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**Monthly commentary**

**Net Asset Value**

The Net Asset Value (NAV) per share as at 31 October 2019 was 90.89 pence. The Net Asset Value (NAV) was down 1.7% in Sterling terms, whilst the BSE MidCap TR Index was up 0.1%, delivering an under performance against the notional benchmark of 1.8%. In local currency terms, the NAV was up 3.4% for the month.

**Portfolio update**

Positive contribution to the portfolio's performance was driven by Berger Paints (up 21.2%), Yes Bank (up 70.1%) and Motherson Sumi Systems (up 17.2%). The negative contribution mainly stemmed from Aurobindo Pharma (down 20.2%), Federal Bank (down 7.3%) and City Union Bank (down 3.1%).

**Market and economic update**

Indian equity markets continued to climb in October with the BSE Sensex and BSE MidCap Total Return indices up 3.8% and 5.4% respectively (in Indian Rupees) on the back of a thus far better than expected results season, encouraging consumer spending data over Diwali and a perceived reduction in geopolitical risk. Both foreign and domestic institutional equity investors were net buyers over the month to the tune of US\$2bn and US\$656m respectively. The Indian Rupee depreciated by 0.1% against the US Dollar and 5.3% against Pound Sterling.

On the macro front growth continues to deteriorate, reflected in reduced lending levels and slower industrial production. The Reserve Bank of India continues to be accommodative with another 25bps interest rate cut in October taking cumulative easing since February to 135bps. The central bank also sharply reduced its FY20 GDP growth forecast from 6.9% to 6.1%. However there is an expectation of the economy to start staging a recovery from the second half of FY20 as ongoing strength in central government expenditure, recently announced corporate tax rate cuts and monetary policy all take effect.

Indian companies began reporting their second quarter results (ending on 30 September). Across sectors, revenue, as expected, was impacted by a slowdown in demand however lower than expected raw material prices resulted in better than expected operating profits. The market took encouragement on the consumption front from hints of a recovery during the festival season. IT companies reported largely in-line whilst banks have witnessed a slowdown in credit growth mainly on the corporate side. However Net Interest Margins have expanded on the back of lower funding costs whilst asset quality has remained stable. The Real Estate, Telecom and the unsecured personal loan segments still remain vulnerable to further asset quality deterioration.

**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 (£)*	-1.75	-3.52	-10.59	-1.79	-11.02	48.38
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BSE MidCap TR Index (£ adjusted)	0.13	-0.06	-5.97	5.65	1.69	71.15

\*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	£102.2m
No of holdings	34
Top 20 holdings	75.2%
Dividend Yield (TTM)	1.0%
Median market cap.	US\$0.91bn
NAV per share (p)	90.89
Share price (p)	73.50

**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**

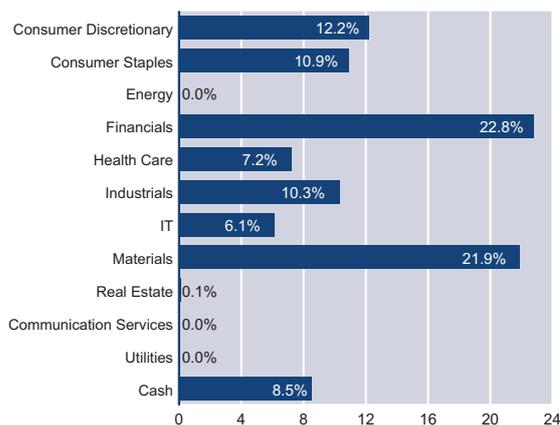
<b>Ordinary Shares in issue</b>	112,502,173
<b>Annual management fee</b>	1.25% of AUM
<b>Performance fee</b>	There is no performance fee payable

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**Top 20 equity holdings**

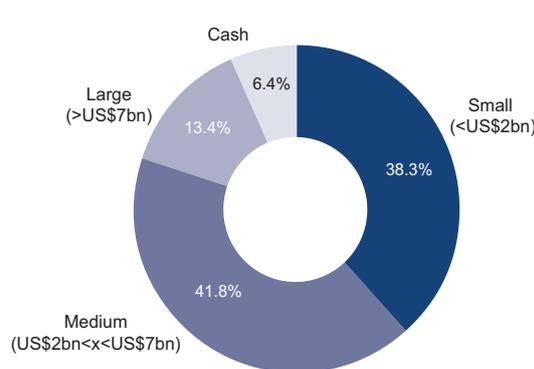
Holding	Sector	% of portfolio	Holding	Sector	% of portfolio
Federal Bank	Financials	6.5%	IDFC Bank	Financials	3.3%
Berger Paints India	Materials	5.5%	Welspun India	Consumer Discretionary	3.2%
Tech Mahindra	Information Technology	5.3%	Kajaria Ceramics	Industrials	3.0%
City Union Bank	Financials	5.2%	Finolex Cables	Industrials	3.0%
Bajaj Consumer Care	Consumer Discretionary	4.8%	Balkrishna Industries	Consumer Discretionary	2.8%
PI Industries	Materials	4.8%	Radico Khaitan	Consumer Staples	2.8%
Jyothy Laboratories	Consumer Staples	4.3%	The Ramco Cements	Materials	2.7%
Emami	Consumer Staples	3.7%	IndusInd Bank	Financials	2.7%
Divi's Laboratories	Health Care	3.4%	Exide Industries	Consumer Discretionary	2.5%
Motherson Sumi Systems	Consumer Discretionary	3.4%	JK Lakshmi Cement	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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