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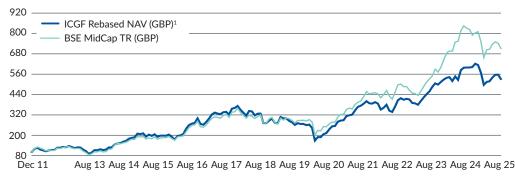
#### PORTFOLIO AND MARKET UPDATE

In August, the Indian equity market witnessed another month of correction. The large-cap Sensex declined by 1.7%, while the mid-cap and small-cap indices declined by 2.4% and 3.7% respectively, in local currency terms. Sentiment remained cautious due to ongoing uncertainty around India-US trade negotiations and Q1 earnings season saw subdued commentary from company management. Among sectors, Auto (+6%), and Consumer Durables (+2%) were the only notable performers. Oil & Gas, Power and Realty indices were all down 5%. Equity flows were mixed, FII flows were down US\$4bn while domestic flows were up US\$11bn. CPI inflation moderated further in July, easing to 1.6% from 2.1% in June. India's real GDP growth for Q1 FY26 (April-June 2025) came in at 7.8%, well above market expectations. The increase was led by robust domestic demand, with the services sector surging 9.3%, alongside healthy contributions from manufacturing and construction. To further support consumption, the government has unveiled a major Goods and Services Tax (GST) rationalisation, consolidating the earlier four-tier structure into two tiers of 5% and 18%, effective 22 September 2025. At a portfolio level, stocks posted positive returns, led by Uniparts India (+13%), Cartrade Technologies (+10%), and Skipper (+6%). Negative returns came from Gokaldas Exports (-21%), GPT Healthcare (-16%) and Balkrishna Industries (-14%).

### **HOLDING IN FOCUS: Skipper**

India's power transmission infrastructure is witnessing strong growth driven by the accelerating deployment of renewable energy projects. As one of the largest backward-integrated transmission tower manufacturers in the world, we believe Skipper will be one of the key beneficiaries in this evolving sector. Skipper has recorded 27% CAGR in revenue and profits over the past 3 years. Its order book has recorded an impressive 52% CAGR over the past three years. With an order book at approximately Rs85 billion (1.8x trailing twelve-month revenues), the company enjoys strong business visibility. Although the domestic market constitutes the bulk of this order book, Skipper is simultaneously expanding its footprint in Western countries including Europe and US, capitalizing on the China+1 diversification trend. To meet escalating demand, the company intends to double its production capacity by March 2028. Skipper has added dedicated R&D facilities, tower testing infrastructure, and upgraded galvanizing capabilities to bolster its capabilities. We forecast 21% revenue CAGR and 36% profit after tax CAGR over the next two years, supported by robust market demand and lucrative export markets.

#### **REBASED NAV PERFORMANCE SINCE 31 DECEMBER 2011 (%)**



1 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. Full provision is made for Indian Capital Gains Tax in the Net Asset Value.

#### **PERFORMANCE (%)**

	1 mnth	3mnth	6mnth	1 year	3 years	5 years
ICGF NAV	(4.8)	(1.9)	6.7	(11.5)	30.3	125.5
BSE MidCap TR Index	(4.3)	(3.6)	7.9	(14.5)	42.6	166.0

### **NET ASSET VALUE**

The Net Asset Value (NAV) per share as at 29 August 2025 was 180.71 pence. In August the NAV was down 4.78% in Sterling terms, whilst the BSE MidCap TR Index was down 4.28%. In local currency terms, the NAV was down 2.87% for the month.

#### **FUND INFORMATION**

Listing	LSE Main Market
Domicile	Guernsey
NAV publication	Monthly (daily estimate)
Size (NAV)	GBP154.5m
Launch date	22 December 2005
Adviser start	31 December 2011
Fund Manager	River Global Investors
Principal Adviser	Gaurav Narain
Benchmark	S&P BSE MidCap TR
AMC	1.25% of market cap
Share price NAV per share	172.0p / 180.7p
Discount to NAV	4.8%

#### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Number of holdings	38
Median market cap (US\$bn)	\$1.7bn
PE FY26E	29.0
ROE FY26E	15.0%
Tracking Error	6.6%
Active Share	87.5%
Annual return	15.0%

#### **INDIA HIGHLIGHT**

	MTD	YTD
INR vs US\$ [stronger/(weaker)]	(0.7)%	(3.0)%
FII Net flows (US\$m)	(4,313.6)	(15,321.0)
DII Net flows (US\$m)	10,821.7	59,352.8
CPI inflation (July-25 / 3m avg)	1.6%	2.2%
GDP Q1 FY26		7.8%
Current account/ GDP Q1 FY26		(0.4)%

Source: River Global Investors

### **TOPICAL COMMENT**

IN THE MEDIA: INVESTORS CHRONICLE Aug 2025

How tariffs are hitting Indian stock market funds, Val Cipriani

IN THE MEDIA: MONEY WEEK

Emerging market stocks deliver strong growth at a bargain, Alex Rankine

**BOOK REVIEW** 

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Skin in the Game, Nassim Nicholas Taleb

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# QUARTERLY ATTRIBUTION - 3 MONTHS TO AUGUST 2025 (%)

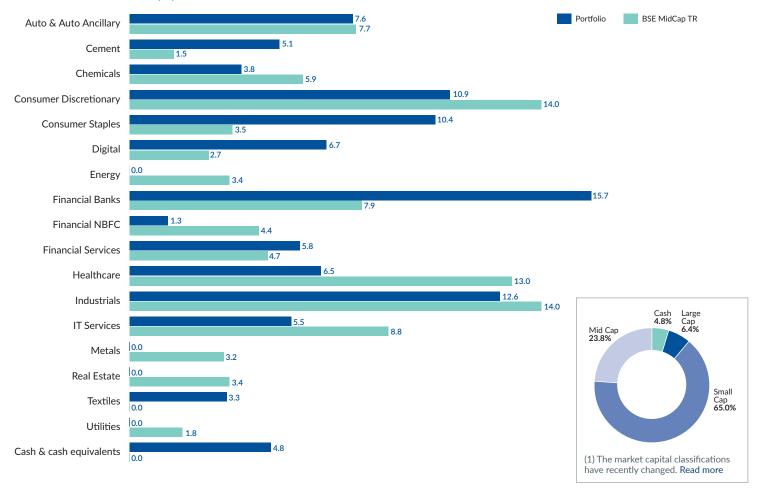
TOP 5	Ave. weight	Ave. index weight	Return	Contribution
Cartrade Tech	2.54	0	49.94	1.04
RBL Bank	4.1	0	18.97	0.68
Neuland Laboratories	4.46	0	13.68	0.54
Multi Commodity Exchange of India	4.81	0	9.12	0.49
Dixon Technologies India	4.63	2.01	10.31	0.43

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Gokaldas Exports	2.02	0.00	(34.05)	(0.81)
Sona Blw Precision Forgings	2.33	0.70	(20.64)	(0.57)
Elecon Engineering Co	1.93	0.00	(19.05)	(0.39)
Welspun Living	2.02	0.00	(19.04)	(0.39)
Federal Bank	4.47	1.68	(7.31)	(0.32)

# **TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

			Market cap
Portfolio company	Weight	Characteristics	US\$bn
Dixon Technologies	5.1%	Dominant player in an emerging Indian Electronic Manufacturing Services industry with structural tailwinds	11.5
Skipper	5.0%	Power transmission and distribution company including polymer pipes and fittings segment	0.7
Neuland Laboratories	4.8%	API and Custom Manufacturing solutions (CMS) provider to multinational pharmaceutical companies. Beneficiary of China-dominated supply chain disruptions	2.0
RBL Bank	4.5%	Private sector bank offering online and branch business banking and financial market operations	1.8
Multi Commodity Exchange	4.4%	Commodity exchange, with 95%+ market share	4.3
Federal Bank	4.3%	Well run mid-sized private sector bank, attractive valuations	5.4
Affle India	3.9%	Mobile adtech company	3.1
Emami	3.7%	Dominant player across multiple niche consumer product categories, attractive valuations	2.9
Persistent Systems	3.4%	IT services company benefitting from 'digital transformation' of businesses globally	9.4
Ccl Products India	3.3%	World's largest private-label coffee manufacturer	1.3

# **PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS (%)**



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### PRINCIPAL ADVISER

Gaurav Narain has advised India Capital Growth Fund since 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.

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To provide long term capital appreciation by investing predominantly in listed mid and small cap Indian companies. Investments may also be made in unquoted 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 exposure to the Indian Rupee.

#### **FUND MANAGER**

River Global Investors is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

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#### **SOURCES**

Source of all performance and portfolio analysis: River Global Investors, Bloomberg.

#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

85,415,644 ordinary shares in issue with voting rights.

#### **BOARD**

Elisabeth Scott (Chair), Patrick Firth, Lynne Duquemin, Nick Timberlake

# **OTHER ADVISERS**

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Broker: Shore Capital Stockbrokers Limited

Registrar and CREST Agent: Neville Registrars Limited

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