Ocean Dial Asset Management

India Capital Growth Fund

India Capital

SEPTEMBER 2019

Monthly commentary

Net Asset Value

The Net Asset Value (NAV) per share as at 30 September 2019 was 92.51 pence. In September the NAV was up 4.0% in Sterling terms, whilst the BSE MidCap TR Index was up 5.4%, delivering an under performance against the notional benchmark of 1.4%. In local currency terms, the NAV was up 3.4% for the month.

Portfolio update

Positive contribution to the portfolio's performance was driven by Berger Paints (up 17.8%), Jyothy Laboratories (up 18.7%) and PI Industries (up 14.5%). The negative contribution mainly stemmed from Indian Bank (down 37.3%), Jammu & Kashmir Bank (down 19.5%) and Yes Bank (down 30.9%).

Market and economic update

Indian Equity markets rose in September with the BSE Sensex and BSE Midcap TR indices up 3.6% and 4.8% respectively (in Indian Rupees) on the back of the Government announcing a cut in headline corporation tax from 30% to 22% (and 15% for manufacturing companies). Both foreign institutional investors and domestic institutions were net buyers for the month at US\$955m and US\$1.7bn respectively. The Indian Rupee also reacted positively, appreciating by 1.5% against the US Dollar and 0.6% against Pound Sterling.

The new corporation tax rates come into effect as of this year and have been received well with estimates in the Street predicting an across the board boost to bottom line earnings of around 9%. The cut for the manufacturing sector from 25% to 15% makes India's rate globally competitive at a time when investment into China is under threat. On the fiscal side the cost to the Government's reserves is estimated to be 0.8% of GDP and, putting any revival in growth to one side, it's unclear how this will be funded. We anticipate a renewed push in privatisation to help. Reports suggest that Oil, Gas and Shipping companies will be considered (alongside Air India!).

The market has been increasingly concerned about the Government's commitment to sustainable growth through structural reform. This has been viewed as a big bang response and confirms the Government's belief in the private sector as the core source of wealth creation (something that had come into question more recently). The next challenge is to resolve asset quality issues and confidence in the financial sector specifically.

Investment objectives

To provide long term capital appreciation by investing predominantly in listed mid and small cap Indian companies. Investments may also be made in large cap Indian companies where the Fund Manager believes long-term capital appreciation will be achieved. The Company may hold liquid assets (including cash) pending deployment in suitable investments. It is the Company's declared policy not to hedge the exposure to the Indian Rupee.

Portfolio statistics

Fund size	£104.1m
No of holdings	34
Top 20 holdings	74.3%
Dividend Yield (TTM)	0.8%
Median market cap.	US\$0.87bn
NAV per share (p)	92.51
Share price (p)	76.40

Key facts

Fund Manager	David Cornell
Fund Adviser	Gaurav Narain
Adviser start	31 December 2011
Launch date	22 December 2005
Listing	LSE Main Market
Listing	LOE Mail Market
Domicile	Guernsey
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Capital structure and fees

Ordinary Shares in issue	
112,502,173	

Annual management fee 1.25% of AUM

Performance fee There is no performance fee payable

Rebased NAV Performance since 31 December 2011 (all £)



Source: Ocean Dial Asset Management Limited, Bloomberg

NAV Performance (%)

	1m	3m	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr
ICGF Rebased NAV (£)*	3.97	-4.65	-9.00	-0.04	-0.36	62.68
ICGF NAV (£)	3.97	-4.65	-9.00	-0.04	-0.36	43.67
BSE MidCap TR Index (£ adjusted)	5.39	-3.76	-6.09	5.35	9.97	80.41

*The Rebased NAV is the fairest representation of the Manager's performance across all periods excluding the dilutive effect of the new ordinary shares issued on 8 August 2016 following the exercise of subscription share rights.

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Top 20 equity holdings

Holding	Sector	% of portfolio
Federal Bank	Financials	7.3%
City Union Bank	Financials	5.5%
Tech Mahindra	Information Technology	5.3%
Berger Paints India	Materials	4.7%
PI Industries	Materials	4.6%
Kajaria Ceramics	Industrials	4.5%
Jyothy Laboratories	Consumer Staples	4.3%
Emami	Consumer Staples	3.7%
Divi's Laboratories	Health Care	3.3%
Welspun India	Consumer Discretionary	3.1%

Holding	Sector	% of portfolio
IDFC Bank	Financials	3.1%
Finolex Cables	Industrials	3.1%
Motherson Sumi Systems	Consumer Discretionary	3.0%
Indusind Bank	Financials	2.9%
Radico Khaitan	Consumer Staples	2.9%
Aurobindo Pharma	Health Care	2.7%
JK Lakshmi Cement	Materials	2.7%
The Ramco Cements	Materials	2.7%
Exide Industries	Consumer Discretionary	2.6%
Balkrishna Industries	Consumer Discretionary	2.6%

Fund adviser

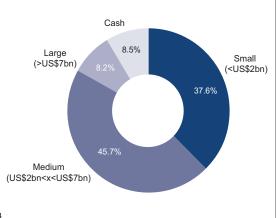


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Portfolio analysis by market capitalisation

Consumer Discretionary Consumer Staples Energy 0.0% Financials Health Care Industrials IT Materials Real Estate 0.1% Communication Services Utilities 0.0% Cash 8.5% 0 4 8 12 16 20 2



Source: Ocean Dial Asset Management Limited, Bloomberg

Regulatory information

Portfolio analysis by sector

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Investment Philosophy

The investment manager believes that in India, optimal returns will be generated over time by investing in companies that are well placed to benefit from the structural growth potential of the Indian economy, combined with the highest quality of management best able to exploit this opportunity. The fund uses a consistent and disciplined bottom up stock picking process to select investments from our best ideas, unconstrained by a benchmark.

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