Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2012

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#### **Directors' Report**

The Directors have the pleasure to present the audited annual accounts of Aurum Synchronicity Sterling Fund Ltd. (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2012 and report as set out herein in respect of matters required by the Irish Stock Exchange and Bermuda Stock Exchange listing regulations.

At 31 December 2012, the Net Asset Value per Participating Share was £157.01 (2011: £145.25).

No dividends have been declared in the year ended 31 December 2012 (2011: £Nil) and the Directors do not recommend the payment of any dividends for the year ended 31 December 2012 (2011: £Nil).

The Company is a Feeder Fund which invests solely, apart from currency hedging, in the Participating Shares of Aurum Synchronicity Fund Ltd. (the "Master Fund"). The Company's investment objective is to achieve long term capital growth by investing its assets in Participating Shares of the Master Fund.

The annual report and audited financial statements of the Master Fund for the year ended 31 December 2012 are sent to all Shareholders with the accounts of the Company.

**Dudley R Cottingham Director** 

24 April 2013



### KPMG Chartered Accountants

1 Harbourmaster Place IFSC Dublin 1 Ireland

#### Independent Auditors' Report to the Shareholders

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Aurum Synchronicity Sterling Fund Ltd. (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2012, which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attribultable to Holders of Participating Shares, the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

This report is made solely to the shareholders of the Company, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the shareholders of the Company as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Management Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as they determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2012, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

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Chartered Accountants

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## Portfolio Statement as at 31 December 2012

	2012			2011		
Fund	Nominal	Fair Value	% of	Nominal	Fair Value	% of
	Holding	£	NAV	Holding	£	NAV
Aurum Synchronicity Fund Ltd.	12,200	1,345,024	99.19	12,286	1,315,212	101.15
Other Assets		11,046	0.81		117	0.01
Total Assets		1,356,070	100.00		1,315,329	101.16
Other Liabilities		-	-		(15,087)	(1.16)
Net Assets	_	1,356,070	100.00	_	1,300,242	100.00

# Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2012

2011		Notes	201
£			
	Gains from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	2	
(49,042)	Net unrealised (loss)/gain on investments and currencies		21,5
22,884	Net realised gain on investments and currencies		81,3
(26,158)	Total (losses)/gains from financial assets at fair value through pro	ofit or loss	102,92
	Expenses	2	
	Operating expenses		
	Change in net assets attributable to holders of Participating		
(26,158)	Shares resulting from operations		102,92

### Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2012

2011		Notes	2012
£			£
	Assets		
	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
1,315,212	Investments at fair value	2	1,345,024
	Cash and cash equivalents		
117	Cash and cash equivalents	2	11,046
1,315,329	Total Assets		1,356,070
	Liabilities		
	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		
15,087	Bank overdraft	2,5	-
	Total Liabilities (excluding amounts attributable to holders of		
15,087	Participating Shares)		-
	Net Assets attributable to holders of Participating and Sponsor		
1,300,242	Shares	4	1,356,070
1,300,241	Net Assets attributable to holders of Participating Shares	6	1,356,069
1	Net Assets attributable to holders of Sponsor Shares	4	1
8,951.79	Participating Shares outstanding (number of shares)	4	8,636.60
145.25	Net Asset Value per Participating Share	6	157.01

These financial statements were approved by the Directors on 24th April 2013 and signed on their behalf by:

D.R. Cottingham

C.C. Morris

Director

Director

# Aurum Synchronicity Sterling Fund Ltd. Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Participating Shares for the year ended 31 December 2012

	Total
	£
Balance at 1 January 2012	1,300,241
Change in net assets attributable to holders of Participating Shares resulting from operations	102,927
Redemptions during the year	(47,099)
Balance at 31 December 2012	1,356,069
Balance at 1 January 2011	1,439,488
Change in net assets attributable to holders of Participating Shares resulting from operations	(26,158)
Subscriptions during the year	15,000
Redemptions during the year	(128,089)
Balance at 31 December 2011	1,300,241

### Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2012

2011		2012
£		£
	Cash flows from operating activities	
	Change in net assets attributable to holders of participating	
(26,158)	shares resulting from operations	102,927
(115,746)	Purchase of investments	(116,383)
208,684	Proceeds from sales of investments and currencies	189,498
	Adjustment for non cash items and working capital	
49,042	Net unrealised loss/(gain) on investments and currencies	(21,540)
(22,884)	Net realised (gain) on investments and currencies	(81,387)
92,938	Net cash inflow from operating activities	73,115
	Cash flows from financing activities	
15,000	Issue of shares	-
(128,089)	Redemption of shares	(47,099)
(113,089)	Net cash outflow from financing activities	(47,099)
(20,151)	Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	26,016
5,181	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	(14,970)
(14,970)	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	11,046

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

#### 1 General

Aurum Synchronicity Sterling Fund Ltd. (the "Sterling Fund" or the "Company") was incorporated in Bermuda on 19 August 2004 under the Companies Act 1981 as amended and acts as an investment company. Shares of the Sterling Fund are denominated in sterling. The Sterling Fund is one of three Feeder Funds comprising the Sterling Fund, Aurum Synchronicity Euro Fund Ltd. (the "Euro Fund") and Aurum Synchronicity Dollar Fund Ltd. (the "Dollar Fund") that invest in Aurum Synchronicity Fund Ltd. (the "Master Fund"). The other Feeder Funds have Euro and US Dollar denominated shares respectively. Aurum Synchronicity Sterling Fund Ltd. is listed on the Irish and Bermuda Stock Exchanges.

The Feeder Funds must solely invest into Participating Shares of the Master Fund, except in the case of the Sterling and Euro Funds in respect of currency hedging. The Participating Shares of the Master Fund are valued in US dollars. The Sterling and Euro Funds whilst investing into US dollar denominated Participating Shares of the Master Fund will, by appropriate currency hedging, seek to protect the value of their shares in sterling and euro terms respectively irrespective of movements in currency values between the US dollar and their respective currencies. The Master Fund pays the fees of the Administrators, Custodian, the Investment Advisor, audit, formation and minor out of pocket expenses and Directors' fees of all funds. Each Fund will otherwise bear its own costs and liabilities.

The Company's investment objective is to achieve long term capital growth by investing in the Participating Shares of the Master Fund. The annual report and audited financial statements of the Master Fund for the year ended 31 December 2012 are attached and should be read in conjunction with these financial statements.

The audited financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 24 April 2013.

#### 2 Principal Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies which have been applied are set out below.

#### **Statement of Compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and interpretations of IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements are presented in the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates, which is sterling, reflecting the fact that the redeemable Participating Shares are issued in sterling and the Company's operations are primarily conducted in sterling. They are prepared on a fair value basis for financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. All other assets and liabilities are stated at amortised cost. The net assets attributable to holders of participating shares are stated at the present value of the redemption amount.

The accounting policies have been applied consistently by the Company and are consistent with those used in the previous year.

#### Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

There are a number of new/revised standards and interpretations not yet adopted in the financial statements of the Company:

 Amendments to IFRS 7 Financial Instruments effective for accounting periods commencing 1 July 2012 or later: The amendments to IFRS 7 introduce new disclosure requirements about transfers of financial assets, including disclosures for financial assets that are not recognised in their entirety.

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 2 Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Changes in accounting policy and disclosures (continued)

- IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013. The standard establishes principles for the presentation and preparation of consolidated financial statements when an entity controls one or more other entities. IFRS 10 replaces the consolidation requirements in SIC-12 Consolidation-Special Purpose Entities and IAS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements.
- IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests, effective 1 January 2013: IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other
  Entities is a new and comprehensive standard on disclosure requirements for all forms of interests in
  other entities, including joint arrangements, associates, special purpose vehicles and other off balance
  sheet vehicles.
- The Investment Entities amendment to IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 27, effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013. The Investment Entities amendments provide an exemption to the consolidation requirements in IFRS 10 and require investment entities to measure particular subsidiaries at fair value through profit or loss, rather than consolidate them. The amendments also set out disclosure requirements for investment entities.
- IFRS 13 Fair value measurement, effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1
  January 2013: This standard establishes a single source of guidance for fair value as the price that
  would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between
  market participants at the measurement date (also referred to as "the exit price"). The standard also
  provides guidance for fair value determination and introduces consistent requirements for disclosure
  and measurement.
- Amendments to IFRS 7 and IAS 32, effective 1 January 2014: The amendments provide clarification and disclosure requirements in relation to offsetting rights.
- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments issued in November 2009 (IFRS 9 (2009)) will change the classification of financial assets and liabilities. The standard is not expected to have an impact on the measurement basis and classification of the financial assets since the majority of the Company's financial assets are measured at fair value through profit or loss. The standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

The Directors anticipate that the adoption of standards or interpretations currently in issue but not yet effective will have no material impact on the financial statements of the Company in the period of initial application. The Company has not adopted any new standards or interpretations that are not mandatory.

#### **Investments**

The Company, on initial recognition, designated investments as at fair value through profit or loss as, in doing so, it results in more relevant information because the investments and related liabilities are managed as a group of financial assets and liabilities and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis and reported to key management personnel on that basis.

The investment in the master fund is recorded at the net asset value per share as reported by the administrator of the master fund.

In the master fund where administrators are unable to provide net asset value per share, the Directors make their own assessment of value based on available information. In determining fair value, the Directors take into consideration where applicable, the impact of suspensions of redemptions, liquidation proceedings, investments in side pockets and any other significant factors.

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 2 Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Investments (continued)**

At the year end, there were no instances wherein the administrator was unable to provide the net asset value per share or that the Directors considered it necessary to make any adjustments to the fair value of the underlying funds.

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date at which the Company becomes a party to the specific investment.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are measured initially at fair value, being the transaction price on the trade date. Transaction costs are expensed immediately. After initial measurement, the Company measures financial instruments which are classified at fair value through profit and loss at their fair value. Changes in fair value are recorded within net gain/(loss) on investments.

Purchases and sales of financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised using trade date accounting.

Realised capital gains and losses on investment transactions are determined on the weighted average cost basis and are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Unrealised capital gains and losses from a change in the fair value of investments are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund has a legal right to set off the recognised amounts and it intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Under IFRS, Participating Shares are classified as a financial liability and the format of the Statement of Financial Position reflects this position.

#### **Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts**

The Company seeks to protect the value of the Participating Shares in sterling terms by entering into Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts. These contracts are recorded at fair value through profit or loss utilising the prevailing forward price at the Statement of Financial Position date. Any unrealised gain or loss is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Derivatives are recognised as held for trading, as the Company does not designate any derivatives as hedges for hedge accounting purposes as described under IAS 39.

#### **Translation of Foreign Currencies**

The results and financial position of the entity are expressed in sterling which is the functional currency of the Company. Transactions in currencies other than sterling are recorded at the transaction date rate. At each reporting date, monetary items and non-monetary assets and liabilities that are fair valued and are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate prevailing on the reporting date. Gains and losses arising on retranslation are included in the net profit or loss for the period where investments are classified at fair value through profit or loss.

#### **Interest Income**

Interest income is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for all interest bearing instruments on an effective interest basis.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances held at banks together with bank overdrafts. The bank overdrafts are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Company's cash management system.

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 2 Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Taxation**

The Company has received an undertaking from the Ministry of Finance of Bermuda, under the Exempted Undertakings Tax Protection Act, 1966 exempting the Company from Bermuda income, profit, capital transfer or capital taxes, should taxes be enacted, until 31 March 2035.

#### **Expenses**

All expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accruals basis.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised. The areas of estimates which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are disclosed in notes 8 and 10.

#### **Derecognition of Financial Assets and Liabilities**

A financial asset is derecognised when the Company loses control over the contractual rights that comprise that asset. This occurs when the rights are realised, expired or are surrendered. The Company uses the weighted average cost basis to determine the realised gain or loss on derecognition. A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### 3 Fees

The Company pays no direct fees. Please refer to the accompanying Master Fund financial statements for notes regarding fees paid by the Master Fund.

#### 4 Share Capital

	December	December		
	2012	2012	2011	
	£	£		
Authorised share capital of £0.001 par value per share				
1,000 Sponsor Shares	1	1		
5,999,000 Participating Shares	5,999	5,999		
	6,000	6,000		

All of the Sponsor Shares have been issued to and are beneficially owned by the Investment Advisor.

The Sponsor Shares do not carry the right to participate in the assets of the Company in a winding up, except to the extent of repayment of par value paid in cash, nor in any dividends or other distribution of the Company so long as any Participating Shares are in issue.

The Participating Shares are entitled to receive, to the exclusion of the Sponsor Shares, any dividends which may be declared by the Board of the Company and, upon the winding up of the Company, their par value and any surplus remaining after paying to the holders of the Sponsor Shares the par value of the Sponsor Shares (to the extent actually paid up in cash). The Sponsor Shares have the general voting powers of the Company and the holders of Participating Shares are entitled to receive notice of and attend all general meetings of the members.

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 4 Share Capital (continued)

	Number of Participating Shares		Number of Participating Shares
Opening at 1 January 2012	8,951.79	Opening at 1 January 2011	9,711.40
Issued during the year	-	Issued during the year	100.96
Redeemed during the year	(315.19)	Redeemed during the year	(860.57)
Closing at 31 December 2012	2 8,636.60	Closing at 31 December 2011	8,951.79

#### Statement of Changes in Sponsor and Participating Shares

	Sponsor Shares	Participating Shares	Share Premium and Return Allocated to Participating Shareholders £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2012	1	9	1,300,232	1,300,242
Change in net assets attribute	able to			
holders of participating share	:S		102,927	102,927
Redemption during the year		-	(47,099)	(47,099)
Balance at 31 December 201	2 1	9	1,356,060	1,356,070
Balance at 1 January 2011	1	10	1,439,478	1,439,489
Change in net assets attribute	able to			
holders of participating share	S		(26,158)	(26,158)
Subscriptions during the yea	r	-	15,000	15,000
Redemption during the year		(1)	(128,088)	(128,089)
<b>Balance at 31 December 201</b>	1 1	9	1,300,232	1,300,242

Participating Shares in the Company may be redeemed at the Net Asset Value per Participating Share on the dealing day immediately following the valuation day, being the last business day of each month, on at least 90 days notice to the Administrator. The Company endeavours to pay the redemption proceeds within 30 days of the redemption date.

#### 5 Bank Overdraft

The Company has a facility with Northern Trust (Guernsey) Limited and any outstanding bank overdraft is secured over the portfolio of the Company.

#### 6 Net Asset Value per Participating Share

The Net Asset Value per Participating Share is calculated by dividing the net assets less the par value of the Sponsor Shares included in the Statement of Financial Position by the number of Participating Shares in issue at the year end.

	December	December
	2012	2011
Total Net Assets (£) Less Par Value of Sponsor Shares	1,356,069	1,300,241
Issued Participating Shares	8,636.60	8,951.79
Net Asset Value per Participating Share (£)	157.01	145.25

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 7 Related Parties

The Company's Administrators, Investment Advisor, Custodian and Directors are related parties by virtue of the material contracts in existence that are outlined in notes 3 to 5 of the financial statements of the Master Fund.

Mrs T Gibbons is a director of the Investment Advisor. Mr S A Morris, Mr D R Cottingham and Mr C C Morris are directors of Global Fund Services Ltd, the Bermuda Administrator and along with Mr A Hopkin are directors of both the Investment Advisor and Continental Sponsors Ltd, the sponsoring broker on the Bermuda Stock Exchange. Mr A Sweidan is a Vice President of Investments with the Investment Advisor. Messrs S A Morris, D R Cottingham and A Sweidan directly and indirectly, hold shares in the Investment Advisor.

Ms M O'Caoimh is an employee of the Irish Administrator.

Aurum Fund Management Ltd. is also the sponsor and advisor to a number of other investment companies and the directors of the Company, the Master Fund and Aurum Fund Management Ltd. may serve as Directors of such companies.

Persons connected to the Directors, as defined under Irish Stock Exchange listing requirements, directly and indirectly own all the Sponsor Shares of the Company. At 31 December 2012, Directors and Persons so connected held the following Participating Shares in the Company.

	Number of shares		
	2012	2011	
Mr A Sweidan	2,631.56	2,631.56	
Mr K Gundle	107.14	107.14	
	2,738.70	2,738.70	

All dealings between all parties were at arm's length prices.

#### 8 Financial Instruments and Risk Exposure

The Company invests all of its assets, other than currency hedging, into the Master Fund which is exposed to market risk, currency risk, credit risk and liquidity risk arising from the financial instruments it holds. These risks are explained in the financial statements of the Master Fund which are attached.

The Company is exposed to currency risk in pursuit of its investment objective, set out on page 10. The currency risk is managed on a monthly basis using Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts. At the Statement of Financial Position date, there was a net exposure to currency risk:

31 December 2012	Monetary Assets £	Monetary Liabilities £	Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts £	Net Exposure £
US dollar	1,356,070	-	(1,348,928)	7,142
31 December 2011	Monetary Assets £	Monetary Liabilities £	Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts £	Net Exposure £
US dollar	1,315,212	(15,087)	(1,295,800)	4,325

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 9 Net Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts

As at 31 December 2012, the Company had entered into and not closed a Forward Foreign Exchange Contract to hedge the value of the Company's portfolio. The contract was with the Custodian.

#### Open Forward Foreign Currency Transactions at 31 December 2012

Currency	Currency	Currency	Maturity	Unrealised Gain/(Loss)
Sold	Bought	Rate	Date	£
US\$2,182,241	£	1.6178	31 January 2013	-
				-
Open Forward Foreign	Currency Trencections of			
	Currency Transactions at	1 51 December 20	)11	Unrealised
Currency	Currency  Currency	Currency	Maturity	Unrealised Gain/(Loss)
Currency Sold	·			
•	Currency	Currency	Maturity	Gain/(Loss)

#### 10 Fair Value Measurement

The International Accounting Standards Board published *Improving Disclosures about Financial Instruments (Amendments to IFRS 7)* that are explained in Note 11 of the Master Fund financial statements.

The following table presents the financial instruments carried on the Statement of Financial Position by level within the valuation hierarchy as at 31 December 2012.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss At 31 December 2012	Total £	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Aurum Synchronicity Fund Ltd.	1,345,024	-	1,345,024	-
Total	1,345,024	_	1,345,024	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss At 31 December 2011	Total £	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Aurum Synchronicity Fund Ltd.	1,315,212	-	1,315,212	-

There have been no transfers during the year between levels 1 and 2 assets held in either year.

#### 11 Subsequent Events

Total

No events have occurred in respect of the Company subsequent to the year end that may be deemed relevant to the accuracy of these financial statements.

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