0 per cent, fund-of-funds).

InvestorInfo Limited is the publisher of institutional investment industry magazine, *Investor Weekly*, sister financial planning title, *Independent Financial Advisor*, online newswire, *InvestorDaily.com*, newstand publication, *Ethical Investor*, and *Master Funds Quarterly*, which targets the burgeoning mezzanine market.

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