

MAY 2019

Monthly commentary

Net Asset Value

The Net Asset Value per share as at 31 May 2019 was 102.24 pence. In May the Net Asset Value (NAV) was up slightly (0.2%) in Sterling terms, whilst the BSE MidCap TR Index was up 4.1%, delivering under performance against the notional benchmark of 3.9%. In local currency terms, the NAV was down 2.4% for the month.

Portfolio update

Positive contribution to the portfolio's performance came from Federal Bank (up 15.7%), PI Industries (up 8.9%) and Sobha Developers (up 13.4%). Negative contribution came from Manpasand Beverages (down 52.9%), Motherson Sumi Systems (down 21.3%) and Aurobindo Pharma (down 17.9%).

Market and economic update

Indian equity markets saw a broad based rally in May with the BSE Sensex and BSE MidCap indices up 1.8% and 1.4% respectively (both total return in Indian Rupees) on the back of the BJP government increasing its seat share and winning an absolute majority for a second successive term. Exceeding expectations, this is the first time a party has returned to power with a majority since 1971. Over the

month, foreign institutional investors and domestic institutions were net buyers to the tune of US\$ 1.4bn and US\$754m. The Indian Rupee depreciated by 0.2% against the US Dollar and appreciated 2.6% against the Pound Sterling.

India's real GDP growth moderated to 5.8% in 4QFY19 compared to 6.6% in 3QFY19 due to a contraction in agricultural activity and a slowdown in manufacturing and construction, whilst growth in services improved. On the demand side, even though private consumption slowed to 7.2%, government consumption expenditure increased 13.1%. Investment growth (gross fixed capital formation) fell sharply to 3.6%. For the year FY19 GDP growth slowed to 6.8% from 7.2% in FY18. Nirmala Sitharaman, the newly appointed Finance Minister will present her first Union Budget for FY19/20 on 5th July.

India's benchmark 10 year bond yield slid to an 18-month low to 7.03% as falling oil prices (down 14.9% for the month) and tame inflation suggest market expectations of more interest rates cuts driven by a policy shift from the RBI from neutral to accommodative.

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 (£)*	0.23	11.23	0.58	-11.88	45.35	107.13
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BSE MidCap Index Total Return (£ adjusted)	4.11	13.62	-1.39	-2.86	53.51	112.20

*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.

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	£115.0m
No of holdings	36
Top 20 holdings	68.8%
Dividend Yield (TTM)	0.8%
Median market cap.	US\$1.08bn
NAV per share (p)	102.24
Share price (p)	91.60

Key facts

Fund Manager	David Cornell
Fund Adviser	Gaurav Narain
Adviser start	31 December 2011
Launch date	22 December 2005
Listing	LSE Main Market
Domicile	Guernsey
NAV publication	Monthly
NAV estimate	Daily

Capital structure and fees

Ordinary Shares in issue 112,502,173
Annual management fee 1.5% of AUM
Performance fee There is no performance fee payable

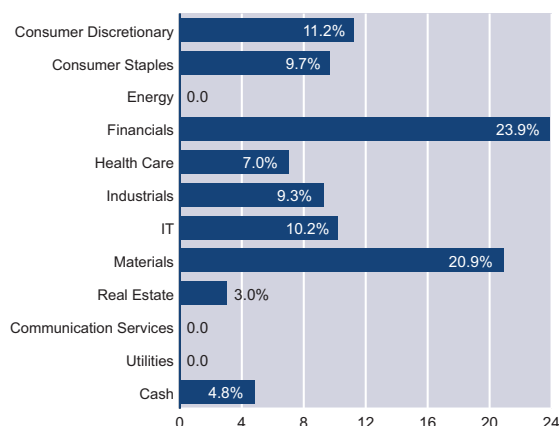
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Top 20 equity holdings

Holding	Sector	% of portfolio
Federal Bank	Financials	5.3%
Tech Mahindra	Information Technology	4.8%
City Union Bank	Financials	4.8%
PI Industries	Materials	4.3%
Kajaria Ceramics	Industrials	4.2%
NIIT Technologies	Information Technology	4.1%
Jyothy Laboratories	Consumer Staples	3.5%
Divi's Laboratories	Health Care	3.4%
Ramkrishna Forgings	Materials	3.3%
Berger Paints India	Materials	3.2%

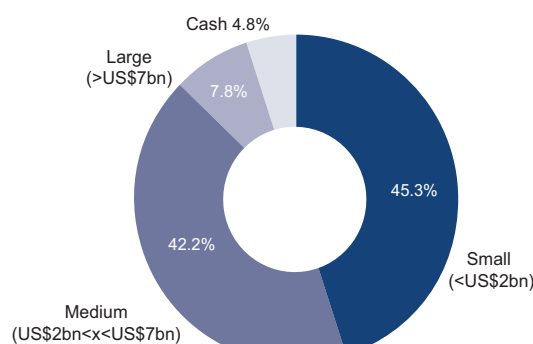
Holding	Sector	% of portfolio
IDFC Bank	Financials	3.1%
Jammu & Kashmir Bank	Financials	3.0%
Indusind Bank	Financials	3.0%
Sobha Developers	Real Estate	2.8%
Aurobindo Pharma	Health Care	2.8%
Emami	Consumer Staples	2.8%
Welspun India	Consumer Discretionary	2.7%
Yes Bank	Financials	2.6%
The Ramco Cements	Materials	2.6%
Radico Khaitan	Consumer Staples	2.6%

Portfolio analysis by sector



Source: Ocean Dial Asset Management Limited, Bloomberg

Portfolio analysis by market capitalisation



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Fund adviser



Gaurav Narain joined the Group in November 2011, having been immersed in the Indian equity markets for the previous 21 years. He has held senior positions as both a fund manager and an equities analyst in New Horizon Investments, ING Investment Management India and SG (Asia) Securities India. He holds a Masters degree in Finance and Control and a Bachelor of Economics degree from Delhi University.

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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