

Media release

Solaris wins Rising Star category at *Money Management* / Lonsec Fund Manager of the Year 2010

14 MAY 2010: Boutique fund manager, Solaris Investment Management (Solaris), was last night named the winning manager in the Rising Star category at the *Money Management* / Lonsec Fund Manager of the Year Awards 2010.

The awards, designed to recognise excellence in funds management, feature 13 categories which are judged by independent research firm, Lonsec. For the Rising Star category, Lonsec limits its scope to companies and products that have been available in Australia for less than three years.

Speaking on the win, Denis Donohue, Solaris' Managing Director, said: "The Solaris team is delighted to be recognised at one of the most prestigious financial services awards nights of the year.

"As a team, we have worked together for many years, with an average total of 15 years experience each. This award acknowledges the hard work put into building strong foundations for our firm and establishing our unique investment process.

"The judges noted our high level of accountability and alignment of interest as major attributes of our boutique structure. Lonsec also cited our investment team's experience, depth and stability as key competitive advantages over rivals. Additionally, we were commended on our experience managing client portfolios over various investment cycles, especially those of high volatility such as the GFC," he said.

The Rising Star award adds to Solaris' previous win of the Morningstar Emerging Fund Manager of the Year 2008.

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Solaris currently manages over \$4 billion on behalf of retail and institutional investors.

Solaris is a style neutral Australian equities boutique with a tried and tested investment process forged over a decade. The Solaris team of ten investment professionals, with an average of 14 years investment experience, believe alignment of people and process produces reliable, consistent outperformance. The team have a track record of outperformance for each of the last eleven years.

The Solaris Core Australian Equity Fund is listed on major dealer group approved lists, including Hillross, Bridges, Wealth Managers, Australian Wealth Management and Count. The fund is highly rated* by van Eyk and is Lonsec "Highly Recommended"**.

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