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**Monthly commentary**

**Net Asset Value**

The Net Asset Value (NAV) per share as at 28 February 2019 was 91.92 pence. In February the NAV fell 1.2% in Sterling terms, whilst the BSE Mid Cap Index (Total Return) was down 3.1%, delivering an outperformance against the notional benchmark of 1.9%. In local currency terms, the NAV was up 0.3% for the month.

**Portfolio update**

Positive contribution to the portfolio's performance came from Tech Mahindra (up 13.4%), Motherson Sumi Systems (up 15.6%) and Yes Bank (up 19.1%). Negative contribution came from Welspun India (down 14.4%), Radico Khaitan (down 11.5%) and Aurobindo Pharma (down 9.6%).

**Market and economic update**

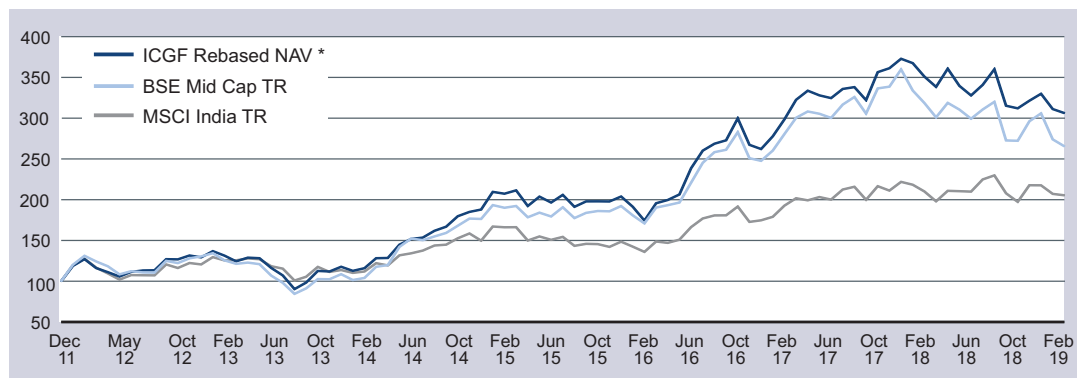
February was another weak month for Indian equity markets with the BSE Sensex 30 and BSE Mid Cap Index falling 1.1% and 1.6% respectively. Heightened border tension between India and Pakistan, alongside an 8.8% rise in the oil price dominated sentiment. Nevertheless the Rupee appreciated 0.5% against the US Dollar (a stronger

Pound led to a 1.6% depreciation against Sterling), with Foreign Institutions turning net buyers of equities to the tune of US\$2.4bn for the month, while domestic institutions were net sellers of US\$86m.

India's GDP in Q3FY19 (October to December) grew by 6.6% compared to 7.0% in the previous quarter. Slower growth was driven by consumption, services and agriculture, while positives emerged from continued improvement in government investment and exports. Encouragingly, construction exhibited robust growth of 9.6%.

Consumer Price inflation continued to ease hitting a 19 month low of 2.0% in January driven by food and fuel. On the back of a benign inflationary environment the RBI cut rates by 25bps and changed its stance to 'neutral' from 'calibrated tightening'. It revised its inflation projections for 1HFY20 downwards to 3.2-3.4% (earlier 3.8-4.2%). Going forwards further rate cuts could be expected as the RBI's focus shifts to addressing downside risks to growth.

**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 (£)*	-1.21	-5.94	-9.58	-19.01	54.74	132.63
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BSE Mid Cap Index Total Return (£ adjusted)	-3.11	-10.37	-13.21	-16.67	55.33	155.20
MSCI India Total Return (£ adjusted)	-0.84	-5.67	-5.62	-2.24	51.35	83.49

\*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	£103.4m
No of holdings	37
Top 20 holdings	69.0%
Dividend Yield (TTM)	0.7%
Median market cap.	US\$0.93bn
NAV per share (p)	91.92
Share price (p)	80.80

**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**

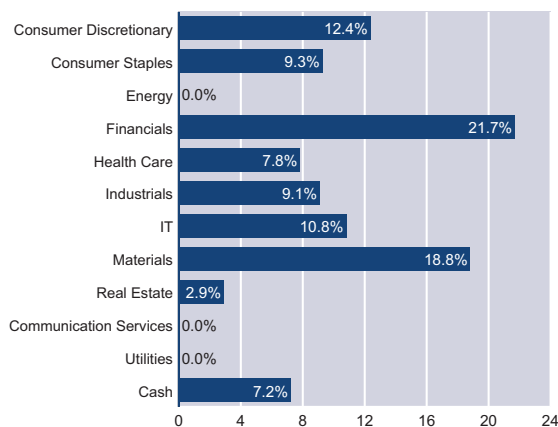
<b>Ordinary Shares in issue</b>	112,502,173
<b>Annual management fee</b>	1.5% of AUM
<b>Performance fee</b>	There is no performance fee payable

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**Top 20 equity holdings**

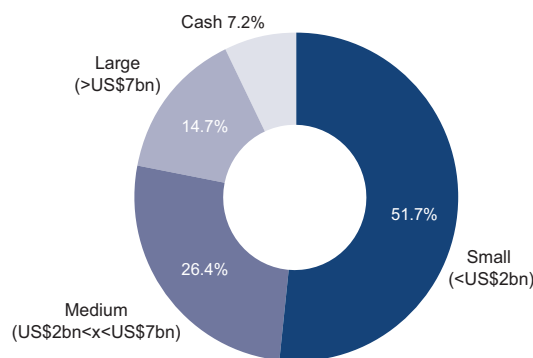
Holding	Sector	% of portfolio	Holding	Sector	% of portfolio
Tech Mahindra	Information Technology	5.5%	IDFC Bank	Financials	3.2%
NIIT Technologies	Information Technology	4.3%	Aurobindo Pharma	Health Care	3.1%
Federal Bank	Financials	4.3%	Berger Paints India	Materials	3.1%
City Union Bank	Financials	4.3%	Indusind Bank	Financials	2.9%
Kajaria Ceramics	Industrials	4.2%	Radico Khaitan	Consumer Staples	2.9%
Jyothy Laboratories	Consumer Staples	3.8%	Sobha Developers	Real Estate	2.7%
Motherson Sumi Systems	Consumer Discretionary	3.7%	Exide Industries	Consumer Discretionary	2.7%
Divi's Laboratories	Health Care	3.6%	Balkrishna Industries	Consumer Discretionary	2.7%
PI Industries	Materials	3.6%	Yes Bank	Financials	2.7%
Ramkrishna Forgings	Materials	3.2%	Welspun India	Consumer Discretionary	2.6%

**Portfolio analysis by sector**



Source: Ocean Dial Asset Management Limited, Bloomberg

**Portfolio analysis by market capitalisation**



**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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