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**Monthly commentary**

**Net Asset Value**

The Net Asset Value (NAV) per share as at 30 August 2019 was 88.97 pence. In August, the NAV was down 5.6% in Sterling terms, whilst the BSE MidCap TR Index was down 5.3%, delivering an under performance against the notional benchmark of 0.3%. In local currency terms, the NAV was down 1.4% for the month.

**Portfolio update**

Positive contribution to the portfolio's performance was driven by Tech Mahindra (up 9.0%), Berger Paints (up 11.6%) and Jammu & Kashmir Bank (up 18.2%). The negative contribution mainly stemmed from Ramkrishna Forgings (down 32.3%), Yes Bank (down 34.3%) and Federal Bank (down 10.3%).

**Market and economic update**

Indian Equity markets continued to correct in August with the BSE Sensex and BSE MidCap TR indices down 0.4% and 1.1% respectively (in Indian Rupees) on another tepid earnings season and a slowdown in domestic consumption. Foreign institutional investors were net sellers (US\$2.3bn) while domestic institutions continued to be net buyers (US\$2.9bn) for the month. The Indian Rupee depreciated by 3.8% against the US Dollar and 4.4% against the Pound Sterling on the back of an escalation in trade tensions between the United States and China and a sharp devaluation in the Renminbi.

Real GDP growth for the first quarter of FY20 (ending in June 2019) fell to multi-year lows of 5% owing to sluggish demand and a slowdown in Government spending which lead to lower growth across industries including Manufacturing, Construction, Mining and Services. On the expenditure side, private consumption growth plummeted to 3.1% (7.2% in 4QFY19) while Government expenditure growth also slowed to 8.8% (13.1% in 4QFY19) primarily due to slower pace of expenditure during elections. As such, election-related uncertainty contributed to investment growth remaining sluggish at 4%.

To stem the equity outflow of foreign portfolio investors the Government u-turned on a poorly received additional levy on capital gains and announced a number of measures to boost economic growth. To improve liquidity, outstanding GST refunds to SMEs are to be paid within thirty days and future refunds within 60 days. An additional 15% depreciation allowance for commercial owners of vehicles has been allowed to reduce their tax burden, improve demand and ease inventories. There was an infusion of capital to public sector banks, and in an aggressive move, ten will be merged into four. Further stimulus is due from the Reserve Bank of India, whose sharp increase in income helped it to transfer a higher than budgeted dividend of \$24bn to the Government which should aid with capex spending.

**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 (£)*	-5.55	-12.98	-12.47	-20.38	-2.80	61.34
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BSE MidCap TR Index (£ adjusted)	-5.29	-9.64	-10.89	-14.83	5.53	75.96

\*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	£100.1m
No of holdings	34
Top 20 holdings	69.2%
Dividend Yield (TTM)	0.8%
Median market cap.	US\$0.92bn
NAV per share (p)	88.97
Share price (p)	71.50

**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>	1.25% of AUM
<b>Performance fee</b>	There is no performance fee payable

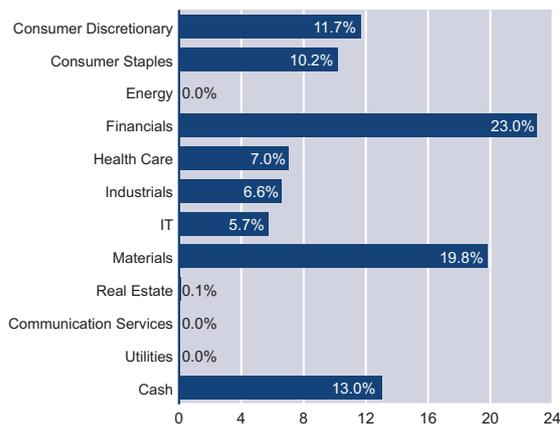
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**Top 20 equity holdings**

Holding	Sector	% of portfolio
Tech Mahindra	Information Technology	5.7%
Federal Bank	Financials	5.5%
City Union Bank	Financials	5.3%
Berger Paints India	Materials	4.1%
PI Industries	Materials	4.1%
Jyothy Laboratories	Consumer Staples	3.6%
Kajaria Ceramics	Industrials	3.6%
Emami	Consumer Staples	3.6%
IDFC Bank	Financials	3.5%
Divi's Laboratories	Health Care	3.3%

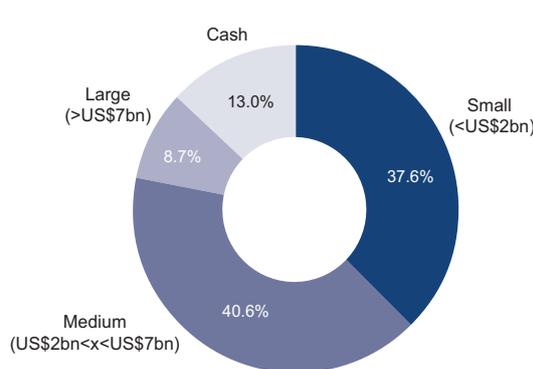
Holding	Sector	% of portfolio
Indusind Bank	Financials	3.0%
Aurobindo Pharma	Health Care	2.9%
Welspun India	Consumer Discretionary	2.9%
Motherson Sumi Systems	Consumer Discretionary	2.9%
Radico Khaitan	Consumer Staples	2.7%
The Ramco Cements	Materials	2.7%
Balkrishna Industries	Consumer Discretionary	2.6%
Exide Industries	Consumer Discretionary	2.5%
Jammu & Kashmir Bank	Financials	2.4%
Finolex Cables	Industrials	2.4%

**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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