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**Monthly commentary**

**Net Asset Value**

The Net Asset Value (NAV) per share as at 30 June 2019 was 97.02 pence. In June the NAV was down 5.1% in Sterling terms, whilst the BSE MidCap TR Index was down 1.0%, delivering an under performance against the notional benchmark of 4.1%. In local currency terms, the NAV was down 5.8% for the month.

**Portfolio update**

Positive contribution to the portfolio's performance came from Motherson Sumi Systems (up 5.7%), PI Industries (up 3.1%) and City Union Bank (up 2.9%). Negative contribution came from Jammu & Kashmir Bank (down 32.2%), Yes Bank (down 26.4%) and Jain Irrigation (down 48.3%).

**Market and economic update**

Indian equity markets corrected in June. The BSE Sensex TR and BSE MidCap TR indices fell 0.5% and 1.8% respectively (in Indian Rupees terms). This was on the back of concerns owing to the late onset of the monsoon, which has since arrived, and challenges concerning the ongoing "liquidity squeeze" in the shadow banking sector, as further downgrades from the rating agencies (on specific companies' credit) undermines confidence. Foreign institutional investors and domestic institutions were

net buyers to the tune of US\$149m and US\$523m respectively over the month. The Indian Rupee appreciated by 1.0% against the US Dollar and 0.8% against the Pound Sterling.

In the June meeting, the Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cut headline interest rates by 25 basis points to 5.75% for the third time in just four months, and changed its stance from "neutral" to "accommodative". Furthermore the RBI revised down the FY20 growth forecast to 7.0% from 7.2%. Since consumer price inflation is well under 4%, the market expects further rate cuts. However the extent of further monetary loosening is likely to be affected by the outcome of the monsoon rains. Nonetheless, 10 year Government bond yields reached a 19-month low of 6.8%.

India's current account deficit (CAD) for March quarter stood at US\$4.60bn or 0.7% of gross domestic product against US\$17.7bn, or 2.7% of GDP in the previous quarter. The lower trade deficit came about on the back of higher exports combining with lower oil and non-oil imports. Overall, the balance of payments clocked a US\$14.2bn surplus in the fourth quarter after 12 months of deficit, as oil prices stabilised combined with an overall improvement in the capital account.

**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	£109.2m
No of holdings	36
Top 20 holdings	68.7%
Dividend Yield (TTM)	0.8%
Median market cap.	US\$1.09bn
NAV per share (p)	97.02
Share price (p)	85.00

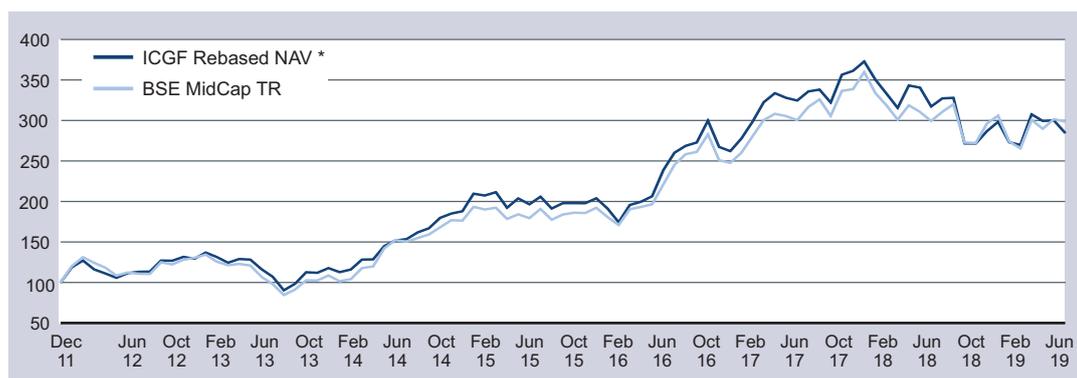
**Key facts**

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

**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 (£)*	-5.11	-7.42	-4.56	-10.24	19.33	87.54
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BSE MidCap Index Total Return (£ adjusted)	-1.05	-0.72	-2.42	-0.27	35.12	95.91

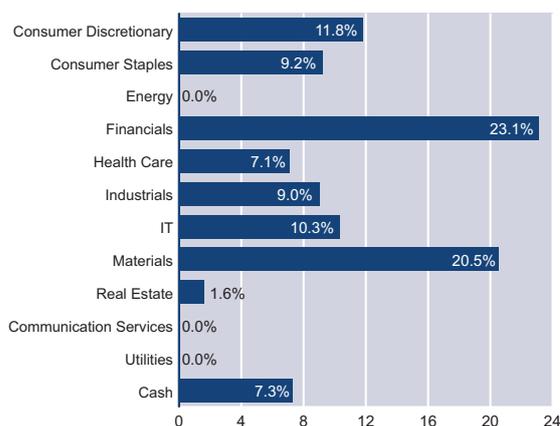
\*The Rebased NAV is the fairest representation of the Manager's performance across all periods excluding the dilutive effect of the new ordinary shares issued on 8 August 2016 following the exercise of subscription share rights.

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**Top 20 equity holdings**

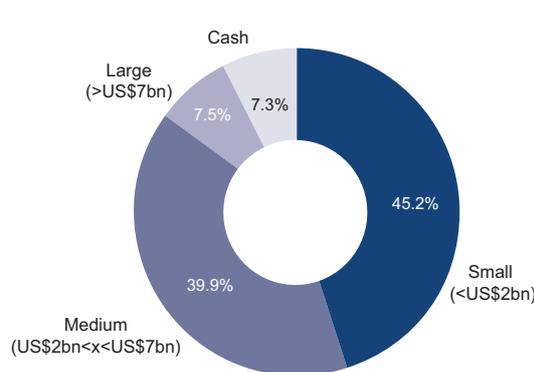
Holding	Sector	% of portfolio	Holding	Sector	% of portfolio
Federal Bank	Financials	5.7%	Ramkrishna Forgings	Materials	3.1%
City Union Bank	Financials	5.2%	Welspun India	Consumer Discretionary	3.0%
Tech Mahindra	Information Technology	4.7%	Motherson Sumi Systems	Consumer Discretionary	2.8%
NIIT Technologies	Information Technology	4.5%	Indusind Bank	Financials	2.8%
Kajaria Ceramics	Industrials	4.0%	Aurobindo Pharma	Health Care	2.7%
PI Industries	Materials	3.9%	The Ramco Cements	Materials	2.6%
Divi's Laboratories	Health Care	3.6%	Exide Industries	Consumer Discretionary	2.6%
Jyothy Laboratories	Consumer Staples	3.5%	Radico Khaitan	Consumer Staples	2.6%
Berger Paints India	Materials	3.3%	Emami	Consumer Staples	2.5%
IDFC Bank	Financials	3.2%	Essel Propack	Materials	2.5%

**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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